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Dear Class of 2024,

Congratulations and welcome to Schulich Dentistry!

Our names are Caitlin Loo and Cindy Xiao, and we are the presidents of the University of Western Ontario’s Dental Student Society (UWODSS) Mentorship Program. On behalf of the Mentorship Committee, we would like to congratulate you on your incredible success and welcome you to the Schulich Dentistry family! Your hard work, commitment, and passion for dentistry have played a crucial role in guiding you thus far. Like many achievements in life, it would not be possible without the help of a dedicated support team. Our founder, Christine Huynh (DDS Class of 2020), designed the Mentorship Program with this need in mind.

This student-led program aims to support students throughout their dental education by connecting you with upper year students. Dental school can be challenging, but our hope is that our program can help facilitate a strong sense of community across all four classes and create a memorable journey for everyone. Lower year mentees will be matched with upper year mentors who have kindly committed their time for the upcoming school year to help ease your transition into dental school. In this way, we hope to create a mini mentorship family consisting of students from all four years of classes.

If you would like to be matched with a mentor, please fill out the following application form (https://forms.gle/NGgbaWsBb1tuPtrR8) to become a mentee! We kindly ask that you fill out this poll by Friday August 21st, 2020 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 any of the student committee members listed below. Also, if you have not already done so, we encourage you to join the Schulich Dentistry Class of 2024 Facebook group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/255661572238265/) where you will find additional support. Representatives from the Class of 2023 will reach out to you over the summer to arrange small groups where you will have the opportunity to ask questions and get advice. The Mentorship Program committee looks forward to meeting you and helping to make your transition to the life of a dental student smooth and fun!

Again, congratulations and welcome to your Schulich Dentistry Family!

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