

SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

COMMENCEMENT



### ORDER OF EXERCISES



On this special Commencement day, we celebrate the accomplishments of the Dental Class of 2023. 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.

I want to thank this outstanding graduating class for their resilience and dedication through, and after, the COVID19 pandemic. 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

#### WELCOME

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

#### CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Leah E. Schulz, DDS '14
Colorado Dental Association President-elect

#### REMARKS TO THE DENTAL CLASS OF 2023

Wyatt Nguyen, DDS '23

Class President

# PRESENTATION OF DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREES

Denise K. Kassebaum, DDS, MS

Dean

Lonnie R. Johnson, DDS, PhD Senior Associate Dean of Clinics and Professional Practice

Eric Mediavilla, DDS '00

Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs
Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry

#### PLACEMENT OF ACADEMIC HOODS

Thomas Greany, DDS '97

Clinical Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry

Director, Academic Technology Initiatives

Kyle Pelkey, DMD, MBA
Clinical Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry

#### OATH

Tracy de Peralta, DMD, PhD, MClinEd Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Innovation

Doctor of Dental Surgery Class of 2023



#### Leah E. Schulz, DDS '14

Leah E. Schulz, DDS '14, is an alumna from the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine and is the current President-elect of the Colorado Dental Association (CDA). She is passionate about improving health equity through her work as the Director of Dental Projects at Salud Family Health, a federally qualified health center. Schulz enjoys precepting predoctoral dental students and postdoctoral AEGD residents at the CU School of Dental Medicine and NYU Langone Health. Schulz has a keen interest in political advocacy efforts, especially those that benefit the historically marginalized, and is actively involved in the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) Policy and Advocacy Committee, the CDA Government Relations Council and the CDA Small Donor Committee. She chairs the Colorado Dental Political Action Committee, is a CDA Action team leader, and is the dentist representative on the Colorado State Medical Assistance and Services Advisory Council. Equally passionate about practice management and organizational leadership, she is a member of NNOHA's Practice Management Committee, a delegate to the American Dental Association (ADA), an ADA Success Speaker, a 2019 graduate of both the National Oral Health Leadership Institute and the Regional Institute of Health and Environmental Learning's Primary Care Movers and Changers Leadership Program, and a 2020 graduate of the ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership. Schulz was awarded the Geiger-Gibson Emerging Leader national distinction in 2018, was honored with a fellowship by the Pierre Fauchard Academy in 2022 and will be inducted into the International College of Dentists later this year.

The following teaching awards were celebrated during the DDS Class of 2023 Banquet & Awards Ceremony. The award recipients were selected by the graduating Class of 2023.

# PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Alison Morrison, DMD
Assistant Professor, Division of Endodontics, Department of Surgical Dentistry

# CHANCELLOR'S TEACHING RECOGNITION AWARD

Thomas Greany, DDS '97

Clinical Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry
Director of Academic Technology Initiatives
Associate Professor, Modern Human Anatomy Program

#### OUTSTANDING BASIC SCIENCES INSTRUCTOR

Caley Orr, PhD
Associate Professor, Anthropology

#### OUTSTANDING DIDACTIC INSTRUCTOR

Kunjan Kakar, DDS (ISP '10), MS, BDS Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry

## OUTSTANDING PRE-CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR

James DeLapp, DDS '82, MS Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry

#### OUTSTANDING CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR

Daniel Melamed, DDS

Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry

#### OUTSTANDING PART-TIME FACULTY

Yoolim Kim, DMD, MS
Assistant Professor, Surgical Dentistry

## ALTRUISM FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARD

Eric Mediavilla, DDS '00

Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs
Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry

#### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Leah E. Schulz, DDS '14
Colorado Dental Association President-elect

## OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON HONORARY INDUCTEE

Diedre Callanan, RDH, DC, MPH
Assistant Professor, Community Dentistry & Population Health
Director of Continuing Education
Title IX Ally

# OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON HONORARY INDUCTEE

Maureen Pasquale
Former Director of Finance

# OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON FACULTY INDUCTEE

Emanouela Carlson, DDS '09 Associate Professor & Chair, Surgical Dentistry

# OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON LIFETIME INDUCTEE

Denise Kassebaum, DDS, MS

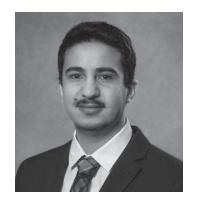
Dean



**BRUCE ABBOTT** 



**BLAKE ALEXANDER** 



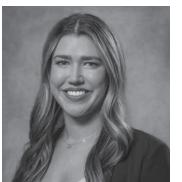
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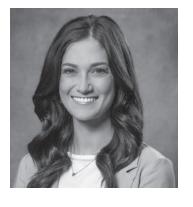
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JESSE E. ANDREWS



FAITH ARNESON



MADISON AUNGST

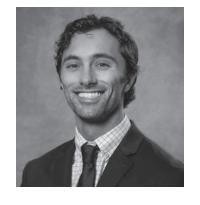
Quintessence Award for Research Achievement



