

UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry

HONORS OUR GRADUATES AT TODAY'S 119th Commencement ceremony

May 10, 2024

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the history of UTHEALTH HOUSTON

Established in 1972 by The University of Texas System Board of Regents, **UTHealth Houston** is Texas' resource for health care education, innovation, scientific discovery, and excellence in patient care.

As a comprehensive health science university, the mission of UTHealth Houston is to educate health science professionals, discover and translate advances in the biomedical and social sciences, and model the best practices in clinical care and public health.

We pursue this mission in order to advance the quality of human life by enhancing the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease and injury, as well as promoting individual health and community well-being.

One of the nation's most comprehensive academic health science centers, UTHealth Houston is home to seven schools:

Jane and Robert Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth Houston John P. and Kathrine G. McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston D. Bradley McWilliams School of Biomedical Informatics at UTHealth Houston The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Houston Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences UTHealth Houston School of Behavioral Health Sciences UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry UTHealth Houston School of Public Health

TO OUR GRADUATES



On this momentous occasion, we commend your achievements at UTHealth Houston and champion your continued success as you enter your careers of service to advance oral health.

Your training at UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry, your skills, your experience, and most importantly, your unwavering commitment to creating a healthier future for all have prepared you well.

Today, you join more than 54,000 UTHealth Houston graduates who are united in service, making a profound difference around the world to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

We are deeply honored that you chose UTHealth Houston for your education, and we hope that you will remain connected with us for the milestones ahead.

To the members of the Class of 2024, congratulations. Never stop pursuing excellence. Keep learning. Keep discovering. Keep modeling the best practices in your field. I know you will make us proud.

Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, MD

PRESIDENT AND ALKEK-WILLIAMS DISTINGUISHED CHAIR UTHEALTH HOUSTON



ACADEMIC REGALIA HISTORY

The wearing of academic regalia, adopted by American institutions of higher education during the last century, is a tradition preserved from the medieval days of universities. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric, and originally, gowns were worn for warmth in unheated buildings and hoods were designed to cover the tonsured head. Modern academic dress follows a code of regulations that allow for distinguishing the conferred degree and the degree-awarding institution. The hood lining represents our institution's colors, while the binding colors of the hoods designate the degree earned.

The gown for the bachelor's degree has squared-off sleeves. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, while the sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of the master's degree gown sleeve is oblong in shape and square cut, with the front portion of the sleeve cut away in an arc. Bachelor's and master's degree gowns are untrimmed. The cap is a mortarboard with a tassel.

The gown for the doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves. It is faced down the front with velvet and with three bars of velvet used across the sleeves. These velvet facings and crossbars are of the color distinctive for the degree. The cap for the doctoral degree is a multisided velvet tam with a tassel.

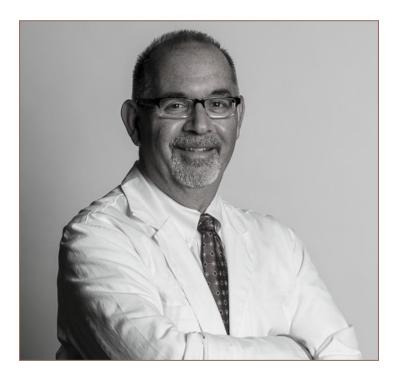
CEREMONIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF SASHES AND CORDS

Military veterans have white sashes decorated with an eagle and the U.S. flag.

Graduates entering military service have white sashes decorated with the U.S. flag and the insignia of the branch they will enter.

Gold honor cords recognize dental hygiene graduates who completed at least 32 hours of community service.

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry Graduates, Family, and Friends,

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 on this momentous day! Each year, as we gather together for commencement, we all have thoughts about the past, the present, and the future. The experiences, memories, and new friendships developed over the past few years, the excitement and sense of accomplishment on this special day, and, of course, the wonder of what will come next.

As I write these words to all of you, I think about how you may be reading this at commencement—the 119th of this great school and perhaps again later this year. But it is my hope you'll refer to this program for years to come. Whether it be to reminisce, to look up the name of a classmate you're trying to remember, or perhaps even to recall who was the dean back then! Whatever the reason, I trust you will all cherish this symbol of your time and accomplishments at the School of Dentistry.

