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DETROIT MERCY
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

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WELCOME

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT 2020

Sunday, November 15th
2:30 pm.

University of Detroit Mercy
4001 West McNichols Road
Detroit, Michigan

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MACE BEARER

DEANS OF THE UNIVERSITY

VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME FROM SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Juliette Daniels, Ed.D.

Assistant Dean for Student Services & Enrollment Management

WELCOME

Pamela Zarkowski, M.P.H., J.D.

Provost of the University

INVOCATION

Judith Mouch, R.S.M., RN, M.S.N.

Retired Clinical Associate Professor, McAuley School of Nursing, College of Health Professions

Gilbert Sunghera, S.J., M.Div., M.Arch., S.T.M.

Superior, University of Detroit Mercy Jesuit Community

Associate Professor, Architecture

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.

President of the University

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

& DEAN'S REMARKS

Mert N. Aksu, D.D.S., J.D., M.H.S.A.

Dean and Professor

CONFERRING OF CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.

RECESSIONAL

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Toufic N. Abbas
Abdullah Yasser Al-ginahi
Kristen Jean Bailey
Ke-Airra Patrice Baker
Barbara Diane Cox
Zeinab Daher
Daniela DeFranco
Sahar A. Farhat
Ahmad Fawaz
Corinne Nicole Haro
Ciara Chanel Harris
Shelby Rae Harris
Hannah Jean Howard
Hala Ibrahim
Alexandria Frances Kelly

Melissa Anne Kramp
Rebecca Nicole Langlands
Chuong Nguyen
Vrushhi M. Patel
Shirley RYanne Redburn
Justin Charles Schoenfeldt
Ali A. Shareef
Abigail Ruth Sharp
Katelyn Elizabeth Shivel
Devon Danelle Sutton
Samantha Ann Thompson
Amanda Mae Totin
Kendra Doreen Towns
Mirna Amanuel Yousif

