



DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY **CLASS OF 2021**

CLASS CELEBRATION

*A Virtual Graduation Event via Zoom
Friday, June 18, 2021*

SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY

OATH OF COMMITMENT CLASS OF 2021

*As a new Dentist, I recognize that the practice of
dentistry is a privilege that
comes with considerable responsibility.*

*I solemnly acknowledge that my paramount
responsibility is to the health and well-being
of my patients.*

*I pledge that I will practise my profession
with conscience and dignity.*

*I will strive to always act with sympathy and
kindness to all patients in alleviating their
concerns and pain.*

*I will respect my patients' rights to make informed
decisions about their care, based
on their personal values and beliefs.*

*I will endeavour to work with the faculty and my
colleagues in a spirit of co-operation
and respect.*

*I recognize the limits of my knowledge and will
seek to maintain and increase my understanding
and skills throughout my professional life.*

*I will always uphold the ethical standards of this
honourable profession, and behave with
honour and decency.*

*In the presence of this gathering, I make
this oath of commitment solemnly, freely,
and upon my honour.*

ORDER OF CEREMONY

~ WELCOME ~

Dr. Fernando Inocencio, Assistant Director Academics
Master of Ceremony

~ LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ~

Dr. Fernando Inocencio

~ GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT ~

Dr. Alan Shepard, President & Vice-Chancellor, Western University

~ GREETINGS AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS OF DISTINCTION ~

Dr. Bertha Garcia, Vice Dean & Director, Schulich Dentistry
Dr. Charles Frank, President, ODA (Ontario Dental Association)
Dr. Sandy Venditti, President, RCDSO (Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario)
(Reciting of Oath of Commitment)

~ HONORARY CLASS PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS ~

Dr. Rae Dorion, Assistant Director Dentistry Clinics
Introduction of Class of 2021 Graduates & Merit Awards

~ TASSEL TURNING TRADITION ~

Dr. Gildo Santos, Associate Dean, Schulich Dentistry

~ DEAN'S FAREWELL ADDRESS ~

Dr. John Yoo

~ VALEDICTORY ADDRESS ~

Erik Tamberg

~ CLOSING REMARKS ~

Dr. Fernando Inocencio

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY 2020-2021

Quintessence Research Award

Peter Sabiri

Awarded on the recommendation of the Research Committee, following nomination by faculty supervisors, to a graduating student who has been exemplary in research in the undergraduate dental program.

Dr. Gerald Z. Wright Award

Ankit Shah

Awarded annually to a graduating student in the DDS ITD Program who has achieved the highest academic standing over the two years of the Program.

Dr. Glenn Walker Award

Harveer Chandi

Awarded annually to a graduating student from the DDS ITD Program who has demonstrated a high level of academic achievement, leadership, interpersonal, and clinical skills.

London & District Dental Society (LDDS) Award

Kieran Elliot

Awarded to a fourth year student for clinical and academic excellence in the fourth year.

Ontario Dental Association Proficiency Award (ODA)

Stephanie Reid

Awarded to a graduating student who is a current member of the ODA and who, on the recommendation of the Examinations Committee, has demonstrated proficiency in general dentistry and has made meaningful contributions to the School or the University.

Dr. Kenneth F. Pownall Memorial Scholarship

Ankit Shah

Awarded annually to DDS ITD student who is graduating with the highest academic standing in the graduating year of the ITD Program. Established by the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO) to honour the memory of Dr. Kenneth Pownall, former Registrar of the College.

Canadian Dental Association (CDA) Student Leadership Award

Erik Tamberg

This award is recommended by the Examinations & Progression Committee, having received input from the fourth year graduating class. The recipient is to be the graduating student who, over the four years of his/her program has shown the most outstanding qualities of leadership and character, and who may be expected to become a leader in the dental profession.

Academy of General Dentistry Senior Student Award

Emad Fard

Awarded to the student judged as having displayed, in the senior year, a high degree of competence in the clinical courses of Schulich Dentistry and who has made meaningful contributions to the extracurricular life of the School and/or University.

