THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO

COMMENCEMENT
CLASS OF 2021

SATURDAY, MAY TWENTY SECOND, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE
10:00 AM
SAN ANTONIO ALAMODOME
Commencement 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.
THE 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.

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

Greetings
Jacqueline Lee Mok, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs

Congratulatory Remarks
President William L. Henrich

Introduction of Speaker
President William L. Henrich

Commencement Address
John M. Quiñones
ABC News Veteran; Creator and Host of What Would You Do?

Conferring of Degrees
President William L. Henrich

James C. “Rad” Weaver
Vice Chairman
The University of Texas System Board of Regents

Patrick O. Ojeaga, II, M.D.
Student Regent
The University of Texas System Board of Regents

Presentation of the Graduates

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
David S. Weiss, Ph.D.
Dean
Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine
Robert Hromas, M.D., FACP
Dean

Hippocratic Oath

School of Dentistry
Peter M. Loomer, B.Sc., D.D.S., Ph.D., MRCD(C), FACD
Dean

The Dentist's Pledge
Dental Hygiene Oath

School of Nursing
Eileen T. Breslin, Ph.D., RN, FAAN
Dean

School of Health Professions
David C. Shelledy, Ph.D., RRT, FAARC, FASAHP
Dean

Closing Remarks
President William L. Henrich

Recessional
As a courtesy to the graduating class, guests are requested to please refrain from leaving until after the platform party and faculty recessional.
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).

Degrees and Colors

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Doctoral Programs

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Master of Science Programs

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Personalized Molecular Medicine
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Cancer Prevention
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Endodontics Track
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Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Track
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Orthodontics Track
Ravikumar Anthony, D.D.S., M.S.
Track Leader

Pediatric Dentistry Track
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Periodontics Track
Brian Mealey, D.D.S., M.S.
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Robert M. Taft, D.D.S., FACP
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Joint Program in Translational Science with
The University of Texas at San Antonio, and
The University of Texas at Austin

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Graduate Certificate Programs

Translational Science
Young-Hee Chun, D.D.S., Ph.D.
Program Director

Collaborative Program in Pharmacy with
The University of Texas at Austin

Samuel H. Poloyac, Pharm. D., Ph.D.
Dean, College of Pharmacy
The University of Texas at Austin
DOCTORAL DEGREE
DECEMBER 2020
GRADUATES
Doctor of Philosophy

Integrated Biomedical Sciences

Melodi Ann Bowman
Neuroscience Discipline
Investigating the role of uptake-2 mechanisms in monoamine neurotransmission: Implications for the treatment of depression

Sergio Cepeda
Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline
Age-Associated Thymic B cell Dysfunction Results in a Loss of Tolerogenic Potential

Danielle Santana Coelho
Neuroscience Discipline
Investigating the Pathophysiology of Maternal Inflammation-Induced Autistic-Like Phenotype: From Rodents to Primates

Allison Katherine Hester
Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline
Redox Regulation of Age-Associated Thymus Dysfunction

Shruti Mishra
Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline
TGF-β and Eomes-Dependent Control of CD8+ Regulatory T Cells

Miryam Marta Pando
Neuroscience Discipline
Regulation of Peripheral Kappa Opioid Receptor – Mediated Antinociception

Angelica Maria Salinas
Neuroscience Discipline
The roles of noradrenergic and cholinergic signaling in vigilance-dependent astrocyte calcium dynamics in the primary visual cortex

Breeanne Marie Soteros
Neuroscience Discipline
Defenders of the synapse: the sushi protein SRPX2 protects synapses from complement-mediated elimination in the CNS

Nursing Science

Shanna Renee Fraser
“It’s different when your prosthesis is a bag”: Experiences of persons living with an intestinal ostomy, a photo elicitation study

Isabel Calderon Martinez *
Exploring Demands Faced by Today’s Nurse Leaders

Radiological Sciences

Holly Marie Parenica *
Medical Physics, Therapy Track
Clinical Implementation of Monte Carlo Modeling of the Elekta Versa HD with the Agility Collimator Head

Translational Science

Rosalie Patricia Aguilar
New Media Messaging and Advocacy for Promoting Equity in Latino Children’s Health

Kristina Andrijauskaite *
Novel Role of Natural and Synthetic Glucocorticoids in Breast and Colon Cancer

CANDIDATES FOR THE
DOCTORAL DEGREES
MAY 2021

Doctor of Philosophy

Biomedical Engineering

Shengwen Deng
BOLD Indices of Neurovascular Coupling: Physiological Validations and Clinical Applications

Integrated Biomedical Sciences

Hamad Hazzaa Alanazi
Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline
Innate Sensing of Aeroallergen-Associated Immunogenic RNA Modulates Type 2 Lung Inflammation