LOGAN AUÑÓN



KATLYN BARLOWE



NOAH BARRETT



BRENDA BATRES

Society of Color and Appearance in Dentistry
Award



JOSEPH BORST

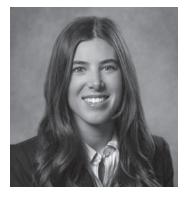
CLASS OF 2023 CLASS OF 2023



BENJAMIN BRIGHT



KATRI CASE



MADISON COURTNEY

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial
Surgeons Dental Student Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Member



MEKAYLA DAVICO



ZALEON DINH



MARK FIORELLO

Dr. Solomon Averbach Humanitarian Award



MAKENNA FOPMA

Predoctoral Student Prosthodontic Achievement
Award

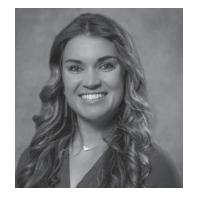


American Academy of Periodontology Dental Student Award
Dr. Thomas J. Bomberg Memorial Award
International Congress of Oral Implantologists'
(ICOC)/Sullivan Schein Dental Predoctoral
Achievement

## CLASS OF 2023



JEFFERY GIUS



KATHRYN GORCZYCA



STEPHANIE GUIMARÃES

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Certificate of Merit Award



ANYA HATFIELD



SASHA HILL



MEGAN HOANG



MADISON HOBBS

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Dental Student Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Member



ZACHARY HOLLOWAY



FAITH HOPE



DANNY HUYNH



KENNY HUYNH



SARAH INGAH



MICHAEL JAISLE



PATRICK JONES



ZANE KHATTAK

The Colorado Prosthodontic Society Award

Dr. Kenneth Grove/Memorial of the Dental
Foundation of Colorado Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Member



JOURDAN KIDD

American Academy of Oral Medicine Certificate of Merit Western Society of Periodontology Award Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Award Omicron Kappa Upsilon Member

## CLASS OF 2023



AMELIA KRAFT

Advanced Clinical Training and Services Program
Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Member



KYLIE KUDRNA



THI LE



TRAVIS R. LEE

American College of Dentists Student Award

Brasseler USA Award



EMILY LI

Outstanding Dental Student in Implant DentistryAcademy of Osseointegration

The Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student
Award

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievements in
Periodontics

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Member



PEI-HSUAN LIN
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Member



JACQUELINE MERZ
International College of Dentists Leadership Award
American Association of Public Health Dentistry
Award



FAITH MEYER

## CLASS OF 2023



MOHAMMAD MOHAMMAD



PATRICK MUGABE
International College of Dentists Student
Humanitarian Award
Predoctoral Student Achievement Award in
Endodontics



PATRICK MURPHY

Hanau Award for Excellence in Prosthodontics

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial

Surgeons Dental Implant Student Award



YALDA NAZERI



BAO-CHI CLARA NGHIEM

Alpha Omega International Fraternity Award

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial
Radiology Achievement Award

Quintessence Award for Clincal Achievement in
Restorative Dentistry

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Member



KHAI NGUYEN



WYATT NGUYEN



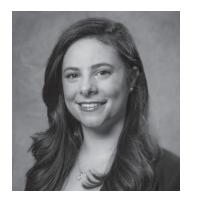
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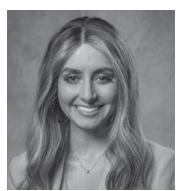
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HANNAH PAUL



KENDALL PECK

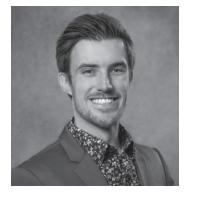


SARAH POSANTE



JOSHUA PRESLEY

Dr. Barry Beauvais/Special Care Dentistry
Associaiton Award



BRENDAN REICH

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Member



ELIZABETH RODIE

Brian D. Stone Memorial Award



JUAN RODRIGUEZ

## CLASS OF 2023



LANDON ROGERS



MEGAN RYAN



COURTNEY SANTISTEVAN

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award



ANDREAS SCHMALZ

American Academy of Implant Dentistry Dental
Student Award



AKSHAY SHAH

Academy of General Dentistry Senior Student Dental Award

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Horace Wells Award



AMANDA SLAVIK



HAYDEN SMITH

Miles Markley Delta Sigma Delta Award

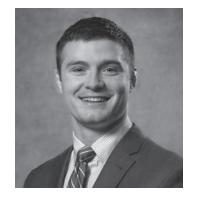


**BRITTNEY SULLIVAN** 

American Association of Orthodontists Student Dental Award



TJ SWANSON



JACOB TAYLOR



AMY TRAN



THUY TRANG TRANG

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award



GINNETH TRUJILLO MACKENZIE



MINH-TOM VAN

American Equilibration Society Award



JADE VIGIL

Academy of Dental Materials Award



STEPHANIE WAKEFIELD

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Award



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### 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

## CONGRATULATIONS

# TO THE DDS CLASS OF 2023!

# A Message from the CU Anschutz Alumni Team:

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!
We welcome you to our CU Anschutz alumni community.

Our alumni are important ambassadors between the university and the greater healthcare community, and vital mentors for our students and recent grads. Our alumni network has more than 56,000 graduates from all schools on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. The CU School of Dental Medicine alumni network has more than 3,200 graduates.

To get involved, please connect with us:

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