



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

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North Campus Building, Western University
London, Ontario, Canada**



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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.



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We recognize our work takes place within a broader network of Indigenous Nations and communities across Southwestern Ontario. This region is home to Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Lunaape First Nations, whose Nations maintain cultural, spiritual, political, and territorial connections to these lands and waters.

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.



ORDER OF CEREMONY

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Natalia Melo

TRADITIONAL WELCOME

Alex Tremblay, Candidate, Dentistry Class of 2028

DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS

Dr. Carlos Quiñonez

GUEST SPEAKER ADDRESSES

Dr. Harinder Sandhu, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario

Dr. Janet Leith, Ontario Dental Association

Dr. Lesli Hapak, Canadian Dental Association

Dr. Ryan Hornyak, London and District Dental Association

Dr. Karin Van Ryswyk, American College of Dentists

PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS

ORATOR

Dr. Georgia Nikoloudaki

CLOAKERS

Dr. Carlos Quiñonez

Dr. W. Keven Hockley

ADMINISTRATION OF RCDSO OATH

Dr. Harinder Sandhu

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Natalia Melo

CLASS PHOTO

Immediately after the Ceremony, on University College Hill

RCDSO 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."

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY PROGRAM

Jazzlyn Abbott
Roshan Agarwal
Ann Alex
Samya Ali
Olisaemeka Amangbo
Diya Athwal
Cassandra Avery
Ismail Azab
Jonah Belman
Harnoor Bhatti
Luca Bottega
Anthony Bullock
Christina Caklos
Jessica Chen
Sarah Chica Duque
Nikita Chopra
Mishaal Choudhary
Amy Chung
Analidhia De Almeida
Sabrina Della Penna
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Daniel Dubrov Sholomov
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Sogol Setarehdan
Ria Setia
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