COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

2024 GRADUATION CEREMONY



THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

The Armory

Columbia University Irving Medical Center

PROCESSIONAL

PRESIDING

Dana L. Wolf, DMD, MS '05

Senior Associate Dean, Predoctoral Academic and Student Affairs Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Division of Periodontics, Section of Oral, Diagnostic, and Rehabilitation Sciences

INVOCATION

Ian Rottenberg, Rev., PhD

Dean of Religious Life

WELCOME

Roseanna Graham, DDS '05, PhD '10

Interim Dean
Chair, Section of Cariology and Restorative Sciences
Director, Division of Operative Dentistry
James Winston Benfield Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC

GREETINGS

Katrina Armstrong, MD

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James A. Lipton, DDS '71, PhD '80

Columbia Alumni Medalist

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETING

Stephanie Dumanian, DDS '11

President, Association of Dental Alumni

STUDENT REMARKS

Adam Mucci

Class of 2024

HOODING OF THE GRADUATES

George E. Jenkins, DMD, MHA

Associate Dean for Access, Equity, and Inclusion Assistant Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Division of Pediatric Dentistry, Section of Growth and Development

PRESENTATION OF 1852 SOCIETY PIN

Thomas J. Magnani, DDS

President, 1852 Society
Assistant Clinical Professor of Dental Medicine
Division of Operative Dentistry, Section of Cardiology and Restorative Sciences

OATH FOR THE PROFESSION

Biana Roykh, DDS, MPH

Senior Associate Dean, Clinical Affairs Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Section of Hospital Dentistry

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Associate Professor in Craniofacial Engineering (in Dental Medicine)
Director of Research, College of Dental Medicine
Associate Director, Center for Dental and Craniofacial Research
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Chief of Hospital Dental Service, NY-Presbyterian Hospital Director, Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery George Guttmann Professor of Clinical Craniofacial Surgery

Muneeb Ahmed

Private Practice in General Dentistry

Ana Andre

Private Practice in General Dentistry Florida

Kate Balatgek

NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital General Practice Residency

Chaya Bienstock

Newark Beth Israel General Practice Residency

Catherine Blincoe

University of Cincinnati General Practice Residency

Parker Joseph Boches

Private Practice in General Dentistry Florida

Courtney Brenner

Montefiore Medical Center/ Einstein College of Medicine Pediatric Dentistry

Isabella Bholé

University of California, Los Angeles Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Ashlee Alyssa Campbell

NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital General Practice Residency

Alexis Catalano

Virginia Commonwealth University Orthodontics

Erica Chang

Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center General Practice Residency

Jonathan Kuo Chen

Private Practice in General Dentistry Indiana

Jack Cherny

Montefiore Medical Center / Einstein College of Medicine Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Anna Cappell Cooper

NewYork-Presbyterian – Weill Cornell Medical Center General Practice Residency

Gabriela Dean

One Brooklyn Health General Practice Residency

Erika Denour

NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital Pediatric Dentistry

Johanna Diaz

University of Connecticut Health Orthodontics

Sherlly Dolmuz

MedStar Washington Hospital Center Orthodontics

Alec Donelian

Columbia University College of Dental Medicine Endodontics

Isaac Donkor

New York University/Bellevue Hospital Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Eric D'Souza

New York Medical College General Practice Residency

Ian Edelman

New York Medical College General Practice Residency

Hannah Eisenbeis

Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of University of Southern California Prosthodontics

Niki Elahi

NYU Lagone Dental Medicine – Brooklyn, NY Pediatrics

Samantha Eyen

Yale New Haven Hospital Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Rebecca Fenster

Northwell Health General Practice Residency

Christopher Fugina

U.S. Army-Fort Carson, CO Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Jonathan Gelb

Private Practice in General Dentistry

Victoria Marie Hansbury

State University of New York at Stony Brook General Practice Residency

Elena Healy

New York University/Bellevue Hospital Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Sharon Hsueh

New York Medical College General Practice Residency

Kathy Hu

Flushing Hospital Medical Center General Practice Residency

James Tate Hunter

Texas A&M University School of Dentistry Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Jessica Hwang

