

Order of the Exercises for the
Doctor of Dental Surgery

SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE
COMMENCEMENT

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



On this special Commencement Day, we celebrate the accomplishments of the Dental Class of 2021. To the graduates, their families and friends, let me offer my congratulations on this momentous occasion, and acknowledge the academic accomplishments and personal sacrifices it has taken to reach this goal.

In this year like no other when the COVID-19 pandemic caused loss and hardship, I want to thank this outstanding graduating class for their resilience and dedication. Together they worked to serve the needs of their patients while supporting their colleagues and others in the school.

Graduates, the faculty and staff of the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine take great pride in the educational, research and clinical programs that have provided you with the knowledge and skills that you now possess as new dentists. While you are now distinguished alumni of our great school, your education is not over. As capable professionals, you are entering the dental profession at a time when both your skills and compassion are much in demand.

As you meet the new challenges of treating patients in your communities, please remember the underserved and less fortunate populations who also need your care. Commit to increasing access to oral health care and improving lives. Be mindful of your personal needs and care for yourself while caring for others.

May the opportunities and privilege to treat others be a source of great professional and personal satisfaction for you.

Best wishes for a bright future,

Denise K. Kassebaum, DDS, MS
Dean, School of Dental Medicine

ORDER OF EXERCISES

WELCOME

Denise K. Kassebaum, DDS, MS

Dean, School of Dental Medicine

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Kevin M. Patterson, DDS '89, MD

President, Metropolitan Denver Dental Society

President-elect of KIND (Kids in Need of Dentistry)

REMARKS TO THE DENTAL CLASS OF 2021

Sheaffer Skadsen

Class President, Class of 2021

PRESENTATION OF DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREES

Denise K. Kassebaum, DDS, MS

Dean, School of Dental Medicine

Eric Mediavilla, DDS

Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions

Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry

PLACEMENT OF ACADEMIC HOODS

James DeLapp, DDS, MBA

Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry

Alan Sutton, DDS, MS

Director, Implant Prosthodontics

Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry

OATH

Tracy de Peralta, DMD, PhD, MClined

Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Innovation

Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry, Community Dentistry and Population Health

Doctor of Dental Surgery Class of 2021

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Dr. Kevin Patterson, DDS '89, MD

Dr. Kevin Patterson received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Colorado School of Dentistry (now School of Dental Medicine) in 1989 and his Graduate Practice Residency (GPR) certificate in 1990. In 1998, Dr. Patterson completed a six-year Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota; and also obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree (MD) in 1996.

Dr. Patterson has been a practicing oral-maxillofacial surgeon in Denver since 1998. In addition to his private practice, he is an associate professor at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine in the Department of Surgical Dentistry and the General Practice Residency Program. He is now a member of the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine Leadership Council. Dr. Patterson is the past-president of the Colorado Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and is currently the Metropolitan Denver Dental Society president. Dr. Patterson is the president-elect of KIND (Kids in Need of Dentistry) and a board member of The J.P. Opioid Interaction Awareness Alliance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The following teaching awards were celebrated during the Virtual Awards Ceremony last evening. The award recipients were selected by the graduating Class of 2021.

THE PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

James DeLapp, DDS, MBA
Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry

CHANCELLOR'S TEACHING RECOGNITION AWARD

Joseph Parsons, DDS
Clinical Assistant Professor, Surgical Dentistry

OUTSTANDING BASIC SCIENCES INSTRUCTOR

Lisa Rabe, PhD, MS
Instructor, Craniofacial Biology

ALTRUISM FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARD

Emanouela Carlson, DDS
*Chair, Division of Endodontics
Associate Professor and Interim Chair, Surgical Dentistry*

OUTSTANDING DIDACTIC INSTRUCTOR

Daniel Wilson, DDS
Clinical Associate Professor and Chair, Restorative Dentistry

OUTSTANDING CLINIC INSTRUCTOR

Alan Sutton, DDS, MS
*Director, Implant Prosthodontics
Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

