

The University of Texas  
Health Science Center at San Antonio



*School of Dentistry*

*Spring 2020  
Commencement Program*

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Program*

## **Our Mission**

The mission of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is to make lives better through excellence in education, research, health care and community engagement.

Strategies for achieving this mission are:

- Educating a diverse student body to become excellent health care providers and scientists.
- Engaging in research to understand health and disease.
- Commercializing discoveries, as appropriate, to benefit the public.
- Providing compassionate and culturally proficient health care.
- Engaging our community to improve health.
- Influencing thoughtful advances in health policy.

## **Our Purpose**

The purpose of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is to provide the best in health careers education, biomedical research, patient care and community service to San Antonio and the South Texas/Border Region. Through undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate programs, the faculty is committed to educating health professionals who will provide excellent patient care and research that can be applied to treat and prevent disease.

## **School of Dentistry Mission**

The mission of the School of Dentistry is the acquisition, dissemination and use of knowledge toward the enhancement of oral health. This mission is addressed through six interrelated action components: education, research, patient care, community, faculty and staff, and infrastructure.

## **Order of Exercises \***

### **Processional**

The audience is asked to remain seated for the procession. Additionally, guests are requested to please silence all cell phones for the duration of the ceremony.

### **Academic Procession**

Stefanie Seitz, D.D.S.  
Assistant Dean for Students  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
School of Dentistry

### **Presiding**

Peter M. Loomer, B.Sc., D.D.S., Ph.D., MRCD(C), FACD  
Dean  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
School of Dentistry

### **Greetings**

William L. Henrich, M.D., MACP  
President  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

### **Presentation of the Class of 2020**

Adriana Segura, D.D.S., M.S.  
Associate Dean for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
School of Dentistry

### **Conferring of Degrees**

William L. Henrich, M.D., MACP  
President  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

## **Remarks**

Zeki Wathiq Abdulaali  
President  
Class of 2020

Clarissa Hernandez  
Student American Dental Hygienists' Association President  
Class of 2020

## **Recessional**

*As a courtesy to the graduating class, guests are requested to please refrain from leaving until after the recessional.*

*\*Anticipated order of exercises prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

**Certificate in Endodontics  
Degrees Conferred August 30, 2019**

**Ahmed Ali Alelyani  
Sukhpreet Kaur Sandhu  
David K. Wong**

**Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry  
Degrees Conferred August 31, 2019**

**Murad Awadh Alrashdi**

**Certificate in Prosthodontics  
Degrees Conferred December 31, 2019**

**Jesse Allen Stafford**

**Candidates for the Degree  
Certificate in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics  
May 15, 2020**

**Ahmed Kattab Alotaibi  
Sana Bandy  
Corbin Brady Clifton  
Wesley Robert Gass**

**Candidates for the Degree  
Certificate in Periodontics  
May 15, 2020**

**Arwa Muthana Al Hugail  
Akemi Kushida Arzouman  
Jenna Claire Hyer  
Aaron Clark Nelson  
Adam Edward Saltz**

**Candidates for the Degree  
Certificate in Prosthodontics  
May 15, 2020**

**Neda Almojel  
Kaveh Azarnoush  
Chris Yang**

**Candidates for the Degree  
Certificate in Advanced Education in Dentistry  
June 30, 2020**

**Marie A. Alston  
Debora Lemmi Ayres  
Kristy Nicole Bryant  
Sylvia Olivia Carlos  
Wendi Parks Furman  
Patrick Haddad  
Connor Scott Johnson  
André Thomas Jones  
Iman Marashi  
Elizabeth Castleberry Miller  
Matthew Reaves Miller  
Mohammad Safaie Yazdi  
Ragy Emad Adel Saroufim  
Karoline Danielle Seekford  
Lauren Anne Weir**

**Candidates for the Degree  
Certificate in Dental Public Health  
June 30, 2020**

**Salma M. Elwazeer**

**Candidates for the Degree  
Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology  
June 30, 2020**

**Ahmed A. Almeshari  
Sean Bradford Hershberger  
Rana Aly Sharaf**

**Candidates for the Degree  
Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry  
June 30, 2020**

**Holly Anne Ardoin  
Matthew Daniel Carraway  
Badi Misaqi  
Christina Anne Mueller  
Nessa Abraham Pathiyil  
Dona Taherizadegan  
Sarah Maureen Wheeler  
Kara Page Whittington**

**Candidates for the Degree  
Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery  
June 30, 2020**

**Zachary Leland Brown  
Nicole Hernandez  
David Szalay**

**Candidates for the Degree  
Doctor of Dental Surgery  
May 17, 2020**

**Jonathan Armand Abay**  
B.S., The University of Texas at Austin  
General Practice  
The Woodlands, Texas

**Zeki Wathiq Abdulaali**  
General Practice  
San Diego, California

**Christopher Bryer Adams**  
B.S., Southwestern University  
Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Adams School of Dentistry  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina



**Thomas Zachary Adams**

B.S., Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi  
General Practice  
Texas

**Laura Aguilar**

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin  
General Practice  
Odessa, Texas

**Lena Al-Farra**

B.S., The University of Texas at Arlington  
General Practice

**Roland Matthew Alonzo**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
Advanced Education General Dentistry (Army-1 year)  
Fort Campbell, Kentucky

**Samarth Asthana**

B.M., Baylor University  
General Practice  
Austin, Texas

**Priscilla Ashley Barajas**

B.S., Texas Tech University  
B.S., The University of Texas at Dallas  
General Practice  
Pleasanton, Texas

**Ben Philip Sylvan Bartlett**

B.S., The University of Texas at Permian Basin  
General Practice  
Midland, Texas

**Lauren Nicole Bierschwale**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

**David James Bingham**

B.S., Brigham Young University-Idaho  
Endodontics Residency  
St. Louis University  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Caroline Claiborne Brown**

B.A., Davidson College  
General Practice  
Tacoma, Washington

**Jaci Rae Campo**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
General Practice  
Abilene, Texas

**Valerie Marie Cano**

B.S., The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
General Practice  
Tyler, Texas

**Joshua Aaron Champion**

B.S., The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
General Practice  
McAllen, Texas

**Sabrina Louise Chavez**

B.S., The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
General Practice  
Texas

**Qinlin Chen**

B.S., Saint Edward's University

**Ketaki Janardhan Chougule**

B.D.S., Maharashtra University of Health Sciences  
M.S., Maharashtra University of Health Sciences  
General Practice  
Dallas, Texas

**Nicole Elizabeth Conlee Granato**

B.S., Incarnate Word University  
General Practice  
San Antonio, Texas

**Barret Jack Davidson**

B.A., Abilene Christian University  
General Practice  
Richardson, Texas

**Kaylee Ann Denton**

B.S., Baylor University  
General Practice  
Clarksville, Tennessee

**Joseph Ryan Dickson**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
General Practice  
College Station, Texas

**Jennifer Thuy Tien Diep**

B.S., The University of Texas at San Antonio  
General Practice  
Texas

**Bryinna Kathleen Diller**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
General Practice  
Amarillo, Texas

**Analyssa Esther Dominguez**

B.S., The University of Texas at San Antonio  
General Practice  
San Antonio, Texas

**Stephen Donoghue**

B.A., University of San Diego  
General Practice  
Tustin, California

**Alexander McKenzie Dougherty**

**Robert Brian Edwards**

B.G.S., The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
General Practice  
San Antonio, Texas

**Eliane Fossatti Goncalves**

D.D.S., Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina

**Aaron David Fritsch**

B.A., Baylor University  
General Practice  
Huntsville, Alabama

**Dianne Giselle Galan**

B.A., Texas Christian University  
General Practice  
San Antonio, Texas

**Gustavo Ali Garza**

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin  
General Practice  
Texas

**Juliana Maria Gavia Velasquez**

D.D.S., Universidad CES

**Monica Ann Gerges**

B.S., Houston Baptist University  
General Practice  
Houston, Texas

**Matthew Jacob Gesell**

**William Caleb Gillum**

B.S., Texas State University

**Cesar Oscar Gonzalez**

B.S., The University of Texas at San Antonio  
General Practice  
San Antonio, Texas

**Jesse James Gonzalez**

B.S., Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
General Practice  
Austin, Texas

**Kyle William Gopffarth**

B.B.A., Hardin-Simmons University  
Orthodontics Residency  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
Houston, Texas

**Madeline Marie Hart**

B.A., Texas Tech University  
General Practice  
Houston, Texas

**Belal Heddaya**

B.D.M.S., Alexandria University Medical School  
Orthodontics Residency Program  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

**Daniel Eloy Hernandez**

B.S., Texas A&M University

**Jonathan David Hernandez**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
General Practice  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**Danielle Renee Hill**

B.S., Texas A&M University

**Sonia Hinojosa**

B.S. University of California San Diego  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry  
Olin E. Teague Veterans' Center  
Temple, Texas

**Thien Thanh Vu Ho**

B.S., University of Houston  
General Practice  
Houston, Texas

**David James Hoeks**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry  
Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veteran's Hospital  
San Antonio, Texas

**Katherine Fairleigh Hoffman**

B.S., Baylor University

**Jared Lawson Hope**

B.S., Texas Tech University  
M.S., University of North Texas  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

**Garrett William Howze**

B.S., University of North Texas  
General Practice  
Desoto, Texas

**Angela Mi Huynh**

General Practice  
Houston, Texas

**Erin Lee Kern**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
General Practice  
Temple, Texas

**Brandon Cooper Key**

B.A., University of New Mexico  
Dental Anesthesiology Residency  
Stony Brook University  
Stony Brook, New York