On this day, know that we are also honored by what you have achieved, who you have become, and what is to come. Of the many measures of the strength of our school, one, in particular, is you—its graduates. The care you will provide, the lives you will touch, and the leaders you will become reflect on us all. So, take what you've learned here and make us proud!

Congratulations, again, on this special occasion. Welcome to the School of Dentistry family of alumni, and remember, "The Best is Yet to Come!"

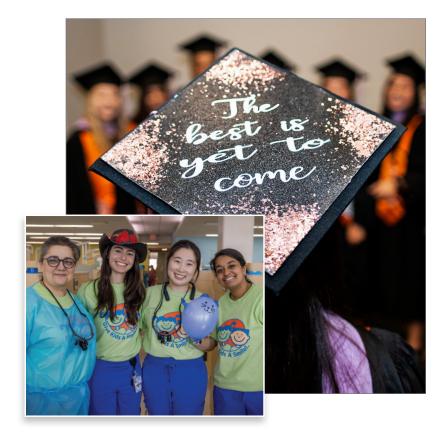
Sincerely,

John A. Valenza, DDS '81

dean, uthealth houston school of dentistry #WeAreUTSD!



UTHealth Houston SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY For more than 100 years, **UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry** has set the standard for oral health excellence by educating outstanding dentists and dental hygienists, advancing research in new fields of science and technology, and caring for the people of Texas, especially its most vulnerable populations. The school's mission is to improve human health by providing high-quality education, patient care, service, and research in oral health for Texas, the nation, and the world.



Founded in 1905, UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry was the first dental school in Texas and the first professional school in Houston. The school became part of UT System in 1943, and became part of UTHealth Houston in 1972. The school continues to lead dental education today with the vision of *"Improving Oral Health...Improving Overall Health."*

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

John A. Valenza, DDS Dean

Lisa D. Cain, PhD Associate Dean for Professional Development and Faculty Affairs

Ralph A. Cooley, DDS Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Services

Mary C. "Cindy" Farach-Carson, PhD Associate Dean for Research

Amity L. Gardner, DDS Assistant Dean of Clinical Education

Arthur H. Jeske, DMD, PhD Associate Dean for Strategic Planning and Continuing Dental Education

Joe T. Morrow, BBA Associate Dean for Management

Shalizeh "Shelly" Patel, DDS, MEd Associate Dean for Patient Care

Robert D. Spears, PhD, MS Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs

THE DENTIST'S PLEDGE

I, AS A MEMBER OF THE DENTAL PROFESSION, SHALL KEEP THIS PLEDGE AND THESE STIPULATIONS.

I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THAT MY PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO MY PATIENTS, AND I SHALL DEDICATE MYSELF TO RENDER, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF ORAL HEALTH CARE AND TO MAINTAIN A RELATIONSHIP OF RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE. THEREFORE, LET ALL COME TO ME SAFE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR TOTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ARE MY FIRST CONSIDERATIONS.

I SHALL ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT, AS A PROFESSIONAL, MY COMPETENCE RESTS ON CONTINUING THE ATTAINMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN THE ARTS AND SCIENCES OF DENTISTRY.

I ACKNOWLEDGE MY OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN THE HONOR AND INTEGRITY OF THE PROFESSION AND TO CONDUCT MYSELF IN ALL ENDEAVORS SUCH THAT I SHALL MERIT THE RESPECT OF PATIENTS, COLLEAGUES AND MY COMMUNITY. I FURTHER COMMIT MYSELF TO THE BETTERMENT OF MY COMMUNITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OF SOCIETY.

I SHALL FAITHFULLY OBSERVE THE PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS AND CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT SET FORTH BY THE PROFESSION.

ALL THIS I PLEDGE WITH PRIDE IN MY COMMITMENT TO THE PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC IT SERVES.