OUTSTANDING PRE-CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR

James DeLapp, DDS, MBA

Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry

OUTSTANDING PART-TIME FACULTY MEMBER

David Geck, DDS, MS

Clinical Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry

CLASS OF 2021



ALEXANDRIA F. AITKEN

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Denver, Colorado
University of Colorado - Boulder
*American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology
Dental Student Award*
*Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in
Restorative Dentistry*
Omicron Kappa Upsilon
American Academy of Orofacial Pain Student Award
*American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
Dental Student Award*



CRYSTAL V. ALMARAZ

.....

Las Cruces, New Mexico
University of New Mexico



DALAL ALNASSAR

.....

Kuwait City, Kuwait
University of Colorado - Denver



MOHAMMAD ALSHEMALI

.....

Kuwait City, Kuwait
University of Colorado - Denver
*American College of Prosthodontists Predoctoral
Student Prosthodontic Achievement Award*

CLASS OF 2021



MORGAN H. BARBER

Aurora, Colorado
University of Colorado - Boulder



PHILIP BAUER

Seattle, Washington
University of Arizona



BRITTNI J. BENT

Kingston, Jamaica
Barry University



MARGEAUX BLACK

Butte, Montana
Montana Tech of The University of Montana
*American Association of Orthodontists Predoctoral
Student Award*
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Award
Student Life Award for Excellence

CLASS OF 2021



ELIZABETH BRITO

Garden Grove, California
Arizona State University - Tempe
Hanau Award for Excellence in Prosthodontics



KAYLA N. BROWN

Atlanta, Georgia
Columbus State University



MARISA A. CAMPAIGN

Greeley, Colorado
University of Texas - Dallas



CHRIS CHAMBERS

Colorado Springs, Colorado
Brigham Young University - Idaho

CLASS OF 2021



TYLER CHANCELLOR

.....

Hayward, California
Brigham Young University



SKYLER CHRISTENSEN

.....

Fort Collins, Colorado
Colorado State University - Fort Collins



CANDY CONG

.....

Guilin, China
University of Nevada - Las Vegas
*Academy of Operative Dentistry Graduating Student
Award*



JOSEPH P. COROMELAS

.....

Temecula, California
Beloit College

CLASS OF 2021



ELANA COSTANZA

.....

Los Angeles, California
University of Colorado - Boulder



CONNOR CRAIG

.....

Cleveland, Tennessee
Lee University



TAM DANG

.....

Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
University of Colorado - Denver



MEG DINKEL

.....

Baltimore, Maryland
University of Denver

CLASS OF 2021



SIMONE FAVOR

Merrillville, Indiana
Grand Valley State University



KATHLEEN FAY

Kansas City, Missouri
Depaul University



ERIC FEICHTINGER

Loveland, Colorado
Gonzaga University

Dental Student Award for Achievement In Periodontology
Dr. Miles Markley Delta Sigma Delta Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon
Academy of Osseointegration Award for Implant Dentistry



TABITHA FISCHER

Kodiak, Alaska
Fort Lewis College

CLASS OF 2021



ALEXA T. FRIEDRICH

Phoenix, Arizona
University of Arizona
International College of Dentists Humanitarian Award



MATTHEW I. GAMACHE

Pueblo, Colorado
University of Colorado - Denver
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Award



JUSTINE Q. GULLIA

Denver, Colorado
Southern Methodist University
Brian D. Stone Memorial Award
Special Care Dentistry Association Dr. Barry Beauvais Award



YOHANNES G. HADERA

Asmara, Eritrea
Arizona State University - Tempe
American Academy of Implant Dentistry Dental Student Award
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Award