Candidates for degrees to be granted upon completion of formal requirements.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Omar Salah Abdelrahman, B.S.
 Noor Kamil Abraham
 *Nihan Sanam Akhtar, B.S.
 Lena Akkad, B.I.S.
 Nisreen Al-Farra, B.Sc., M.S.
 Yara A. Al-Hamwi Bzankou, B.S.
 **Rashat Ali, B.D.S., M.Sc., D.Sc.D.
 Omar Aljundi, B.S.
 **Dana Alkhatib, B.D.S.
 Charmiah Marie Amie, M.S.
 Chelsea M. Anthony, B.A.
 Christian Arcolin Lo Monaco, B.S.
 Omar Ibrahim Aref, B.A.
 Nona Aryan, B.S., M.S.
 **Midhat Asfar, B.D.S., M.S.D.
 Maidah Noreen Atta, B.S.
 Anela Avdic, B.S.
 Nicholas J. Barone, B.S.
 Nicolette Anne Bassett, B.S.
 Erik Mikkel Bertilrud, B.S.
 Ritika Bhatia, B.S.
 **Pranav Prashant Bhide, M.D.S., B.D.S.
 Ashley Nicole Billings, B.S.
 Andrea Alexis Callaway, B.S.
 Brenden Lee Carey, B.S.
 Christopher Gordon Theodore Chekay B.Sc.
 Alexander William Chevalier, H.B.Sc.
 Amanda Kathryn Croskey, B.S.
 Anita Victoria Dallo, B.S.
 Kais George Zia Dardar, B.D.S., M.Sc., Ph.D.
 Ravneet Kaur Dhillon, B.S.
 Jessica U. Dinh, B.S.
 Rezan Doku, B.A.
 Jordan E. Elliott, B.S.
 Sahand Esllaamizaad, B.Sc.
 Madison McKenzie Margaret Fantin, B.Sc., H.B.Sc.
 Alethea Grace Fei, B.S.
 Jamaal Anthoane Foster, M.B.S.
 Elizabeth Rae Friend, B.S.E.
 Daniel Galvez, B.S.
 Monica Francisco Garay, B.S.
 William J. Garcia, B.S.
 Benjamin Jeffrey Geleris, B.S.
 Alexis Anne Georgoff, B.S.
 Taryn Lee Gladwish, H.B.Sc.
 Margaret Mary Rose Gordinier, B.S.
 Max D. Gosselin, B.S.
 Xiaoyu Guo, B.S.
 Binh Le Ha, B.S.
 Adam Christian Hadsell, B.S.
 Renna Fieza Hatahet, B.S., M.S.
 Cody James Hawkes
 Hadeel Hedoo, B.S.
 **Bruno Schneider Herrera, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.
 Ragda M. Hindi, B.S.
 Ryan Edward Hofsess, B.S.
 Maxwell K. Hogue, B.S.
 +Ryan Michael Hornyak, B.M.Sc.
 Bilal M. Ibrahim, B.A.
 Marian Hannah Ibrahim
 Sidra Irfan, B.S.
 Reem R. Israel, B.A.
 *Devonn Eli Israil, B.S.
 Daniel James Izzo, B.Sc., B.Ed.
 *Helin Dilshad Jacksi, B.S.
 Samer M. Jassar, H.B.Sc.
 Arjewan T. Jassim, B.Sc., M.Sc.
 Joshua Virginio Tavares Kaluzny, B.Sc.
 *Maria A. Kana, B.S.
 Katie Joohee Kim, B.A.
 Pyo Jae Kim, M.S.
 Young Do Kim, B.Sc.
 Haram Ko, B.A.
 Kadie Ann Koolwick, B.S.
 Bryan Anthony Korona, B.S.
 +Shelby Quinn Coulter Koschuck, B.Sc.
 Sarah Elizabeth Kosinski, B.S.
 Sabina Kurtovic, B.S.
 Anthony Jacob Laszlo, B.S.
 Ka Hi Lee, B.Sc.
 Craig J. Lenhausen, B.S.
 Paul D. Leveille
 Tingxi Liu, B.A.
 Caitlyn Elizabeth Lorenzo, B.S.
 Sahib Singh Lotey, B.Sc.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Christopher William Lowe, B.Sc.	Rola Khalil Rayes, B.S.
Tristan Clay Lunsford, B.S.	*Aloysius F. Redding, B.S.
+Elizabeth Rose Macchione, H.B.M.Sc.	**Mohammad Reshad
Marium Fatima Mahdi, H.B.S.	Casey Erin Rhines, B.A.
Garret Jordan Marchant, B.S.	David King Rubinov, B.S.
Jayce J. Mathew, B.S.	Risha Kaur Sandu, LL.B., M.S.
Robert Elliott McDonald, B.S.	Timothy Joseph Schafer, B.S.
Arsen A. Melkonyan, B.S.	Farinaz Sepahifar, B.S.
Nikolina Milidrag, B.Sc.	Xingyou Shi, B.A.
*Younis A. Mohamed, B.S.	**Fahad Siddiqui, B.D.S., M.Sc.
Justin Michael Mrochek, B.A.	Laurence Marbie Basconcillo Sitchon, B.S., M.B.S.
Brent Daly Mueller, B.A., B.S.	Hayk Snkhtchyan
Misha Renee' Mullen, B.S.	Michael Anthony South, H.B.Sc.
Dina Mary Murad	Jeffrey John Stephen, B.Sc.
Antonia Sonte Neal	Ranim Suliman, B.S.
Ashley Ortiz, B.S.	**Joyce Bin-Hong Sun, M.A., B.D.S., C.A.G.S.
**Abdullah Othman, D.D.S., M.S.	Qaneta Rahman Syed, B.Sc.
Taesu Eun Pak, B.S.	Don Alexander Tatalovich, B.S., M.P.H.
Angela Christine Panagos, B.S.	Ryley Quinn Tolman, B.S.
Alixandria Ana Pappas, B.A.	Albert Trieu, B.S.
Hiralben Patel, B.S.	Tanner Cole Trombley, B.S.
Sejal Jaya Patel, B.S.	Herschel Simeon Ungar, B.S.
Alec House Pelc, B.S.	*Tara Ann Vattadi, B.A.
+Amandeep Kaur Pentlia, B.Sc., M.P.H.	Duc-Tri Van Vu
*Meghan Claire Polack, B.S.	Chelsea Quenlyn Watkins, B.A.
*Clara Poparad-Steazar, B.S.	Megan A. Width, B.S.
David Posada, B.S.	Markus Franz Wolfram, B.S.
+Steven Joseph Quell, B.S.	Sarah Nicole Wong, B.Sc.
Jordan Ramzi Rabban, B.S.	Michelle Yi Wu, B.S.
Ali Radmanesh, M.S.	Hussein Yassine, B.Sc.
*Genna Margaret Ramey, B.S.	Tyler Jacob Young, B.S.
Shahbaz Singh Randhawa, B.S.	Firas M. Zako