**Gina Maria Khong**

B.S., Saint Mary's University  
General Practice  
Houston, Texas

**Kourtney Layne Kouth**

B.S., Texas Tech University  
General Practice  
Lubbock, Texas

**Chandler Paige Kuhlman**

B.S., Rhodes College  
General Practice  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Carson Mackenzie Lackey**

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin  
General Practice  
Dallas, Texas

**Zachary David Landgraf**

B.S., Middle Tennessee State University  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry  
United States Navy  
Bethesda, Maryland

**Andrea Thuy-Nhu Ha Le**

B.S., Houston Baptist University  
General Dentistry  
Houston, Texas

**Priscilla Marie Leary**

B.S., The University of Texas at San Antonio  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry  
University of New Mexico  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Eduardo Marmelstein Lima**

D.D.S., Universidade de Fortaleza  
M.S., Centro Universitario Hermino Ometto-Uniararas  
General Practice  
San Antonio, Texas

**Mariana Mago Visconti**

D.D., Universidad Santa María

**Gurbani Kaur Makkar**

B.S., The University of Texas at Dallas  
General Practice  
Dallas, Texas

**Elio Male**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
General Practice  
Dallas, Texas

**Mark Anthony Marbach**

B.S., St. Mary's University  
General Practice  
Kingwood, Texas

**Connor Elise Marshall**

B.S., Southwestern University  
General Practice  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**Vicky Vanco Hua Matayoshi**

B.S., University of Houston  
General Practice  
Houston, Texas

**Mackenzi Dawn McAfee**

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin  
General Practice  
Houston, Texas

**Anthony Michael Mendez**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
General Practice  
Mission, Texas

**Tian Meng**

B.M.D., Sichuan University  
D.S.T.O., Sichuan University  
General Practice  
San Antonio, Texas



**Kareem Ahmed Metwalli**

B.A. Rice University  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

**Joshua Mijares**

B.A., The University of Texas at San Antonio  
General Practice  
McAllen, Texas

**Nikita Mistry**

B.D.S., Dharamsinh Desai University  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

**Jeremy Ray Morgan**

B.S., Brigham Young University  
General Practice  
Texas

**William Pender Morrow**

B.S., The University of Texas at Arlington  
General Practice  
San Antonio, Texas

**Mitchell Eugene Murphy**

B.S., The University of Texas at San Antonio  
General Practice  
San Antonio, Texas

**Taylor Minh Nguyen**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
General Practice  
Houston, Texas

**Alysia Renee Nicholson**

B.S., Texas Tech University  
General Practice  
San Antonio, Texas

**Surina Anil Odhav**

B.S., Emory University

**Nestor Gabriel Olague**

B.A., University of New Mexico

General Practice

El Paso, Texas

**Priya Ramesh Patel**

B.S., Louisiana State University

Advanced Education in General Dentistry

The Foundry Dental Clinic

Bessemer, Alabama

**Liliana Ivon Paz**

B.A., Greenville College

General Practice

Chicago, Illinois

**Tyler David Pharr**

B.S., Texas A&M University

General Practice

College Station, Texas

**Shanna Breanne Rafford**

B.S., Texas State University

General Practice

Mansfield, Texas

**Danelle Nichole Jane Reddy**

B.S., Sonoma State University

Advanced Education in General Dentistry

United States Army-Fort Sill

Lawton, Oklahoma

**Sidharth Poolapalli Reddy**

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin

General Practice

**Stephen Chad Regan**

B.B.A., Texas Tech University

B.A., The University of Texas at Dallas

**Chelsea Nicole Reid**

B.A., Rice University  
General Practice  
San Antonio, Texas

**Kelsey Michelle Reyes**

B.S., Incarnate Word University  
General Practice  
Texas

**Nicolas John Richards**

B.S., The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
General Practice  
San Antonio, Texas

**Jared Michael Ricks**

B.S., Stephen F. Austin University  
Pediatric Dentistry Residency  
Rady Children's Hospital  
San Diego, California

**Garrett Wayne Rist**

B.A., Texas A&M University  
General Practice  
Granbury, Texas

**Hevony Rodriguez**

B.S., Texas A&M International University  
General Practice  
Texas

**Hohyun Ryan Ryou**

B.A., Johns Hopkins University  
Pediatric Dentistry Residency  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

**Mariyam Nauman Shah**

B.S., University of Houston  
M.B.S., Rutgers State University  
General Practice  
Richmond, Virginia

**Keaton Shin**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
B.S., Mississippi College  
Pediatric Dentistry Residency  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

**Erin Josephine Son**

B.S., Emory University  
General Practice Residency  
Stony Brook University  
Stony Brook, New York

**Anna Loye Stell**

B.A., Southern Methodist University  
Pediatric Dental Residency  
University of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa

**Caitlyn Luther Taylor**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
General Practice  
Houston, Texas

**Grant David Hartwell Tippet**

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency  
Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry  
Dallas, Texas

**Ola Nnennaya Ukaoma**

B.S.A., The University of Texas at Austin  
General Practice

**Chase Stone Van Gorp**

B.S., Baylor University  
M.S., University of North Texas Health Science Center  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry 1 Year (Fort Carson)  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Juan Antonio Verastegui Jurado**

B.S., The University of Texas at El Paso  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

**Vincent Dang Khoa Vo**

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin  
General Practice  
Texas

**Richard Daniel Wallach**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
Orthodontics Residency  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
Houston, Texas

**Parker David Wentz**

B.S., Abilene Christian University  
Orthodontics Residency  
Seton Hall  
Greensburg, Pennsylvania

**Samantha Jo Whitten**

B.S., Texas A&M University  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Internship  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

**Penny Waiyan Wong**

B.S., Southwestern University

**Marcus William Worden**

B.S., The University of Texas Permian Basin

**Angela Ping Yang**

B.S., The University of Texas at Austin  
NYU Langone  
Advanced Education General Dentistry  
Waimanalo, Hawaii

**Aamna Arshad Zaidi**  
B.S., University of Central Florida  
General Practice  
Texas

**Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene  
Degree Conferred December 31, 2019**

**Deborah Jaynell Garza**

**Arturo Martinez-Castellanos**

**Candidates for the Degree  
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene  
May 17, 2020**

**Allison Kay Aguirre**

**Aubrionna Rene Alexander**

**Harisse Anne Balangue Bautista**

**Saba Callahan**

**Rachel Renee Cardenas**

**Reanna Villanueva Castilleja**

**Karla Alexandra Enriquez**

**Brittany Nicole Finley**

**Stephany Hernandez Garcia**  
B.S., The University of Texas at San Antonio

**Clarissa Hernandez**  
B.S., Texas A&M University-College Station

**Nicole Marie Hernandez**

**Bao-Dung Ngoc Hoang**

**Jade Jimenez**

**Paige Marie Kawszan**

**Josefina Mallory**

B.S., Texas A&M University-College Station

**Janis Jaelyn Martin**

**Karla Ruby Morales**

**Gloria Marie Napoles**

**Tuyen T. Nguyen**

**Jessica Nieves**

**Sharon Sczepanik Olguin**

**Yajaira Quintanilla**

**Gerardo Chavez Suarez Jr.**

**Victoria Jaqueline Ujueta**

**Ashley Gale Uncapher**

B.S., The University of Texas at San Antonio

**Anna Thuy An Vu**

B.S., University of Houston

## **Dental Hygiene Permanent Honors**

### **Summa Cum Laude**

Karla Alexandra Enriquez  
Clarissa Hernandez

### **Magna Cum Laude**

Janis Jaelyn Martin  
Ashley Gale Uncapher

### **Cum Laude**

Allison Kay Aguirre  
Aubrionna Rene Alexander  
Deborah Jaynell Garza  
Jade Jimenez  
Paige Marie Kawszan  
Josefina Mallory  
Jessica Nieves

## **Order of Hooding**

### **General Practice Group 1**

Jonathan Armand Abay  
Priscilla Ashley Barajas  
Sabrina Louise Chavez  
Analyssa Esther Dominguez  
Jesse James Gonzalez  
Thien Thanh Vu Ho  
Kourtney Layne Kouth  
Eduardo Marmelstein Lima  
Gurbani Kaur Makkar  
Jeremy Ray Morgan  
Stephen Chad Regan  
Nicolas John Richards  
Marcus William Worden

### **General Practice Group 2**

Zeki Wathiq Abdulaali  
Ben Philip Sylvan Bartlett  
Jaci Rae Campo  
Qinlin Chen  
Stephen Donoghue  
David James Hoeks  
Erin Lee Kern  
Chandler Paige Kuhlman  
Elio Male  
Nikita Mistry  
William Pender Morrow  
Priya Ramesh Patel  
Jared Michael Ricks  
Grant David Hartwell Tippet

### **General Practice Group 3**

Christopher Bryer Adams  
Lauren Nicole Bierschwale  
Nicole Elizabeth Conlee  
Alexander McKenzie Dougherty  
Juliana Gaviria Velasquez  
Cesar Oscar Gonzalez  
Kyle William Gopffarth  
Jared Lawson Hope  
Mark Anthony Marbach  
Mitchell Eugene Murphy  
Liliana Ivon Paz  
Garrett Wayne Rist  
Ola Nnennaya Ukaoma  
Angela Ping Yang

### **General Practice Group 4**

Thomas Zachary Adams  
David James Bingham  
Barret Jack Davidson  
Robert Brian Edwards  
Madeline Marie Hart  
Belal Heddaya  
Garrett William Howze



