



Dear Class of 2021,

Congratulations on your successful admission to the dentistry program at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry! As the incoming President of our dental student council (University of Western Ontario Dental Student Society, UWODSS), I am delighted to welcome you to Schulich Dentistry.

This new chapter in your life begins with the White Coat Ceremony and UWODSS Orientation Week. The White Coat Ceremony is a special day for you and your family as you are welcomed into the profession and introduced to your new family at Schulich Dentistry. The Class of 2020 will lead you through a fun and memorable O-Week that will help get you acquainted with our school, fellow dental students from all years, and members of faculty and staff.

After that, you will jump right into classes on September 5 and elect your Class President, who will join UWODSS to represent your class, in early September. The first UWODSS events will be happening before you know it! Some of our annual events include: a softball tournament, pancake cook-off, bowling night, pool tournament, karaoke night, our annual formal, and more! We believe that in order to get the most out of our education and offer the highest quality of care to our patients, we must also take care of ourselves and UWODSS is dedicated to helping students achieve wellness in all aspects of our lives.

In addition to organizing events, UWODSS is committed to addressing student issues throughout the year. Our Vice President of Student Issues leads the front to address student concerns and we encourage you to share your thoughts with your Class President or directly (and anonymously if you wish) to the student issues online forum at any time.

There are so many great opportunities to enrich your dental school experience by getting involved. You will learn more about the various councils, clubs and community initiatives in the first few weeks of the semester.

In addition to being a part of the Schulich Dentistry family, you are now also a part of the wonderful community we have here at Western. Our university has a tremendous amount of resources and services available to students, so be sure to venture outside of the dental building and explore the rest of our beautiful campus.

You have chosen an exceptional and rewarding career. You will undoubtedly remember these next four years for the rest of your life. I look forward to meeting you and I am thrilled to represent you as you take the first steps towards achieving your professional goals. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at jbranch2018@dents.uwo.ca.

On behalf of all Schulich Dentistry students, welcome to the family!

Jennifer Branch
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Dentistry Class of 2018