CLASS OF 2021



EVAN HAMAMOTO

Lihue, Hawaii
University of Puget Sound



AIDA IBRAHIM

Harare, Zimbabwe
Colorado State University - Fort Collins



MESSAY IBRAHIM

Harare, Zimbabwe
Colorado State University - Fort Collins



OLIVIA JACONETTE

Rochester, Minnesota
Hillsdale College
Quintessence Award for Research Achievement

CLASS OF 2021



NEHA JIVAN

Colorado Springs, Colorado
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs



COURTNEY R. JOHNSON

Englewood, Colorado
University of Colorado - Boulder
American Academy of Oral Medicine Certificate of Merit



RILEY JOHNSON

Edmonds, Washington
Brigham Young University
Omicron Kappa Upsilon
Global Health Service Award



RYAN JONES

Arvada, Colorado
Brigham Young University - Idaho

CLASS OF 2021



CONNI KIM

Los Angeles, California
University of California - Berkeley



RYAN KOSTER

Bismarck, North Dakota
Carroll College - Helena



EMMA LAZAROFF

Bridgeport, Connecticut
Duke University
Advanced Clinical Training and Services Program Award



HANNA LE

Denver, Colorado
University of Colorado - Boulder

CLASS OF 2021



LAUREN LOUISE LUSTIG
.....

Denver, Colorado
University of Denver
Omicron Kappa Upsilon
Pierre Fauchard Academy Award



ALEXIS MASCARENAS
.....

Colorado Springs, Colorado
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
Academy of Dental Materials Student Award



CHADD MCALPIN
.....

Covina, California
California State University - Monterey Bay



RYAN MILLER
.....

Alamosa, Colorado
Adams State College
Omicron Kappa Upsilon
Alpha Omega International Fraternity

CLASS OF 2021



DANIEL MORA-PLATA

San Bernardino, California
University of Colorado - Denver

*American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
Dental Implant Award*



CORI JANAЕ MORRIS

Soda Springs, Idaho
Brigham Young University



MICHAEL MULADY

New York City, New York
Arizona State University - Tempe



KATHRYN NAGEL

Littleton, Colorado
Rose State College

*Omicron Kappa Upsilon
Brasseler USA Scholars Award
American College of Dentists Award*

CLASS OF 2021



NATALIE P. NEWTON

Corvallis, Oregon
Brigham Young University

The Western Society of Periodontology Student Award
Dr. Thomas J. Bomberg Memorial Award
Student Life Award for Excellence



SON NGUYEN

Hue, Vietnam
Metropolitan State University of Denver



BUSHRA M. OMAR

Mombasa, Kenya
University of Colorado - Denver

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Horace Wells Award



RACHEL PADMANABHAN

San Jose, California
Kansas State University - Manhattan

CLASS OF 2021



HAMILTON PENNYWELL

Denver, Colorado
Regis University
Brasseler USA Scholars Award



CARA POCANO

Westerville, Ohio
Northern Arizona University - Flagstaff



DAMON POGONCHEFF

Greenbrae, California
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor



JOHN M. RAUSCH

Spokane, Washington
University of Montana - Missoula
American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Student Award of Merit
American Association of Endodontists Predoctoral Student Award

CLASS OF 2021



JAYSON RICKS

Pocatello, Idaho
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs



BRANDON P. RINKER

Henderson, Nevada
Arizona State University - Tempe



ERIK RIVAS

Durango, Colorado
University of Arizona
American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology Award
Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievements in Periodontics
Dr. Solomon Averbach Humanitarian Award



BRADY ROBBINS

Cavalier, North Dakota
University of North Dakota
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Student Award

CLASS OF 2021



KEITH ROCKWOOD

Sterling, Colorado
Colorado State University - Fort Collins
Academy of General Dentistry Student Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon
International Congress of Oral Implantologists' Sullivan Schein Dental Predoctoral Achievement
Dental Foundation of Colorado Dr. Kenneth Grove Memorial Award