Carson Mackenzie Lackey  
Connor Elise Marshall  
Tyler David Pharr  
Sidharth Poolapalli Reddy  
Hohyun Ryan Ryou  
Aamna Arshad Zaidi

### **General Practice Group 5**

Laura Aguilar  
Ketaki Janardhan Chougule  
Kaylee Ann Denton  
Aaron David Fritsch  
Dianne Giselle Galan  
Daniel Eloy Hernandez  
Katherine Fairleigh Hoffman  
Zachary David Landgraf  
Vicky Vanco Hua Matayoshi  
Mackenzi Dawn McAfee  
Taylor Minh Nguyen  
Juan Antonio Verastegui Jurado  
Penny Waiyan Wong

### **General Practice Group 6**

Lena Al-Farra  
Caroline Claiborne Brown  
Joseph Ryan Dickson  
Eliane Fossatti Goncalves  
Gustavo Ali Garza  
Matthew Jacob Gesell  
Jonathan David Hernandez  
Angela Mi Huynh  
Priscilla Marie Leary  
Anthony Michael Mendez  
Joshua Mijares  
Alysia Renee Nicholson  
Shanna Breanne Rafford  
Keaton Shin

### **General Practice Group 7**

Roland Matthew Alonzo  
Valerie Marie Cano  
Jennifer Thuy Tien Diep  
Monica Ann Gerges  
Danielle Renee Hill  
Brandon Cooper Key  
Mariana Mago Visconti  
Kareem Ahmed Metwalli  
Surina Anil Odhav  
Danelle Nichole Jane Reddy  
Chelsea Nicole Reid  
Hevony Rodriguez  
Mariyam Nauman Shah  
Erin Josephine Son  
Richard Daniel Wallach

## **General Practice Group 8**

Samarth Asthana  
Joshua Aaron Champion  
Brynna Kathleen Diller  
William Caleb Gillum  
Sonia Hinojosa  
Gina Maria Khong  
Andrea Thuy-Nhu Ha Le  
Tian Meng  
Nestor Gabriel Olague  
Kelsey Michelle Reyes  
Anna Loye Stell  
Caitlyn Luther Taylor  
Chase Stone Van Gorp  
Parker David Wentz  
Samantha Jo Whitten

## **Assistant Marshals**

Dr. Joseph Connor  
Dr. David Cox  
Dr. Adriana Green  
Dr. Kevin Gureckis  
Dr. Barry Holleron  
Dr. Nataliya Inozemtseva  
Dr. Dan Lavin  
Dr. Mark Littlestar  
Dr. Erica Oliveira  
Dr. Niraj Patel  
Dr. Fred Philips  
Dr. William Francis Rose  
Dr. Ahmed Sabbah  
Dr. Arthur Shaw  
Dr. Scott Stafford  
Dr. Diane Sullivan  
Jo Ann D. Jordan, M.A.A., RDH  
Virginia G. Carrillo, MEd, RDH

## **Distinction in Research**

Distinction in Research honors are awarded to dental students who have demonstrated unusually significant scientific accomplishments. These students have, under the mentorship of an active scientist, prepared a research proposal, completed the research project, analyzed and presented the results at local and national research meetings and prepared a report.

Christopher Bryer Adams  
Sabrina Louise Chavez  
Kyle William Gopffarth  
Brandon Cooper Key  
Kareem Ahmed Metwalli

William Pender Morrow  
Sidharth Poolapalli Reddy  
Erin Josephine Son  
Ola Nnennaya Ukaoma  
Samantha Jo Whitten

## **Distinction in Dental Education**

The Teaching Honors Program contributes to the national effort within the dental education community to increase students' awareness of the academic arm of the profession and to enhance awareness of career options in teaching, scholarship and academic administration. Distinction in Education is awarded to students who have completed the core courses in the Teaching Honors Program.

### ***Doctor of Dental Surgery Students***

Roland Matthew Alonzo	Erin Lee Kern
Samarth Asthana	Andrea Thuy-Nhu Ha Le
Lauren Nicole Bierschwale	Priscilla Marie Leary
David James Bingham	Anthony Michael Mendez
Caroline Claiborne Brown	Tian Meng
Valerie Marie Cano	William Pender Morrow
Joshua Aaron Champion	Taylor Minh Nguyen
Sabrina Louise Chavez	Priya Ramesh Patel
Brynna Kathleen Diller	Kelsey Michelle Reyes
Stephen Donoghue	Keaton Shin
Alexander McKenzie Dougherty	Erin Josephine Son
Robert Brian Edwards	Ola Nnennaya Ukaoma
Gustavo Ali Garza	Richard Daniel Wallach
Kyle William Gopffarth	Parker David Wentz
	Samantha Jo Whitten