DENTAL HYGIENE OATH

IN MY PRACTICE AS A DENTAL HYGIENIST, I AFFIRM MY PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE THE ORAL HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC, TO ADVANCE THE ART AND SCIENCE OF DENTAL HYGIENE, AND TO PROMOTE HIGH STANDARDS OF QUALITY CARE.

I PLEDGE CONTINUALLY TO IMPROVE MY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS, TO RENDER A FULL MEASURE OF SERVICE TO EACH PATIENT ENTRUSTED TO MY CARE, AND TO UPHOLD THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND PERSONAL CONDUCT IN THE INTEREST OF THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC IT SERVES.

CLASS LEADERSHIP

Andrew A. Roberts President, Dental Class of 2024

Nghiep Ly President, Dental Hygiene Class of 2024

DEPARTMENT CHAIRS AND PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Bhavini Acharya, BDS, MPH Program Director, Pediatric Dentistry

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Mark E. Wong, DDS Chair and Program Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

VALEDICTORIANS

FACULTY TEACHING AWARDS



ARYA S. REDDY

WALTER G. STERLING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

The Walter G. Sterling Award for Excellence is given annually to the outstanding graduating senior of the School of Dentistry as chosen by the faculty. The award recipient is the student who has exhibited scholastic superiority, excellent interpersonal relations, and energy, and one who has earned the respect and affection of his or her patients. The award was made possible by a gift from the late Mr. Sterling.



PRISCILLA PEREZ

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN DENTAL HYGIENE

The Academic Achievement Award in Dental Hygiene is given to the Baccalaureate graduating student exemplifying academic excellence through achieving the highest grade point average in their graduating class.



Dan A. Bentley, DDS

JOHN P. MCGOVERN OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

The John P. McGovern Award is given annually to the outstanding clinical faculty member as chosen by the senior class. This award is made possible by an endowment from the McGovern Foundation. The late Dr. McGovern, founder of the McGovern Allergy Clinics, maintained a deep interest in excellence in teaching at the health science center, where he held faculty appointments.



Vuvi H. Nguyen, PhD, MS

JOHN H. FREEMAN AWARD FOR FACULTY TEACHING

The John H. Freeman Award is given annually to the outstanding primary science faculty member as chosen by first- and second-year dental students. The recipient exemplifies enthusiasm and drive toward effective teaching, personal interest in students' problems and educational goals, and whose example serves as a high student standard. The award was made possible by a gift from the late Mr. Freeman.



Leanna Nguyen, RDH, BSDH, MS

LORNA J. BRUNING AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHING

The Lorna J. Bruning Award is given annually to an outstanding faculty member as chosen by the dental hygiene students, in recognition of clinical teaching. The award is named for the first director of the school's Dental Hygiene Program, which opened in 1955.



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Processional

National Anthem of the United States of America The Star-Spangled Banner

Inspirational Message

Scott R. Makins, DDS, MS

Greetings

John A. Valenza, DDS Dean

Welcome Remarks

Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, MD President, UTHealth Houston

Dental Class President

Andrew A. Roberts

Dental Hygiene Class President

Nghiep Ly

Commencement Address

Raymond A. Cohlmia, DDS Executive Director, American Dental Association

Conferring of Degrees and Certificates

Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, MD

Presentation of Candidates

Robert D. Spears, PhD, MS Associate Dean, Student and Academic Affairs

Faculty Hooders

Christopher S. Daniel, DDS, MD Amity L. Gardner, DDS Joe C. Ontiveros, DDS, MS Marilia M. Sly, DDS, MSD

Administration of Dentist's Pledge

Elizabeth Hunsaker, DDS President, UTSD Alumni Association

Administration of Dental Hygiene Oath

Harold A. Henson, RDH, PhD Past President, UT Houston Dental Hygienists' Alumni Association

Closing Remarks

John A. Valenza, DDS

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Robert D. Spears, PhD, MS



RAYMOND A. COHLMIA, DDS

Raymond A. Cohlmia, DDS, is the executive director of the American Dental Association. A 1988 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, Dr. Cohlmia ran a successful private practice for 27 years with his father and brother, while also holding a faculty appointment at the College of Dentistry. He served as assistant dean for clinical operations from 2013 to 2015 and was appointed as dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry in 2015, a position he held for seven years, while concurrently remaining in the practice of dentistry, until his appointment to the ADA in 2021.