SINALHI RUIZ

Albuquerque, New Mexico
University of New Mexico - Albuquerque



REBECCA RYAN

Sturgis, South Dakota
South Dakota State University



JASMYNE A. SAMUELS

Burlington, Vermont
Arizona State University - Tempe
Dr. Miles Markley Delta Sigma Delta Award
American Association of Public Health Dentistry Senior Dental Student Award

CLASS OF 2021



TONY SCHICKTANZ

Colorado Springs, Colorado
Regis University



BOMY SHIM

Lenoir, North Carolina
University of Colorado - Boulder
Omicron Kappa Upsilon



SHEAFFER SKADSEN

Vancouver, Washington
University of Arizona
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Pre-Doctoral Student Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon
Colorado Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Graduating Student Award
International College of Dentists Leadership Award



STANFORD D. SMITH

Dallas, Texas
Morehouse College

CLASS OF 2021



JILLIAN STACEY

Colorado Springs, Colorado
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
*American Student Dental Association Graduating
Student Award*



SARAH DOVE STAMPS

San Antonio, Texas
Howard Payne University
*American Equilibration Society Outstanding Senior
Award Criteria*



JOHN STOUT

Ada, Oklahoma
University of Oklahoma - Norman Campus



AMANDA N. TA

Aurora, Colorado
University of Colorado - Denver

CLASS OF 2021



MI THAN

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Denver, Colorado
Regis University



BRITTANI TREVITHICK

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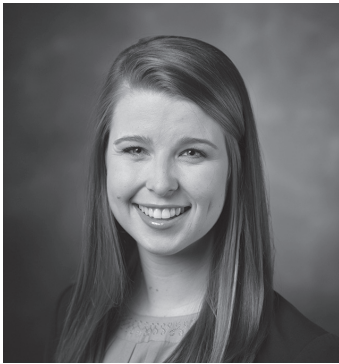
Pueblo, Colorado
Colorado State University - Pueblo



MARK VELEMIROVICH

.....

Manitoba, Canada
University of Colorado - Boulder



CAROLINE HINDS VICK

.....

Spartanburg, South Carolina
Samford University

Colorado Prosthodontics Society Dental Student Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon

CLASS OF 2021



BROOKE WATSON

.....

Colorado Springs, Colorado
University Of South Dakota - Vermillion



RACHAEL YANCEY

.....

Downer's Grove, Illinois
University of Northern Colorado



SEJEONG YEO

.....

Colorado Springs, Colorado
University of Colorado - Boulder



DANPING YI

.....

Chang-Sha, China
Connecticut College

CLASS OF 2021



HASSANAIN ZAHEER

Lahore, Pakistan
University of Colorado - Denver

DENTAL PROFESSIONS OATH

DEAN: Today you stand before family, friends, faculty, and colleagues, ready to become dentists. In closing this ceremony, you now have the opportunity to articulate your commitment to the profession. The oath you have chosen sets forth ideals and principles to guide the work ahead of you.

CLASS: Now being admitted to the profession of dentistry, I pledge myself to the service of humanity, my patients, my community, and my profession. I will use my skills to serve all in need, with openness of spirit and without bias. The health and well-being of my patients will be my first consideration. I will hold in confidence all that my patients entrust to me. I will not subordinate the dignity of any person to monetary, scientific or political ends.

I recognize that I have responsibilities to my community, to promote its welfare and to speak out against injustice. The high regard of my profession is born of society's trust in its practitioners; I will strive to merit that trust.

I will promote the integrity of my profession with honest and respectful relations with other health professionals. I am indebted to those who have taught me its art and science and I recognize my responsibility, in turn, to contribute to the education of those who come after me. I will strive to advance my profession by seeking new knowledge and by reexamining the ideas and practices of the past.

I assume these responsibilities, knowing that their fulfillment depends upon my own good health. I ask that my colleagues be attentive to my well-being as I will be to theirs. I will seek to improve my practice by maintaining my skills and addressing my mistakes.

I take this oath freely and upon my honor.

Based on the Hippocratic Oath



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