University of California, Los Angeles Endodontics

Dina Kaloti

Private Practice in General Dentistry

Min Jae Kang

NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital Pediatrics

Sally (Yoorim) Kang

NYU Lagone Dental Medicine – Brooklyn, NY Pediatrics

Jonathon Isaac Katz

St. Barnabas Hospital General Practice Residency

Prajkta Khadse

Private Practice in General Dentistry New Jersey

Ahsan Khan

West Virginia University Periodontics

Danuh Kim

Saint Louis University Orthodontics

Ryunhyung Jessica Kim

University of California-San Francisco Orthodontics

Ye Eun Kim

BronxCare Health System Pediatrics

Zelda Kogen

Montefiore Medical Center General Practice Residency

Ariel Kohenbash

St. Barnabas Hospital General Practice Residency

Sneha Kurien

NYC Health + Hospitals, Queens General Practice Residency

Kristen Rose LaBruna

Jacobi Medical Center

Pediatrics

Olivia Lori Lee

Private Practice in General Dentistry Maryland

Philip Junho Lee

Private Practice in General Dentistry Missouri

Julia Elena Lin

Nassau University Medical Center General Practice Residency

Rebecca Li

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Rea Madan

Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System/Harvard University General Practice Residency

Aleksandra Malz

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Tyler Moore

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Adam Mucci

Lackland Air Force Base Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Farangis Mukhitdinova

Lincoln Medical Center General Practice Residency

Kenna Thi Nguyen

NYU Langone Dental Medicine – San Diego CA Pediatrics

Vanessa Nguyen

Private Practice in General Dentistry

Sunny (Suh Yeon) Oh

Columbia University College of Dental Medicine Periodontics

Rodolfo Olivares

Long Island Jewish Medical Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Nicole Pallas

Veterans Administration Medical Center – New York General Practice Residency

Natalia Pardo-Lombo

Columbia University College of Dental Medicine NYU Langone Health-Orthodontics

Soomin Park

University of California, Los Angeles Dual Degree Orthodontics/PhD

Anirudh Sai Pidugu

Nicklaus Children's Hospital Pediatrics

Ian Pilcher

U.S. Army, Fort Liberty, North Carolina Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Mark Prakash

Washington, D.C. VA Hospital Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Nechama Rabinovitch

New York University Orthodontics

Nikta Radfar-Schmertz

St. Barnabas Hospital General Practice Residency

Zacharie Rahhal

Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center General Practice Residency

Zaid Tauhidur Rahman

State University of New York at Stony Brook General Practice Residency

Avsar Rana

Yale-New Haven Hospital General Practice Residency

Houston Marie Rhodes

Massachusetts General Hospital General Practice Residency

Arlene Rodriguez

Flushing Hospital & Medical Center General Practice Residency

Meredith Rogers

University of Rochester Medical Center/ Eastman Institute for Oral Health Orthodontics

Ari Samuel Rosen

Nassau University Medical Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Nigora Salieva

Monmouth Medical Center General Practice Residency

Amitoj Kaur Samra

Holyoke Health Center, MA Pediatrics

Natascia Sawh

State University of New York at Stony Brook General Practice Residency

Samantha Schnall

Hudson Regional Hospital - CTOR Academy Orthodontics

Nimmy Shajan Paul

Private Practice in General Dentistry Texas

Abrar F. Shamim

Massachusetts General Hospital Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Tanvi Sharma

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Rutgers School of Dental Medicine Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Jake Snitofsky

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Dani Stanbouly

Harvard University, T.H. Chan School of Public Health Master's in Public Health

Austin Talis

Private Practice in General Dentistry Kentucky

Matthew Tancer

NewYork-Presbyterian/ Columbia University Medical Center General Practice Residency

Brian Urban

Abington-Jefferson Health General Practice Residency

Rachel Utomo

Private Practice in General Dentistry New Hampshire

Rene Alejandro Vega

Private Practice in General Dentistry Florida

Rajarajeswari Velusamy

Private Practice in General Dentistry New Jersey

Joseph Vigoda

Private Practice in General Dentistry Louisiana

David Walton

Goldi Weiser

NYC Health + Hospitals, Bellevue General Practice Residency

Margaret Wodicka

University of Washington Orthodontics

Kevin Wong

Northwell Health General Practice Residency

Tima Yarmand

NYU Langone Dental Medicine – Brighton, CO Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Asli Yilmaz

Rutgers School of Dental Medicine Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Yuedi Yu

Loma Linda University
Orthodontics

Mark Yusufov

NYU Langone Dental Medicine – Brighton, CO Pediatrics

Susan Zec

The Brooklyn Hospital Center General Practice Residency

STUDENT AWARDS

PRESENTED AT CLASS DAY MAY 15, 2024

AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED MERIT

The following awards are presented to students who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, leadership and/or service

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF DENTISTRY ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

Susan Zec

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Erika Denour

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE
NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Adam Mucci

THE CAMPBELL AWARD

for leadership and Columbia Spirit

Erika Denour

OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON KEY

For outstanding scholarship

Kate Balatgek Meredith Rogers
Samantha Eyen Abrar F. Shamim
Rea Madan Claudia Elena Soria

