



Schulich
MEDICINE & DENTISTRY

**White Coat Ceremony
Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)
Program**

**Thursday, August 28, 2025 - 2:00 p.m. ET
Alumni Hall, Western University
London, Ontario, Canada**



SCHULICH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry has a long tradition of excellence, beginning with the founding of the medical school in 1881 and continuing with the formation of the dental school in 1964.

Our reputation has been built by dedicated teachers, breakthrough discoveries, our commitment to social responsibility and our affinity for strategic partnerships.

Today, Schulich Medicine & Dentistry is a leading Canadian centre of outstanding education and research shaping health care for the next generation.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1878, Western University delivers an exemplary learning experience that engages the best and brightest people, challenging them to meet ever-higher standards in the classroom and beyond.

Western informs every dimension of a student – intellectual, social, cultural as well as physical. From our home in London, Ontario, Canada, outward across every continent, Western prepares future leaders to succeed.



HISTORY AND TRADITION

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Western University is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and Lūnaapéewak Peoples, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum.

This land continues to be home to diverse Indigenous Peoples, whom we recognize as contemporary stewards of the land and vital contributors to society.



Bronzed Moccasins

Children's remains continue to be recovered at Residential School sites across Turtle Island.

Their spirits inform and guide the work of Reconciliation, Decolonization and Indigenization—work that will honour the stolen lives of those who never had the chance to grow and experience a university education.



Indigenous Gonfalon

Indigenous identity is diverse and every Indigenous nation across Turtle Island is distinct.

The Gonfalon elements represent core beliefs that resonate with many Indigenous epistemologies.

It honours Indigenous diversity, identity and leadership at Western University.



ORDER OF CEREMONY

MASTER OF CEREMONIES' WELCOME

Dr. Noha Gomaa, Associate Director, Research, Schulich Dentistry

TRADITIONAL OPENING

Dr. Fernando Inocencio, Associate Director, Education

DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS

Dr. Carlos Quiñonez, Vice Dean and Director, Schulich Dentistry

GUEST SPEAKERS' ADDRESSES

Dr. Erin Walker, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO)

Dr. Sara Worth, Ontario Dental Association (ODA)

Dr. Matthew Morrison, President, London & District Dental Society (LDDS)

Dr. Karin Van Ryswyk, American College of Dentists (ACD), Ontario Section Treasurer

PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS

ORATOR

Dr. Natalia Melo, Assistant Professor, Schulich Dentistry

CLOAKERS

Dr. W. Keven Hockley, Associate Director, Clinics, Schulich Dentistry

Dr. Ramez Salti, Adjunct Clinical Professor, Schulich Dentistry

RECITATION OF DENTISTS' OATH OF COMMITMENT

Dr. Erin Walker, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO)

UWODSS ADDRESS

Harleen Padwal, President, Class of 2028

CLASS PHOTO

Class photo will take place immediately after the ceremony, on University College Hill.

DENTISTS' OATH OF COMMITMENT

As a new dental student,

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.

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY INCOMING STUDENTS

Tanya Abdul Majeed	Nada Ibrahim	Mariam Park
Batoul Al Abed	Meeral Ijaz	Disha Patel
Sarah Allen	Ayesha Iqbal	Jeel Patel
Omar Almomani	Armughan Islam	Joshua Persadie
Shreya Anand	Muskaan Jogar	Jonathan Pike
Harpreet Singh Attwal	Jomin Jose	Ekisha Rajendran
Jasmine Babra	Ameet Kaler	Supreet Randhawa
Jaida Ball	Tina Kamani	Kyle Rix
Dayana Campanelli	Kulwinder Kaur	Elisa Roman
Tony Cao	Lakhrinder Kaur	Eryn Rooney
Nelson Chang	Dhillon Puneet Kaur	Avneet Sahota
Sara Da Silva	Carolyn Kerrigan	Ava Schonberger
Madison Dick	Priyanka Kevadiya	Lakshi Selvaratnam
Jaron Dominguez	Vedanta Khan	Tisha Shah
Jessica Dougall	Zahra Khan	Sidrah Shaikh
Shayan Ejaz	Tanin Khorrami Taj	Sameer Shoaib
Rayan El-Tarchichi	Jakub Kuczek	Amardeep Singh
Manvir Grewal	Dahyeon Lee	Jamia Sipai
Chengyu Guo	Taylor Louzon	Jeran Sridharan
Nirisha Gutta	Yusar Madlol	Saranya Theiventhiran
Zaineb Hadi	Daniella Meraw	Naumce Trpeski
Raquel Harte	Natalie Messih	Nandini Verma
James Heitzner	Mahabbah Mirza	Madeline Vukovic
Karim Henry	Arishba Mumtaz	Grace Walsh
Duncan Hollingsworth	Imuwahen Ordiah	David Chao-Ru Wu
		Nitharshika Yogeshwaran



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