### ***Dental Hygiene Students***

Aubrionna Rene Alexander	Nicole Marie Hernandez
Rachel Renee Cardenas	Josefina Mallory
Clarissa Hernandez	Karla Ruby Morales

## **Doctor of Dental Surgery Scholarships and Awards**

### **Academy of Dentistry International Student Servant Leadership Award**

Caroline Claiborne Brown

### **Academy of General Dentistry Senior Dental Student Award**

Samarth Asthana  
Priscilla Ashley Barajas

### **Academy of Operative Dentistry Award**

William Pender Morrow

### **Academy of Osseointegration Outstanding Dental Student in Implant Award**

Garrett William Howze

### **American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award**

Belal Heddaya

### **American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award**

Kareem Ahmed Metwalli

### **American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award**

Richard Daniel Wallach

### **American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award**

David James Hoeks

**American Academy of Oral Medicine Certificate of Merit**  
Samantha Jo Whitten

**American Academy of Orofacial Pain Outstanding Senior Award**  
Surina Anil Odhav

**American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Award  
Certificate of Merit AAPD Predoctoral Student Award**  
Anna Loye Stell

**American Academy of Periodontology Award  
Dental Student Award for Achievement in Periodontology**  
Laura Aguilar

**American Association of Endodontists Student Achievement Award in Endodontics**  
Juan Antonio Verastegui Jurado

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons  
AAOMS Dental Implant Student Award**  
Juliana Gaviria Velasquez

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award  
AAOMS Dental Student Award**  
Samantha Jo Whitten

**American Association of Orthodontists Award**  
Belal Heddaya

**American Association of Public Health Dentistry  
Award for Academic Achievement in Community Dentistry and Public Health**  
Priya Ramesh Patel

**American Association of Women Dentist Eleanor J. Bushee Senior Dental Student Award**  
Samantha Jo Whitten

**American College of Dentists Outstanding Student Leader Award**  
Kyle William Gopffarth

**American College of Prosthodontics Predoctoral Achievement Award**  
Zachary David Landgraf

**American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Horace Wells Senior Student Award**  
Samantha Jo Whitten

**American Prosthodontic Society Student Award of Merit**  
David James Hoeks

**Randall T. Amonett Award for Academic Career Exploration**  
William Pender Morrow

**Bisco Adhesive Dentistry Award**  
Marcus William Worden

**Delta Dental Community Foundation Student Leadership Award**  
Kelsey Michelle Reyes

**Dental Lifeline Network Brian D. Stone Memorial Award**  
Caroline Claiborne Brown

**Greater San Antonio Hispanic Dental Association  
Corazon Con Dignidad/Heart with Dignity Award**  
Sabrina Louise Chavez

**Greater San Antonio Hispanic Dental Association Edmundo Cavazos Award**  
Juan Antonio Verastegui Jurado

**Comprehensive Dentistry Award**  
Belal Heddaya

**Robert Dale Memorial Award**  
Sonia Hinojosa

**DENTSPLY Merit Award in Removable Prosthodontics**  
Alexander McKenzie Dougherty

**DENTSPLY Comprehensive Dentistry Award-Esthetic Dentistry**  
Alexander McKenzie Dougherty

**International College of Dentists-Student Humanitarian Award**  
Kelsey Michelle Reyes

**International College of Dentists-Student Leadership**  
Samarth Asthana

**International Congress of Oral Implantologists' Predoctoral Student Achievement Award**  
Mackenzi Dawn McAfee

**Joseph M. and Phyllis A. Berrong Student Leadership Award**  
Christopher Bryer Adams

**Maria Yeung Award**  
Christopher Bryer Adams

**Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award**  
Tian Meng

**Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics**  
David James Bingham

**Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry**  
Juan Antonio Verastegui Jurado

**Quintessence Award for Research Achievement**  
Tian Meng

**RIDE Award for Student Research in Dental Education**  
Samarth Asthana  
Sabrina Louise Chavez  
Kelsey Michelle Reyes  
Samantha Jo Whitten

