



COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

2024

POSTDOCTORAL
GRADUATION CEREMONY

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

The Armory
Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Program

Presiding

James B. Fine, DMD
*Professor of Dental Medicine at
Columbia University Irving Medical Center
Senior Associate Dean, Postdoctoral Academic &
Student Affairs
Interim Director, Division of Periodontics*

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg
Dean of Religious Life

Welcome

Roseanna Graham, DDS, MA, PhD
*Interim Dean, College of Dental Medicine
James Winston Benfield Associate Professor of
Dental Medicine at CUMC
Chair, Section of Cariology and Restorative Sciences
Director, Division of Operative Dentistry*

Remarks

James B. Fine, DMD
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Greetings from Alumni Association

Thomas Magnani, DDS '80
Assistant Clinical Professor of Dental Medicine

Presentation of Allan J. Formicola Teaching Award

RECIPIENT:

Sung-Hee Kwak, DDS
Assistant Clinical Professor of Dental Medicine

PRESENTED BY:

Letty Moss-Salentijn, DDS, PhD
*Vice Dean, Curricular Innovation and
Interprofessional Education
Edward V. Zegarelli Professor of Dental Medicine*

Presentation of Certificates and Degrees

Closing Remarks

James B. Fine, DMD
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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg
Dean of Religious Life

Presentation of Certificates and Master of Science Degrees

Certificate in Endodontics

Sahng G. Kim, DDS, MS

*Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at the Columbia
University Medical Center*

Director, Postdoctoral Endodontics Program

Alex Jun Choi, DMD

Sara Hamzeinejad, DMD

Jacob Judd, DDS

Moochan Kim, DDS

Carol Liu, DDS

Ho Yun Ryu, DDS

REMARKS: Jacob Judd, DDS

Postdoctoral Endodontics Program

Master of Science in Orthodontics

Jing Chen, DDS, PhD

*Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at
the Columbia University Medical Center*

Director, Postdoctoral Orthodontics Program

Emily Belen Abay, DMD

Julie Grobois, DDS

Stefanie Kligman, DMD

Scott Noh, DDS

Hammaad Shah, DDS

Clark Keith Taylor II, DDS

Chae Rin Yoon, DDS

REMARKS: Emily Belen Abay, DMD &

Clark Keith Taylor, II, DDS

Chief Residents,

Postdoctoral Orthodontics Program

Philip Y. Kang, DDS
*Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at
the Columbia University Medical Center
Director, Postdoctoral Periodontics Program*

**Master of Science
in Periodontics**

Gazelle Jean Crasto, MSc, DDS, PhD

**Certificate in
Periodontics**

Roberto Carlos Gonzalez Yumar, DMD
Kenechi Precious Okany, DDS
Shelly Dionne Taylor, DMD, MPH
Michael Villa, DMD

REMARKS: Kenechi Precious Okany, DDS
*Chief Resident,
Postdoctoral Periodontics Program*

Wenchou (James) Wu, DDS, MS, FACP
*Professor of Dental Medicine at
the Columbia University Medical Center
Director, Postdoctoral Prosthodontics Program*

**Master of Science
in Prosthodontics**

Jonathan Aldas, DDS
Noura Al-Kubaisi, BDS
Sandeep Bhardwaj, BDS
Carmen Cuello de Garcia, DDS
Sung Ryul Kim, DMD
Layan Suleiman, BDS
Gabriella Torres, DDS

REMARKS: Carmen Cuello de Garcia, DDS
*Chief Resident,
Postdoctoral Prosthodontics Program*

**Certificate
in Advanced
Education in
General Dentistry**

Vicky Evangelidis-Sakellson, DDS, MPH
*Professor of Dental Medicine at
the Columbia University Medical Center
Director, Postdoctoral Advanced Education in
General Dentistry Program*

**Advanced Education in
General Dentistry I**

Thalita Coelho, DMD
Yanil Garabito, DDS
Nelsy Garcia Ortega, DDS
Lacira Guimaraes, DDS
Marie Michelle Imad, MSD, DDS
Ali Istarabadi, BDS
Valentina Malpica, DDS
Manuel Montalvo Fuentes, DDS
Francisco Ortega Hammond, DDS
Daniel Pastran Duque, DDS
Aury Reyes Fernandez, DDS
Rosmary Rodriguez, DDS
Catherine Romero, DDS
Maria Gabriela Tempone, DDS

**Advanced Education in
General Dentistry II**

Mohammed Al Azzawi, DDS
Karelyn Germosen-Then, DDS
Jonathan Guzman, DDS
Jovanny Guzman, DDS
Dianet Ruiz, DDS
Isabela Franco Moreira Souza, BDS
Zafrin Jahan Tanni, BDS

**Advanced Education in
General Dentistry Residency Program**

Melia Abou-Hanna, DDS
Cici Lu Che, DDS
Grace Gillen, DDS
Kyungjun Thomas Lee, DMD
Maral Moosavi, DMD
Daysi Rodriguez Ramos, DMD
Han Wen Yu, DMD

REMARKS: *Isabela Franco Moreira Souza, BDS
Chief Resident,
Advanced Education in General Dentistry*

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of NewYork-Presbyterian Residency Programs

Certificate in General Practice Residency

Gregory N. Bunza, DDS, MS
*Assistant Professor of Dental Medicine at
the Columbia University Medical Center
Director, General Practice Residency Program*

Bailey Chelemedos, DDS
Min-Chau Doan, DDS
Vivian M. Lee, DMD
Charlotte Lanyi Lin, DMD
Nam Nguyen, DDS
Adam Lyle Tepperman, DDS

REMARKS: Nam Nguyen, DDS
*Chief Resident,
General Practice Residency Program*

Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

Elizabeth Philipone, DMD
*Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at
the Columbia University Medical Center
Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
Residency Program*

Dennis Shem, DMD

REMARKS: Dennis Shem, DMD
*Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
Residency Program*

Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery- MD Integration

Alia Koch, DDS, MD, FACS
*Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at
the Columbia University Medical Center
Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Residency Program*

Steven Halepas, DDS, MD
Alfonso Salcines, DDS, MD

**Certificate in
Pediatric Dentistry**

Richard K. Yoon, DDS

*Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at
the Columbia University Medical Center
Director, Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program*

Calli Layne Baranouski, DMD

Jeremy Budd, DMD

Ryan D. Foree, DDS

Riley Reardon, DDS

Dhaval J. Shah, DDS

REMARKS: Dhaval J. Shah, DDS

Chief Resident,

Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program

Please join us for a reception