

Dear DDS Class of 2029,

Congratulations and welcome! You've made it! We are thrilled to have you join the Schulich Dentistry community. Over the next four years, you'll grow not only as a clinician, but also as a health educator, advocate, leader, and professional. You will embody and represent Schulich Dentistry's mission statement: "*To Be of Service*" and "*To Be the Best*". Along the way, you will form meaningful friendships that last a lifetime and become a valued member of our close-knit community. I commend you for all your hard work and dedication in reaching this point.

Dental school is a journey filled with both challenges and rewarding milestones. The University of Western Ontario's Dental Student Society (UWODSS) is here to support you every step of the way and help you make the most of your experience. Your classmates will be your greatest allies—they'll be navigating the same path as you and will share in both your struggles and triumphs. To kick things off, we strongly encourage you to take part in Orientation Week (O-Week). It's a great way to get to know your classmates, start building lifelong friendships, and connect with upper-year students. The Class of 2028 is already planning a fun and welcoming O-Week, and we can't wait for you to experience it.

You can learn more about what UWODSS offers and how you can get involved by visiting our website at <https://www.uwodss.com> or following us on Instagram at [@UWODSS](https://www.instagram.com/uwodss). Shortly after the school year begins in September, your class will elect a Class President to represent you on the UWODSS Council. This student will serve as a voice for your class and collaborate with faculty and student leaders. If this is something that interests you, please give some thought as to what unique values you can bring to our council that would benefit your fellow classmates.

Your time at Schulich Dentistry will fly by so please make the most of it—embrace every opportunity, support one another, and enjoy the journey ahead. If you have any questions or would like to connect, feel free to reach out to me at ghan2026@dents.uwo.ca. I am looking forward to meeting you and working together to make your dental student experience the best it can possibly be!

Sincerely,



Daniel Han
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