UWO Gold Medal

Kieran Elliot

Awarded annually to a graduating student from the Doctor of Dentistry (DDS) program at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry that has obtained the highest academic standing based on all four years of the program.

AWARDS OF MERIT

SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY 2020-2021

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lin Clinical Award

Maheer Alazzam

Awarded annually to a full-time student in fourth year of the Doctor of Dental Surgery Program who has demonstrated improvement, proficiency and excellence in congenial patient care and clinical general dentistry.

Sunstar Award for Clinical Proficiency (Oral Systemic Link)

Maheer Alazzam

Awarded annually to a third or fourth year undergraduate student in the Doctor of Dentistry (DDS & DDS ITD) program who exhibits the highest degree of clinical proficiency when speaking with patients about the oral systemic link. Established through the generosity of Sunstar Americas Inc. Periodontics.

Quintessence Award in Periodontics

Iman Asaria

Awarded on the recommendation of the Division of Periodontics to a graduating student who has attained excellence in the clinical aspects of Periodontics.

Dr. Igor Bolta Memorial Award in Restorative Dentistry

Larissa Briante

Awarded on the recommendation of the Division of Restorative Dentistry to the fourth year student who has demonstrated, throughout the four years of the undergraduate program, excellence in the four disciplines of Restorative Dentistry.

George Smith Memorial Scholarship

Harveer Chandi

Awarded to a full-time student graduating from the Doctor of Dentistry (DDS) program or the Internationally Trained Dentists (DDS ITD) program who exhibits caring and compassion toward patients as well as academic achievement in course work.

Dr. John C. McLister Service Award - Leadership Award

Wayne Cutinha

Awarded on the recommendation of London & District Dental Society to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the profession and peers through participation in organized dentistry during their four years of dental education.

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS)

Kieran Elliot

Awarded on the recommendation of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Hospital Dentistry to a fourth-year student who has excelled in the subject of Oral Surgery.

Oral Pathology and Diagnosis (Dr. George P. Wysocki Scholarship)

Kieran Elliot

Awarded annually to an undergraduate student completing Year Four of the Doctor of Dentistry Program who has demonstrated excellence in Oral Pathology and Diagnosis.

Special Care Dentistry Association

Arezoo Ensafi

Awarded on the recommendation of the Division of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry to a fourth-year student who demonstrates high achievement in the Undergraduate Curriculum in Dental Care for Persons with Disabilities.

American Dental Society Anesthesiology - Horace Wells Senior Student Award**Emad Fard**

Awarded annually on the recommendation of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Hospital Dentistry to a fourth-year student who is judged to be most proficient in anesthesiology.

Senior Oral Pathology Award**Emad Fard**

Awarded on the recommendation of the Division of Oral Pathology to a fourth year student who has shown interest and effort in the field of oral pathology during the dental program.

American Academy of Periodontology Award**Erin Joffe**

Awarded to a fourth year student who displays the highest level of academic and clinical achievement related to periodontics.

American Association of Orthodontists Award in Orofacial Growth**Brandon Linaksita**

Awarded on the recommendation of the Division of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry to a fourth year student who demonstrates exceptional interest in the development of the Orofacial Complex.

Senior Award in Pediatric Dentistry (American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry)**Brandon Linaksita**

Awarded to a full-time undergraduate student graduating from the Dentistry program based on academic achievement in subjects related to dentistry for children.

Quintessence Award in Restorative Dentistry**Jasreen Mann**

Awarded on the recommendation of the Division of Restorative Dentistry to a fourth-year student who has attained excellence in the clinical aspects of Operative Dentistry.

3M Canada Clinical Award in Restorative Dentistry**Jasreen Mann**

Awarded on the recommendation of Operative Dentistry and Endodontics to a fourth-year student who has demonstrated, in the clinical undergraduate program, excellence in the use of conservative restorative materials.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Achievement Award**Jasreen Mann**

Awarded on the recommendation of the Division of Oral Medicine and Radiology to a Fourth-year student for excellence in Dental Radiology.

Dr. George Bedrosian Memorial Award in Restorative Dentistry**Melvin Mao**

Awarded on the recommendation of the Division of Restorative Dentistry to an ITD graduating student who has demonstrated overall excellence in the four combined disciplines.