Dr. Cohlmia has served as a delegate to the American Dental Association and 12th District Trustee from 2015 to 2019. Along with his involvement and leadership in academia, he has served in many capacities, including presidencies at the local and state level, and membership on many national councils, committees, and task forces for the American Dental Association, as well as other dental organizations.

Dr. Cohlmia joined the American Dental Association in October of 2021 and was named its executive director shortly after. He guided the creation of a new agile form of internal governance now in place that focuses on five key customer groups—Direct to Dentist, Direct to Tripartite, Public and Professional, Business Portfolio, and the Internal Enterprise—leading transformational change within the organization.

Photo courtesy of American Dental Association

Ishita Akhter Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Kelly Ngoc Dang Cloud Dentistry's Dental Hygiene Devotion Scholarship Award Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals Star Award The Dental Hygiene Class of 2003 Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Michelle Duong Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Jordan Rae Jackson Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Chanxin Cindy Li Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Felicity Baonhi Nguyen Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Xinlu Sun Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Saima S. Valliani

The Greater Houston Dental Hygienists' Association Ushma Ramaiya Memorial Scholarship The Greater Houston Dental Hygienists' Society Outstanding Professional Leadership Award Private Practice: Houston, Texas UTHealth Houston

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candidates receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Ayotunde Oluwaponmile Adeleke Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Eric Arroyo Shirah May Hall Memorial Scholarship in Dental Hygiene Student Teaching Award Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Diana Bich Thy Do Shirah May Hall Memorial Scholarship in Dental Hygiene Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Ivy L. Doan Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Nghiep Ly Sigma Phi Alpha UTSD Dental Hygienists' Alumni Association Award UTSD Faculty Scholarships E-Portfolio Excellence Award Private Practice: Austin, Texas

Derekneka Magee Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Haley Mykella Moquin Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Yordanos Negash Negussie Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Cindy Ngu Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Linh Thuy Nguyen Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Ngoc Nhu Nguyen Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Tiffany Ngoc Nguyen Carus Dental-Dental Hygiene Scholarship Procter and Gamble Preventive Dentistry Award Sigma Phi Alpha Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Carla Maria Pena Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Priscilla Perez Academic Achievement Award Sigma Phi Alpha Private Practice: Houston, Texas **Anh P. Pham** Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Giovana Elizabeth Prado Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Evelyn Sabina Salinas American Association of Public Health Dentistry Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Salma Yuliana Tellez UTSD Simulation Award Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Priscilla Tovar Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Jiabao Xu Class of 2024 Future Healthcare Hygienists of the Year Award Gene Stevenson, DDS, Memorial Award in Evidence-Based Scholarship Mentor of the Year Award UTSD Student Award in Interprofessional Education Private Practice: Austin, Texas

Alaa Eddine Khaled Zamzam Private Practice: Houston, Texas

candidates receiving the degree of Master of Science in Dental Hygiene

Amber Blasé Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Norma Chapa Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Aleina Soueidi Private Practice: Houston, Texas ∎UTHealth Houston

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ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY June 30, 2024

Rosario Aguirre, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Fawwaz Faiz Alotaibi, BDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Hany Gabriel, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Basant Yasser Elsayed Sallam, DMD Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Blake Thomas Swonke, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Kaiwei Wang, DMD Private Practice: Houston, Texas

ENDODONTICS August 9, 2024

Ian Adan Castell, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

David Jonah Colmenar, DMD Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Tembré DeLong, DMD Private Practice: Portland, Oregon

Jennifer Hannah Raad, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Julian Hueiyuan Shen, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY June 30, 2024

Garrick John LaBriola, DMD Private Practice: Burke, Virginia

Nazira Amani Lewis, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Ali Mahdi, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Luis Antonio Sauto, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY FOUR-YEAR TRACK June 30, 2024

Nicholas Scott Branham, DMD Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Tyler Brett Hill, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Christopher S. Midtling, DDS, MD Private Practice: Houston, Texas