**SEAL-Mission of Service, Education, Advocacy, and Leadership Award**  
Sonia Hinojosa

**SGA Student Leadership**

Samarth Asthana

**SGA Student Advocacy**

Ola Nnennaya Ukaoma

**SGA Outstanding Student Researcher**

Kyle William Gopffarth

**SGA Outstanding Student Teacher**

Zachary David Landgraf

**SGA Student Community Service Learning Excellence**

Caroline Claiborne Brown

Kelsey Michelle Reyes

Ola Nnennaya Ukaoma

Angela Ping Yang

**Society for Color and Appearance in Dentistry (SCAD)**

Belal Heddaya

**Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry Award**

Jared Lawson Hope

**Southwest Prosthodontic Society Dental Student Award**

Laura Aguilar

**Southwest Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award**

Juliana Gavia Velasquez

**Kenneth L. Stewart Memorial Award for Excellence in Prosthodontics**

Priya Ramesh Patel

**Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry Service Award**

Samantha Jo Whitten

**T. Schoeni Wolfe Memorial Award**

Shanna Breanne Rafford

**Teaching Honors Program Outstanding Student Educator Certificate**

Lauren Nicole Bierschwale

**Teaching Honors Program Tripe E Award Exemplary Educational Efforts**

Caroline Claiborne Brown

Bryna Kathleen Diller

Zachary David Landgraf

Taylor Minh Nguyen

**Texas Dental Association Outstanding Senior Dental Award**

Zeki Wathiq Abdulaali

**Ultradent Esthetic Dentistry Award**

Tian Meng

**James P. Vernetti Award**

Jared Lawson Hope

**Whip Mix Corporation Hanau Best of the Best Prosthodontic Award**  
Marcus William Worden

## **Dental Hygiene Scholarships and Awards**

**Baptist Health Foundation Scholarship**

Clarissa Hernandez  
Jade Jimenez  
Gloria Marie Napoles

**Colgate STAR Award**

Ashley Gale Uncapher

**Community Dentistry Award**

Gerardo Chavez Suarez Jr.

**Dental Partners Scholarship**

Gloria Marie Napoles

**Linda Devore Award**

Janis Jaclyn Martin

**Hispanic Dental Association Juan Villareal, DDS Scholarship**

Reanna Villanueva Castilleja

**Hu-Friedy Outstanding Clinician Award**

Anna Thuy An Vu

**Taline Dadian Infante, Ed.D., RDH Endowed Memorial Scholarship**

Reanna Villanueva Castilleja

**Johnson & Johnson Excellence in Dental Hygiene Award**

Karla Alexandra Enriquez

**Charlie Morris Award**

Tuyen T. Nguyen

**Outstanding Leadership Award**

Clarissa Hernandez

**P&G Preventive Dentistry Award**

Victoria Jaqueline Ujueta

**SGA Student Community Service Learning Excellence Award**

Yajaira Quintanilla

**Texas Recruits and Retains Dental Public Health Workforce Scholarship**

Reanna Villanueva Castilleja

**Dr. Juanita Wallace Award**

Allison Kay Aguirre

## **Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society**

Omicron Kappa Upsilon is a national honor fraternity having chapters in more than 50 leading dental colleges. To be eligible, a student must be of high moral character and rank among the highest 20 percent of the class. Membership is a reward for consistent, earnest study through four years of dental school.

## **Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society**

Sigma Phi Alpha is a national honor society for the dental hygiene profession. Membership is limited to 10 percent of each graduating class by program. The society recognizes graduating dental hygiene students who demonstrate highest rank in scholarship, service and potential for professional growth. To be eligible, a graduate from the Bachelor of Science or Master of Science program must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

### **Honor Cords**

Blue Cords indicate Distinction in Research

Light Blue and Lilac Cords indicate Distinction in Education

Lilac Ribbons indicate membership in the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society

White Satin Stoles indicate membership in Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society

Gold Cords – Summa Cum Laude

Silver Cords – Magna Cum Laude

Bronze Cords – Cum Laude

Red, white and blue cords indicate Veterans of the United States Armed Forces and active duty military personnel. The cords are provided in appreciation of their service to our nation and defense of the freedoms we enjoy.

## **Honors Designation and Recognition**

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio recognizes the following honors in the School of Dentistry:

For the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene:

*3.5–3.69 Cum Laude*

*3.7–3.89 Magna Cum Laude*

*3.9–4.0 Summa Cum Laude*

For the Doctor of Dental Surgery:

*3.5–3.69 High Honors*

*3.7–3.89 Higher Honors*

*3.9–4.0 Highest Honors*



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## The Dentist's Pledge

I, as a member of the dental profession, shall keep this pledge and these stipulations. I understand and accept that my primary responsibility is to my patients, and I shall dedicate myself to render, to the best of my ability, the highest standard of oral health care and to maintain a relationship of respect and confidence.

Therefore, let all come to me safe in the knowledge that their total health and well-being are my first considerations.

I shall accept the responsibility that, as a professional, my competence rests on continuing the attainment of knowledge and skill in the arts and sciences of dentistry.

I acknowledge my obligation to support and sustain the honor and integrity of the profession and to conduct myself in all endeavors such that I shall merit the respect of my patients, colleagues and my community. I further commit myself to the betterment of my community for the benefit of all of society.

I shall faithfully observe the Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct set forth by the profession.

All this I pledge with pride in my commitment to the profession and the public it serves.

## Dental Hygiene Oath

In my practice as a Dental Hygienist,  
I affirm my personal  
And professional commitment  
To improve the oral health  
Of the public,  
To advance the art  
And science of dental hygiene,  
And to promote high standards of quality care.

