



Dear DDS Class of 2030 and ASPIDG Class of 2029,

Congratulations on your acceptance to Schulich Dentistry! This is an incredible accomplishment, and on behalf of the University of Western Ontario Dental Student Society (UWODSS) and our Orientation Week planning committee, I am so excited to welcome you to the Schulich Dentistry community.

My name is Diane Lee, and I have the privilege of serving as the Vice President Administration for UWODSS this year. Together with the DDS Class of 2029, we've been planning an Orientation Week that will help you feel welcomed before classes even begin.

Starting dental school comes with a mix of excitement and nerves, but know that you are not alone. Every upper-year student has been in your shoes, and we're here to help make your transition as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

As we planned Orientation Week this summer, we often found ourselves reflecting on what would have made our own first week of dental school even more memorable. To us, Orientation Week is much more than a week of events. It's our opportunity to welcome you into the community that welcomed us just one year ago. We hope it gives you the chance to meet the people you'll learn alongside, lean on during challenging moments, and celebrate with throughout the next four years. Most of all, we hope you'll leave Orientation Week knowing that you already belong here.

Orientation Week will begin on **Monday, August 31, 2026**, and will be held in person. We'll be sharing more details about Orientation Week over the coming weeks, so keep an eye on your inbox! In the meantime, if you have any questions or would simply like to connect, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at dlee727@uwo.ca.

Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer, spend time with your family and friends, and take the opportunity to recharge. There will be plenty of time to think about teeth once September arrives!

Congratulations once again, and welcome to the Schulich Dentistry family. We can't wait to meet you and kick off an unforgettable Orientation Week together.

Warm regards,

Diane Lee

DDS Class of 2029

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