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY SIX-YEAR TRACK June 30, 2024

Victoria Andrea Manon, DDS, MD Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Cole Garner Murbach, DMD, MD Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Andrew Paul Perry, DDS, MD Private Practice: Houston, Texas

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY June 30, 2024

Safia Komal Durab, BDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

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ORTHODONTICS *August 9, 2024*

Dooyeol Kim, DDS Glenn T. Housholder Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Gabriella Noel Gallo, DDS Dr. Pauline C. "Jackie" Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Megan Elise Meyer, DDS Dr. Pauline C. "Jackie" Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Angela Marie Pelehac, DDS Dr. Pauline C. "Jackie" Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship Dr. Heyl G. Tebo Endowed Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Dane Craig Risinger, DDS Dr. Pauline C. "Jackie" Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Blake Lewis Tollison, DMD The Dr. Milton and Florence Yellen Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Nicholas Jelks Ward, DDS Dr. Pauline C. "Jackie" Duke Orthodontic Residency Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas **PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY** June 30, 2024

Lydia Lisa Brett, DMD Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Stacey Ngoc Diep, DDS Dr. Heyl G. Tebo Endowed Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Anna Feng, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Paulina Nha-Uyen Ho, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Kim Kierszenson, DDS Joel J. Vela, DDS, Pediatric Dentistry Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Amisha Pravin Revawala, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Jubin Thomas, DMD Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Amanda Wolf, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

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PERIODONTICS

June 30, 2024

Alaa Alsaffar, BDM Private Practice: Kuwait

Shreena P. Bhakta, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Aziz M. Saqr, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Edwin Tsun Yeung Tsang, DMD Private Practice: San Francisco, California

PROSTHODONTICS June 30, 2024

Nguyet Nhi Doan, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Adam Michael Goodrick, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Ellie Haejun Park, DMD Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Sindi Vishaj, DDS Private Practice: Houston, Texas **Christine Chiamaka Anusim** Dr. Jeanne Craig Sinkford Student Leadership Award The Brian D. Stone Memorial Award from Dental Lifeline Network Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Mariagrazia Arata Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Maria Attia Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Andrew Ray Augustine Private Practice: Webster, Texas

Gloria Ann Azulpha International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Tanner Bingham Banks Private Practice: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Logan Elise Bliss Women of Rotary Club Student Scholarship Ouintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics Private Practice: League City, Texas

Julia Marie Brito Ninth District Dental Society Award for Collegiality Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Natalie Esther Brown Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Rachel Lynne Buechler Private Practice: Austin, Texas

Jacob Michael Buenning Edwards C. Hinds Academy Award Residency Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Gainesville, Florida

Hillary Bui Academy of Operative Dentistry Award Private Practice: Dallas, Texas

Lorraine Livingston Byrd Women of Rotary Club UT Dental Branch Student Residency Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Beatriz Leyva Calzadilla Carus Dental Scholarship Fund Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Raymond Tim Chung Private Practice: Houston, Texas **Garrett Joseph Conlan** Elliot Hale "Gunner" Award for Clinical Excellence Private Practice: Waco, Texas

Van Dale DeMille Academy of Laser Dentistry Award American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award American Dental Society of Anesthesiology (Horace Wells) Award Private Practice: Enid, Oklahoma

Hannah Christine Dickson Private Practice: Houston, Texas

David Andrew Drake Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Ethan Enneking Ninth District Dental Society Award for Collegiality Society for Color and Appearance in Dentistry Award Private Practice: Waco, Texas

Cade Yocham Erwin Ivoclar Digital Dentistry Student of the Year Award Private Practice: Whitney, Texas

Andrew Charles Farrell Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Monica Ashlyn Fisher Private Practice: Rockwall, Texas

Lauren Gabrielle Garcia Private Practice: Corpus Christi, Texas

Ruchira Gundlapally Women of Rotary Club Student Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Mykah Guy Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Tyler Frederick Hanis Women of Rotary Club UT Dental Branch Student American Association of Endodontists Student Achievement Award Private Practice: Price, Utah

Jack Matthew Harlan Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Nathalie Lynn Heimeyer Texas Association of Women Dentists Award Private Practice: Houston, Texas

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Vuong Quoc Ho

Houston Asian American Dental Society Scholarship Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award American Academy of Oral Medicine Certificate of Merit Award in Oral Medicine American Association of Orthodontists Award Residency Plans: Orthodontics, Houston, Texas

Rebecca Altemus Hobbesland

ASDA Award of Excellence Hanau Best of the Best Award for Excellence in Prosthodontics Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Camille Kay Hoover Ninth District Dental Society Award for Collegiality Practice Plans: U.S. Air Force Military Service, Washington, D.C.

