



Dear Class of 2030 & Class of 2029 Advanced Standing Program for International Dental Graduates (ASPIDG),

Congratulations, and welcome to Schulich Dentistry!

Our names are Taylor Roper and Shyla Bhayana, and we are the Presidents of the University of Western Ontario Dental Student Society (UWODSS) Mentorship Program. On behalf of the Mentorship Committee, we are thrilled to congratulate you on this incredible achievement and officially welcome you to the Schulich Dentistry family.

Your acceptance into dental school is a testament to your hard work, perseverance, and dedication. We know that reaching this milestone has taken countless hours of commitment and the support of family, friends, mentors, and colleagues who have encouraged you along the way. As you begin this exciting new chapter, we hope to continue that support through our Mentorship Program.

The UWODSS Mentorship Program is a student-led initiative designed to help ease your transition into dental school by connecting you with upper-year students who have been in your shoes. While dental school is an incredibly rewarding experience, it can also be challenging. Our goal is to foster a welcoming, supportive community where students across all four years can learn from one another, build lasting friendships, and make the most of their time at Schulich. As a mentee, you will be paired with an upper-year student who has generously volunteered to share their experiences, answer questions, and help guide you throughout your first year.

If you would like to be matched with a mentor, please fill out the [First Year Mentee Application Form](#) by **8:00pm on August 28th, 2026**, so that we can create the best matches for you and your classmates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Taylor Roper (trop2027@dents.uwo.ca) or Shyla Bhayana (sbhayana2028@dents.uwo.ca). We are so excited to meet each of you and look forward to helping make your transition into dental school as smooth, enjoyable, and rewarding as possible.

Once again, congratulations on your acceptance, and welcome to the Schulich Dentistry family. We can't wait to see all that you'll accomplish over the next four years!

The UWODSS Mentorship Committee