*Candidates in the 7 year program – received a D.D.S. and B.S. in Biology

+Candidates receiving a Certificate in Business Fundamentals

**Candidates in the Accelerated Dental program – received a D.D.S.

Candidates for degrees to be granted up on completion of formal requirements.

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY

Tara Firouzi, D.D.S.
Michel Jahmal Lundy, D.D.S.
William B. Thayer, D.D.S.

Program Director – Christina Van Dam, D.D.S.

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN ENDODONTICS AND THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

James Brent Herrington, Jr., D.D.S.
Spencer Frederick Holmes, D.D.S.

Program Director – Susan Paurazas, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., M.S.

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN ORTHODONTICS AND THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Andrew Thomas Daabous, D.D.S.
Sherry Deol, D.M.D.
Justin Mazin Kammo, D.D.S.
Lam K. Vuong, D.D.S.
Jennifer Lynn Yessa, D.M.D.

Program Director – Riyadh Al-Qawasmi, B.D.S., M.S.D., Ph.D.

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN PERIODONTICS AND THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Vidushi Gupta, D.M.D.
Arash Khoshneviszadeh, D.M.D.
Omar Mario Masabni, B.D.S.

Program Director – Bassam Kinaia, D.D.S., M.S.

Candidates for degrees to be granted up on completion of formal requirements.

CLASS OF 2020 AWARDS

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Omar Salah Abdelrahman, B.S.

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Horace Wells Senior Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Nihan Sanam Akhtar, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Lena Akkad, B.I.S.

American Association of Orthodontists Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition
Class Representative, Dental Class of 2020
School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition
School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Christian Arcolin Lo Monaco, B.S.

Detroit Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Senior Oral Surgery Award
Russell W. Bunting Periodontal Society Award

Omar Ibrahim Aref, B.A.

American Academy of Orofacial Pain Outstanding Senior Award
Quintessence Award of Clinical Achievement in Periodontics

Anela Avdic, B.S.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Nicolette Anne Bassett, B.S.

American Academy of Oral Medicine Award

Andrea Alexis Callaway, B.S.

American Association of Endodontics Award

Alexander William Chevalier, H.B.Sc.

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Amanda Kathryn Croskey, B.S.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition
School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Anita Victoria Dallo, B.S.

Falcon Family Award

Ravneet Kaur Dhillon, B.S.

Class of 2020 Student Admissions Ambassador
School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition
School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Jessica U. Dinh, B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Sahand Eslaamizaad, B.Sc.

Detroit Mercy Dental Excellence in Research Award
School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Madison McKenzie Margaret Fantin, B.Sc., H.B.Sc.

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award

CLASS OF 2020 AWARDS

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Alethea Grace Fei, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition
School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Alexis Anne Georgoff, B.S.

Secretary, Dental Class of 2020

Taryn Lee Gladwish, H.B.Sc.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition
Class of 2020 Student Admissions Ambassador

Adam Christian Hadsell, B.S.

Treasurer, Dental Class of 2020
School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Ragada M. Hindi, B.S.