Dr. Paul S. Sills Award in Prosthodontics**Steven Oake**

Awarded annually on the recommendation of the Division of Restorative Dentistry to a student in fourth year who has excelled in Removable Prosthodontics and has made a contribution to undergraduate student activities.

Toronto Crown & Bridge Study Club

Awarded on the recommendation of the Division of Restorative Dentistry, to a fourth-year student who has excelled in Crown and Bridge activities throughout third and fourth years.

Stephanie Reid

American Academy of Orofacial Pain Award

Award to a graduating senior dental student who has demonstrated special interest and skill in the field of TMD and Orofacial Pain.

Stephanie Reid

Dr. Walter R. Teteruck Award in Fixed Prosthodontics

Awarded to a fourth year student who, on the recommendation of the Division of Restorative Dentistry, has excelled in Fixed Prosthodontics throughout the undergraduate dental program.

Stephanie Reid

Michael Brooke Award in Oral Medicine

Awarded on the recommendation of the Division of Oral Medicine and Radiology, to a fourth-year student displaying outstanding proficiency in Oral Medicine.

Mikayla Roberts

Dr. W. Mark Mahn Scholarship

Awarded annually to a full-time Dentistry student graduating from Year Four of the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) program with the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, who in the opinion of his/her peers and faculty, best demonstrates a character of empathy, humility, kindness, and integrity, routinely placing patients above his/herself. Nominations by peers and faculty are submitted.

Mikayla Roberts

American Association of Endodontists Award

Awarded on the recommendation of the Division of Restorative Dentistry to a fourth-year student who has excelled in the field of Endodontics.

Natalie Rubinger

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lin Humanitarian Award

Awarded annually to a full-time student in fourth year in the Doctor of Dental Surgery Program who has demonstrated compassion, leadership skills, integrity volunteerism and a spirit of caring.

Ioannis Servinis

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CLASS OF 2021 DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY (DDS)

Viswanath Akella
Rasha Al-Taweel
Maher Alazzam
Seema Alnajar
Caroline Alpert
Iman Asaria
Sahiba Atwal Purewal
Iryna Balanets
Jaime Barron
Ravin Rameshkumar Bhavsar
Larissa Briante
Nathalie Butler
Daniel Cadete
Natalie Chan
Harveer Kaur Chandi
Zubair Ahmad Chatha
Jenna Coutinho
Wayne Cutinha
Adib Dehghany
Christian Duran
Noha El Qursh
Farah El-Chabib
Kieran Elliot
Arezoo Ensafi
Emad Fard
Shideh Gharaei
Hillary Gillmore
Manvir Grewal
Akanksha Gupta
Seung Hyun Sindy Ha
Asma Hasan Rizvi
Brooke Hildebrand
Xue Er Hong
Shane Huffman

Amr Ibrahim
Bhavya Jain
Erin Joffe
Shafak Joyia
Todd Kaiway
Mariam Kamel
Chris Kaminski
Kriti Kasni
Arshpreet Kaur
Anita Koipuram
Karan Lall
Don Lee
Wai-Jane Lee
Tianhui Li
David Lim
Brandon Linaksita
Jasreen Mann
Melvin Mao
Mohita Marwaha
Kaitlin McLay
Gabriella Micheli
Steven Oake
Azin Orumchi
Leslie Park
Wesley Powell
Stephanie Reid
Mikayla Roberts
Natalie Rubinger
Peter Sabiri
Hanna Seok
Ioannis Servinis
Ankit Shah
Swati Shivaji Shinde
Eibhlin Storey
Fojan Talaie
Erik Tamberg
Steven Tracogna
Claudia Tran
Charanjit Virk
Ran Wei
Brendan Wong
Melika Zadeh Tahmasebi

**Class Composite as of May 1, 2021*

THANK YOU

Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO);
Ontario Dental Association (ODA);
Canadian Dental Association (CDA);
National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB)

For their continued support of Schulich Dentistry student awards,
scholarships, bursaries and licensing.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION

Welcome to the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry Family.

Stay connected, get involved.

We will always look forward to welcoming you home.

