

Class of 2027,

Congratulations on your acceptance to Schulich Dentistry, it's a remarkable accomplishment that deserves to be celebrated! As you prepare to embark on this exciting new chapter of your lives, we want to assure you that we are thrilled to have you join the Schulich Dentistry family.

My name is Emma Watt and I am the VP Administration on the University of Western Ontario's Dental Student Society (UWODSS) council. Our team is excited to kick off your journey with a fun-filled and engaging orientation week. You can look forward to an exciting schedule of team-building activities, opportunities to meet faculty and staff as well as become familiar with the resources and facilities available to you on campus. As a first year dental student, I can confidently say that orientation week was one of the highlights of my first year and I am eager for you to experience the same!

This year, orientation week will commence on **Monday August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023** and is scheduled to be held in-person. We will be updating you regularly to keep you informed of any changes to our plans.

As you get ready to start a new school year, I am sure there are many questions that might come up. Here are a few resources to help you answer those potential questions:

- **UWODSS Website** – UWODSS Council and the Class of 2026 will continue to update the incoming student page to help answer some common questions.
  - <https://www.uwodss.com>
- **Facebook Page** – Please join the following page as this will be one of the main resources for updates/information leading up to orientation week and starting your first-year of dental school.
  - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/189512377169402>
- For any other questions or if you want to say hello, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. My email is [gwatt8@uwo.ca](mailto:gwatt8@uwo.ca).

Your journey at Schulich Dentistry is about to begin and despite being busy, it will be filled with so many exciting firsts. From waxing up your first tooth to drilling your first cavity prep, you'll be making unforgettable memories each and every day. Please take this time to relax, enjoy the summer, and spend time with your loved ones. We look forward to meeting you all soon.

Once again, congratulations on this incredible achievement, and welcome to the Schulich Dentistry family!

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