Brian Ming-Tzuen Hsu Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry Award Private Practice: Houston, Texas

David Robert Hunter Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Elizabeth Christine Hunter Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students Residency Plans: Pediatric, Houston, Texas

Whitney Wong Huynh Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Sahar Jiwani Private Practice: Tulsa, Oklahoma

Amy Susan John

American Academy of Implant Dentistry Undergraduate Dental Student Award Special Care Dentistry Association/Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities Student Award Private Practice: Sugar Land, Texas

Colin Frank Kappel

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award Academy of Osseointegration Outstanding Dental Student in Implant Dentistry Award Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award W. Kenneth Horwitz, DDS, Ethics and Professionalism Award American Academy of Digital Dentistry Teaching and Leadership Award PACE Center Award for Excellence in Practice Management Private Practice: Hickory, North Carolina

Jacqueline Ann Kappel

Women of Rotary Club Student Scholarship Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award Private Practice: Hickory, North Carolina **Mohammad Hassan Khan** Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Haemin Hailey Kim Private Practice: Dallas, Texas

Renee Miki Kono Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Andre Lowell LaRue Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Louis Lee Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Helen Liu The Academy of Dentistry International Student Servant Leadership Award Practice Plans: U.S. Air Force Military Service, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Melissa Y. Liu Gao Family Scholarship Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award Residency Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Long Beach, California

Natalie Pham Ly Stephen Laman, DDS, Scholarship for Servant Leadership Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Megan Van Mai UTSD Student and Academic Affairs Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Joshua Dev Mathew

Gary S. Leff, DDS, MPH, Scholarship Fund for the DDS/MPH Program American Association of Public Health Dentistry Recognition Award Practice Plans: U.S. Navy Military Service, Great Lakes, Illinois

Nicole Marie Moore

Gary S. Leff, DDS, MPH, Scholarship Fund for the DDS/MPH Program Society for Simulation in Healthcare Student Award U.S. Public Health Service Dental Award of Excellence Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Joseph Thomas Nathaniel Morton

Greater Houston Dental Society Community Dentistry Award Private Practice: Fort Worth, Texas

Nakleh Ibrahim Mseeh Private Practice: The Woodlands, Texas

Rima Mughawish Private Practice: Houston, Texas **Quy-Hien Phuc Nguyen** Private Practice: Boston, Massachusetts

Sophia Danielle Nicolosi Academy of General Dentistry Senior Student Dental Award Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Omkar Rajesh Patel Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students Residency Plans: Pediatric, Brooklyn, New York

Rahul Aji Paul

Houston Chapter of the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research Award Society for Simulation in Healthcare Student Award UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry Student Award in Applied Basic Sciences Practice Plans: U.S. Air Force Military Service, Dayton, Ohio

Hannah Rae Perkins

Houston Chapter of the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research Award Society for Simulation in Healthcare Student Award UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry Student Award in Applied Basic Sciences Practice Plans: U.S. Army Military Service, Houston, Texas

Sydney Elizabeth Lan Pham

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award Houston Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon Award Ninth District Dental Society Award for Collegiality Residency Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Noah Michael Price

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award Residency Plans: Prosthodontics, Bethesda, Maryland

Stephanie Renee Price

Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry Informatics Award Residency Plans: Orthodontics, St. Louis, Missouri

Mason James Proctor Carus Dental Scholarship Fund American Equilibration Society Award Private Practice: Fort Worth, Texas

Justin Tyler Quackenbush Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students Ninth District Dental Society Ethics and Integrity Award Residency Plans: Pediatric, Lexington, Kentucky

Anthony Rafaile Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Andrew Giovanni Ramirez

American Academy of Periodontology Dental Student Achievement International Congress of Oral Implantology's/DENTSPLY Student Achievement Award Residency Plans: Periodontics, Houston, Texas

Kristen A. Ramirez

American Association of Women Dentists – Eleanor J. Bushee Award Private Practice: Deer Park, Texas

Brooke Ann Rebenschied

American Academy of Orofacial Pain Outstanding Senior Award Private Practice: Washington, D.C.