International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award
President, Dental Class of 2020

Bilal M. Ibrahim, B.A.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Dental Student Award
Academy of Dentistry International Student Servant Leadership Award
Vivere Ex Missione Award
School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Marian Hannah Ibrahim

Hu-Friedy Golden Carver Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Devonn Eli Israil, B.S.

School of Dentistry Excellence in Academic Leadership Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition
School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Helin Dilshad Jacksi

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Senior Dental Student
Recognition Award
Detroit Mercy Dental Community Service Award

Samer M. Jassar, H.B.Sc.

Class of 2020 Student Admissions Ambassador

Katie Joohee Kim, B.A.

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

Shelby Quinn Coulter Koschuck, B.Sc.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Anthony Jacob Laszlo, B.S.

Vice President, Dental Class of 2020

Tingxi Liu, B.A.

Quintessence Award for Research Achievement
School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

CLASS OF 2020 AWARDS DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Elizabeth Rose Macchione, H.B.M.Sc.

Brian D. Stone Memorial Award
Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award
Vedder Society Awardee
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition
Class of 2020 Student Admissions Ambassador

Jayce J. Mathew, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Robert Elliott McDonald, B.S.

Delta Dental Foundation Community Commitment Award

Arsen A. Melkonyan, B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence

Nikolina Milidrag, B.Sc.

Whip Mix Hanau Best of Best Prosthodontic Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition
School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition
Class of 2020 Student Admissions Ambassador

Younis A. Mohamed, B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Misha Renee' Mullen, B.S.

Class of 2020 Student Admissions Ambassador

Dina Mary Murad

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Antonia Sonte Neal

Class of 2020 Student Admissions Ambassador

Ashley Ortiz, B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Alixandria Ana Pappas, B.A.

DENTSPLY International Merit Award in Removable Prosthodontics
School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Sejal Jaya Patel, B.S.

International Congress of Oral Implantology Pre-Doctoral Achievement Award
School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Amandeep Kaur Pentlia, B.Sc., M.P.H.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Dentistry Clinical Excellence Award
Delta Dental Foundation Student Leadership Award

Meghan Claire Polack

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

CLASS OF 2020 AWARDS

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Clara Poparad-Stezar, B.S.

School of Dentistry Dental Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
School of Dentistry Biomedical Sciences Award
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Student Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition
School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition
School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Shahbaz Singh Randhawa, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Rola Khalil Rayes, B.S.

Academy of Osseointegration Outstanding Dental Student in Implant Dentistry Award

Casey Erin Rhines, B.A.

International College of Dentists Humanitarian Award

Timothy Joseph Schafer, B.S.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Achievement Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition
Class Representative, Dental Class of 2020
School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Ryley Quinn Tolman

Academy of General Dentistry Award
School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Tanner Cole Trombley

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Student Award

Herchel Simeon Ungar, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Chelsea Quenlyn Watkins, B.A.

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry
School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Hussein Yassine, B.Sc.

American Academy of Periodontology Dental Student Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Tyler Jacob Young, B.S.

Preident, Student Government Association

Firas M. Zako

American College of Prosthodontics Undergraduate Achievement Award

CLASS OF 2020 AWARDS

DENTAL HYGIENE

Toufic N. Abbas

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Community Service Award

Kristen Jean Bailey

Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society

Shelby Rae Harris

East Shore District Dental Hygienists' Society Award

President, Dental Hygiene Class of 2020

Hannah Jean Howard

University of Detroit Mercy Dental Hygiene Alumni Award

Hala Ibrahim

School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Alexandria Frances Kelly

Colgate Student Total Achievement Recognition Award

Treasurer, Dental Hygiene Class of 2020

Rebecca Nicole Langlands

School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Biomedical Sciences Award

Loa Petri Clinical Dental Hygiene Award

Vrushni M. Patel

Hu-Friedy "Golden Scaler" Award

Shirley Ryanne Redburn

School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Periodontology Achievement Award