I pledge to continually improve my  
Professional knowledge and skills  
To each patient entrusted to my care,  
And to uphold the highest standards  
Of professional competence and personal conduct  
In the interest of the Dental Hygiene profession  
And the public it serves.

## Academic Ceremony and Regalia

Commencement ceremonies are grounded in ancient religious, educational and civic rituals. Today's ceremony begins with a grand procession led by the Marshal, followed by the President, Dean, Dignitaries, Assistant Marshals, Faculty and Graduates. Inspiring to observe, the procession demonstrates unity and collegiality among health care professionals while highlighting their distinctiveness with symbols of robe, cap, tassel, hood and cord.

### The University Mace

The Marshal leads the academic procession carrying the president's academic mace, a polished brass scepter that represents The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio's authority to educate students and grant degrees. The mace is decorated with the university seal and the caduceus, an ancient depiction of two snakes wrapped around a winged staff, sometimes used as a symbol of the medical profession.

### The Academic Regalia

The contemporary tradition of wearing academic regalia for university ceremonies dates to the 11th and 12th centuries, when the great European universities were being established. At that time, students organized themselves into guilds, or associations, called universitates. Members of the universitate wore distinctive gowns to identify their group and differentiate between apprentices and masters. A "bachelor" was a man who assisted another and was usually an apprentice within the guild. A "master" was recognized by guild superiors as having reached a high level of expertise and was licensed to practice and teach as a full-fledged guild member.

### The Robe

During the medieval period, men and women alike wore long robes as everyday clothing. The simplicity or elegance of the individual's robe identified them as peasants, clergy, students or royalty. To some extent, similar distinctions are made in today's academic regalia. For example, the bachelor's robe is simply designed with long pointed sleeves. It is said that the sleeves were originally used by the student, or apprentice, to carry scrolls on which their lessons were written. The master's robe is similar in style, but the long, oblong sleeves are closed. The doctor's robe is the most elaborate, with a long, flowing body, velvet trim on the front, and large bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet bars. Typically, academic robes are made of black fabric, but some universities have respectfully adopted other colors for doctoral gowns.

### The Hood

The hood is a symbol of achievement — the means by which the degree and the college awarding the degree are readily recognized. The size and shape emphasize the degree level — the Doctor being the largest, followed by the Master and the Bachelor. The colors in the satin lining are those approved and authorized by the college or university conferring the degree. The colors for The University of Texas graduate are orange and white...the color of the velvet border and robe and sleeve, if any, indicates the degree earned (dark blue for Philosophy, light blue for Education, gold for Science, drab for Business Administration, etc.).

### Degrees and Colors

Arts .....	White
Dentistry .....	Lilac
Education .....	Light Blue
Fine Arts .....	Brown
Law .....	Purple
Business .....	Drab
Medicine .....	Kelly Green
Nursing .....	Apricot
Pharmacy .....	Olive Green
Philosophy .....	Dark Blue
Public Health .....	Salmon Pink
Science .....	Gold
Veterinary Science .....	Gray

During today's ceremony, many faculty will be wearing doctoral hoods of varied colors that indicate the degree-granting university and the person's academic discipline. Some faculty wear hoods for the Doctor of Philosophy, trimmed in dark blue velvet, which represents mastery of learning and scholarship in any academic discipline and does not represent the academic discipline of philosophy.

Individuals with master's and doctoral degrees wear elegant hoods lined and trimmed with satin and velvet that tell about the person's academic history and credentials. Hoods were originally worn by monks to cover their shaved heads in cold weather and, when removed from the head, the hood could be used as a container for collecting alms. The master's hood is 3½ feet long, and the doctoral hood is longer and wider.

### **The Cap and Tassel**

In the United States, two styles of caps are worn with academic robes: the mortarboard, a flat, stiff board that appears to balance on the head, and the tam (short for tam o'shanter), a soft hat made of velvet. Generally, mortarboards are covered with black fabric; tams may be of various colors, depending on the wearer's academic field or the institution's tradition. The square, flat shape of the mortarboard represents the book, a symbol of scholarship. Falling off the side of the mortarboard or tam is a tassel, which symbolizes the university mace.

## **Honors**

### **The Stole and Cord**

The stole is a simple long scarf or "shawl" worn by bachelor's degree graduates that drapes around the neck or shoulders and down the front of the robe. The cord is draped around the neck and down the front of the robe. The color and number of cords worn is determined by membership in an honor society and the honor designation. Detailed information regarding the stole and cord is provided with the school's program information.

### **Honors Designation and Recognition**

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio recognizes three honors designations for undergraduate programs.

3.5–3.69 *Cum Laude*

3.7–3.89 *Magna Cum Laude*

3.9–4.0 *Summa Cum Laude*

This Commencement Program represents a list of students expected to fulfill all the degree requirements in their respective programs as of May 14, 2020. Although the list is verified by the Dean's Office prior to publication, we apologize in advance for any inadvertent omission or inclusion of names.

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