Arya Salguti Reddy

Triolo Leadership in Dentistry Scholarship American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Dental Student Award American Association of Orthodontists Award Texas Dental Association Outstanding Senior Award Walter G. Sterling Award Residency Plans: Orthodontics, Houston, Texas

Andrew A. Roberts

Gary S. Leff, DDS, MPH, Scholarship Fund for the DDS/MPH Program W. Kenneth Horwitz, DDS, Senior Award in Ethics and Professionalism American College of Dentists Outstanding Student Leader Award American College of Prosthodontists Award UTSD Alumni Association Award Private Practice: Charlotte, North Carolina

Natalie Mabel Rodriguez

Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Itzel Romero

Carus Dental Scholarship Fund UTSD Student and Academic Affairs Scholarship Practice Plans: Federally Qualified Health Centers, Public Health, Portland, Oregon

Hunter Dillon Ross W. Kenneth Horwitz, DDS, Ethics and Professionalism Award Residency Plans: General Practice, San Diego, California

Selina Esmeralda Ruano Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Quaid Alan Russell Practice Plans: U.S. Navy Military Service, Jacksonville, North Carolina

Emmanuel Hansen Sackey President James T. Willerson/Nancy Beamer Willerson Scholarship The Craven Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas **Basent Saleh** Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Paul Alexander Shane Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Michael Robert Smith Residency Plans: General Practice, Little Rock, Arkansas

Bridget Pacilio Sneed Academy of Dental Materials Award Residency Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Champaign, Illinois

Joel Peter Sneed Gene Stevenson, DDS, Memorial Award in Evidence-Based Dentistry Scholarship Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award Residency Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Houston, Texas

Christine Lim So Private Practice: Houston, Texas

William Terrell Stevens Residency Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Richmond, Virginia

Angela Natali Suryakusuma Delta Dental Scholarship for Dental and Dental Hygiene Students T. Bradford Willis Scholarship in Pediatric Dentistry Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award James P. Ferguson Award for Excellence in Dental Anatomy Residency Plans: Pediatric, Los Angeles, California

Sarah L. Swiney Houston Academy of General Dentistry Award Private Practice: Katy, Texas

Mason Paul Tobola William "Sam" Leifeste, DDS, Memorial Scholarship UTSD Student and Academic Affairs Scholarship Robert O. Dosch and James L. Rout Award Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Xin Ying Tong Residency Plans: Dental Anesthesiology, New York, New York

Andrew Dung-Lac Tran Dr. Donald Charles Kroeger Student Research Scholarship Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Award American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Achievement Award Quintessence Award for Research Achievement Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Marwah Tukdi Women of Rotary Club Student Scholarship Private Practice: Houston, Texas **Juventino Valdez** Private Practice: Houston, Texas

David Antonio Vindel Brower Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Nolan Thomas Walker Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry Private Practice: Clear Lake, Texas

Faith Elizabeth Wallace Practice Plans: U.S. Navy Military Service, Parris Island, South Carolina

Anna Chen Wang Lola B. and James R. Ballinger, DDS, Scholarship Private Practice: Dallas, Texas

Allison Elizabeth Welch American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Jasmine Kierra Winfrey Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Jayme Janene Witek Residency Plans: Pediatric, Houston, Texas

Lindsay Wen-Lee Wong Ninth District Dental Society Award for Collegiality Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Jianfei Xue Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Katelin Brooke Ybarbo Private Practice: Palestine, Texas

Cesar Augusto Zapata Private Practice: Houston, Texas

Ana Laura Zepeda Private Practice: Galveston, Texas



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