Justin Charles Schoenfeldt

Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society

Katelyn Elizabeth Shivel

Student Government Association Dental Hygiene Representative

Samantha Ann Thompson

Secretary, Dental Hygiene Class of 2020



ACADEMIC REGALIA

Architecture	Blue Velvet	Law	Purple
Arts and Letters	White	Library Science	Lemon
Business Administration	Drab	Medicine	Green
Dentistry	Lilac	Music	Pink
Economics	Copper	Nursing	Apricot
Education	Light Blue	Pharmacy	Copper
Engineering	Orange	Philosophy	Blue
Fine Arts	Brown	Physical Education	Sage Green
Journalism	Crimson	Public Administration	Brown

The custom of wearing academic gowns, caps and hoods dates back to the 12th century and likely had its inception in France, where the wearing of the cap and gown marked the formal admission of the “Licentiate” to the body of masters. The cold buildings of medieval times, in which the masters were obliged to teach, required caps and hoods which naturally were patterned after the prevailing dress of the times. Since a large number of scholars were clerics, the robes resembled the monks’ dress. The hoods were fashioned after the monks’ cowl and were attached to the gown so that they might be drawn over the head. Later, when the hood was displaced by the skull cap as a head covering, it was made separately from the gown. The skull cap evolved into a pointed cap which is evidenced today in the mortar board cap with its tassel.

Considering the development described above, it is natural that there would be a great variety of styles and usage. In order to maintain uniformity, an *Intercollegiate Code for Academic Costumes* has been adopted by most leading institutions of learning. As a result, the gowns and hoods of this country are a badge of learning, symbolic of the degree attained.

This code calls for three types of gowns: the Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctor’s. The Bachelor’s gown is made with an open or closed front with long pointed sleeves. The Master’s gown is an open front garment with extremely long closed sleeves - the arms protrude through a slit at the elbow. The ends of the sleeves are square and are further characterized by an arc of a circle appearing near the bottom. The Doctor’s gown is also an open front garment, with round bell-shaped sleeves along the length of the arm. There are wide, black velvet panels facing down the front with three velvet bars on each sleeve, which may portray the color that represents the degree earned or may remain black.

It is in the design of the hood that is distinctly American. Simple, yet beautiful, each degree, Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctor’s, is represented by a distinct shape or form. The Bachelor’s hood is the smallest of the three - the velvet edging is narrower and less exposed. The Master’s hood is the same length as the Doctor’s - the velvet edging is somewhat wider than the Bachelor’s and more of the lining can be seen. The Doctor’s hood is easily recognized by the width of the velvet edging, its wide panels and the full exposure of the lining. The lining of the hood indicates the colors of the institute conferring the degree and the color of the velvet trimmings represents the degree.

The black gowns, trimmed with multi-colored velvet and worn by some members of the Dental Faculty, indicate membership in the American College of Dentists or the International College of Dentists.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION & MACE

The order of the Academic Procession (see page 2) is governed by academic protocol. College and School order of march is determined by their founding.

The mace is ceremonial and dates back to sixteenth century England where it was used as a formidable weapon to protect high ranking civil, educational and religious officials, and royalty. Today the mace has become a symbol of authority and is carried by a distinguished member of the academic community.

Attached to the silver crown of the mace is a double-sided University crest. Circumscribed around the consolidated institutions' crests is the wording, "University of Detroit Mercy." The left side of the inner circle portrays two wolves at a pot, symbolizing the generosity of the Loyola family (Ignatius Loyola was the founder of the Society of Jesus). After all the family and the workers were fed, even the wild animals had the pot to lick.

The motto of the Jesuits, "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam" (For the Greater Glory of God), is located above the wolves and the pot. The date 1877 refers to the founding of University of Detroit by the Jesuits.

On the inner circle, right side, is a silver cross which is the symbol of the Religious Sisters of Mercy, who founded Mercy College of Detroit in 1941. The three canettes are taken from the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Detroit, symbolizing the Archdiocese and the City. The open book is the traditional symbol for a college. Upon the open pages is inscribed Mercy College's motto, "Maria, Sedes Sapientiae" (Mary, Seat of Wisdom).

The shaft of the mace is made of silver and ebony.