Adam Mucci Goldi Weiser

Nechama Rabinovitch Margaret Wodicka

ADMISSIONS AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Kristen Rose LaBruna

Asli Yilmaz

OFFICE OF ACCESS, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Ashlee Alyssa Campbell

STUDENT AFFAIRS AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Rachel Utomo

AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Adam Mucci

JIWON LEE, DDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD **Margaret Wodicka**

JEAN WENG HOLDEN & DOUGLAS S. HOLDEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Kate Balatgek

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS AWARD

Rea Madan

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
USA SECTION STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Jonathon Isaac Katz

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
USA SECTION STUDENT HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Houston Marie Rhodes

HANNAH APPEL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Isabella Buechele-Bhole

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The following awards are presented to students who have demonstrated the highest proficiency in a specific aspect of dentistry.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY AWARD

Ashlee Alyssa Campbell

DAVID APPLEWHITE MEMORIAL FUND AWARD

Johanna Diaz

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ENDODONTICS

Nikta Radfar-Schmertz

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS
PREDOCTORAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN ENDODONTICS

Jessica Hwang

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS AWARD

Alec Donelian

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN OPERATIVE DENTISTRY

Olivia Lori Lee

ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY
OUTSTANDING GENERAL PRACTITIONER AWARD

Adam Mucci

ACADEMY OF OPERATIVE DENTISTRY AWARD

Kathy Hu

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ESTHETIC DENTISTRY AWARD

Claudia Elena Soria

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF IMPLANT DENTISTRY AWARD

Rodolfo Olivares

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OSTEOINTEGRATION AWARD Kate Balatgek

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

Erica Chang

BRASSELER ESTHETIC DENTISTRY AWARD

Rene Alejandro Vega

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ORAL IMPLANTOLOGISTS
DENTSPLY PRE-DOCTORAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Ian Pilcher

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN FOUNDATIONAL SCIENCES

Nechama Rabinovitch

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Asli Yilmaz

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS DENTAL STUDENT AWARD

Abrar F. Shamim

AMERICAN DENTAL SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGY
HORACE WELLS AWARD IN ORAL AND MAXILLFOCIAL SURGERY

Aleksandra Malz

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS DENTAL IMPLANT STUDENT AWARD Samantha Eyen

DR. DENNIS LEE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Elena Healy

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OROFACIAL PAIN

Ana Andre

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ORAL RADIOLOGY

Nechama Rabinovitch

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY AWARD

Yuedi Yu

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ORTHODONTICS

Tyler Moore

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS AWARD

Nechama Rabinovitch

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY Erika Denour

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD

Courtney Brenner

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PERIODONTICS

Tima Yarmand

LIONEL ABZUG SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Sunny (Suh Yeon) Oh

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PERIODONTOLOGY AWARD Sunny (Suh Yeon) Oh

NORTHEASTERN SOCIETY OF PERIODONTISTS AWARD Sunny (Suh Yeon) Oh

QUINTESSENCE AWARD	FOR	CLINICAL	ACHIEVEMENT
IN PERIODONTICS			

Goldi Weiser

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PROSTHODONTICS

Anna Cappell Cooper

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTICS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Hannah Eisenbeis

WHIP MIX- HANAU BEST OF THE BEST PROSTHODONTIC AWARD Nigora Salieva

WILLIAM H. SILVERSTEIN & ALLAN C. SILVERSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARD

Anna Cappell Cooper

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN STOMATOLOGY

Anna Cappell Cooper

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND MAXIOLLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY AWARD

Alec Donelian

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL MEDICINE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT Samantha Eyen

PIERRE FAUCHARD ACADEMY SENIOR STUDENT AWARD

Soomin Park

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT Meredith Rogers

THIRD-YEAR AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

These awards were presented to students in the Class of 2024 as third year students

THE ABRAHAM AND MARTHA BARNETT SCHOLARSHIP
Nikta Radfar

MILTON G. SCHLESINGER RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD

Alexis Catalano

Soomin Park

PIERRE FAUCHARD FOUNDATION THIRD YEAR AWARD Samantha Eyen

OATH FOR THE PROFESSION

AS A MEMBER OF A HEALTHCARE PROFESSION: I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity; THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration; I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patients; I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life; I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient; I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died; I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with the recognized standards of care; I WILL FOSTER the honor and noble traditions of the healthcare professions; I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due; I WILL SHARE my knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare; I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard; I WILL NOT USE my knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat; I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honor