*Degree conferred August 2020
John-Paul Rowland Andersen
Physiology & Pharmacology
Pathological Cardiolipin Remodeling through ALCAT-1 is Responsible for Mitochondrial Dysfunction Associated with Telomere Attrition

Laura Evangeline Avena
Cell Biology, Genetics, & Molecular Medicine Discipline
Characterizing Sudan Virus Evolution: Insights into Population Diversity and Inter-Genomic Relationships

Paul Adrian Beckmann
Cell Biology, Genetics, & Molecular Medicine Discipline
Pathogenic tau drives neuronal death by mimicking epithelial to mesenchymal transition in neurons

Cassidy Caitlyn Daw
Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline
The Role of Lactate as an Endogenous Ligand for Intracellular Magnesium Release and Mitochondrial Magnesium Channel Activation to Integrate Cellular Metabolism

Angela Olson Dorigatti
Biology of Aging Discipline
Tau-induced Astrocyte Senescence in Alzheimer's Disease

Jonathan Dorigatti
Biology of Aging Discipline
Age Specific Effects of Beta Guanidinopropionic Acid on Healthspan and its Potential as an Aging Therapeutic

Abdulhafiz Danjuma Imam Aliagan
Cell Biology, Genetics, & Molecular Medicine Discipline
Role of the inner mitochondrial membrane protein (Mic60) regulation in Parkinson's Disease pathogenesis

Meena Kusi
Cell Biology, Genetics, & Molecular Medicine Discipline
2-Hydroxyglutarate reversibly destabilize epigenome and potentiates cell fate plasticity to promote non-genetic breast tumor heterogeneity

Ryan Michael Reyes
Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline
Microenvironment-specific immunity alters anti-programmed death ligand 1 and interleukin-2 receptor-targeted immunotherapy responses in bladder cancer

Manpreet Kaur Semwal
Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline
Redox regulation of autophagy in thymic epithelial cells and central T cell tolerance

Alisha Marie Smith
Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline
Aeroallergen Challenge Studies Elucidate Maladaptive Mechanisms of Allergic Airway Diseases

Nursing Science

Allison Diane Crawford
The Experiences of Latina Mothers Impacted by Incarceration

Darlene Rachel Deters
Feasibility of Respiratory Function Home Monitoring for Patients with Myasthenia Gravis

Jasmine Ruth Graw
Care episode experiences of parents of children with asthma

Gabriela Zaragoza
The Latino Caregiving Experience Along the Trajectory of Dementia

Radiological Sciences

Noah Elliott Bice
Medical Physics, Therapy Track
Latent Space Arc Therapy Optimization

Jacob Ryan Rembish
Medical Physics, Therapy Track
Automating Medical Physics Quality Assurance Tasks in Radiation Oncology

Translational Science

Jose Felix Restrepo Suarez
Frequency of chest pain and angina pectoris and its role as predictor of all-cause and cardiovascular mortality in Rheumatoid arthritis

Juan Jose Toro
Prevention of oral mucositis in multiple myeloma patients treated with melphalan and autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation
**Doctor of Medical Physics**

**Killian Matthew Fischer**

*New process for stereotactic planning and treatment involving cerebral arteriovenous malformations*

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**Doctor of Pharmacy**

Devon Ray Alarcon
Arash Asadollahi
Sarah Morgan Bandy
Neha Arvind Betrabet
Tanner West Bostick
Alexander Michael Bui
Aaron Michael Carabajal-Johnson
Krista Jeter Chance
Mina Pham Chau
Jillian Kelsey Contreras
Rose Alexandria Denzer
Catherine Paola Diaz Dominguez
Alyssa Claire Eaves
Kallie Joan Erickson
Rachel Margaret Felger
Kelsie Ellis Friedson
Eduardo Garcia
Heather Bao Han Hoang
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Michelle Nicole Vargas
Abraham Edel Villagomez
Megan Y-Nhi Vu

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**CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTORAL DEGREE**

**AUGUST 2021**

**Nursing Science**

Bassma Ibrahim Brnawi *
Leticia Ybarra *

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**CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTERS DEGREE**

**DECEMBER 2020 GRADUATES**

**Master of Science**

*Cell Systems and Anatomy*

**Jasmine Marie De Mange**

Anatomical Sciences Track

*A Cadaveric Study of the Branching Patterns and Variations of the Radial Artery*

**Immunology and Infection**

**Rolando Treviño Jr.**

*Identification of Novel Antischistosomal Drugs*

**Integrated Biomedical Sciences**

**Ivan Xavier Albino Flores**

Molecular Immunology & Microbiology Discipline

*Characterization of Mechanisms of Resistance to Altertoxin II (ATXII) in Pediatric Sarcome Cell Lines*

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**CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTERS DEGREE**

**MAY 2021**

**Master of Science**

*Cell Systems and Anatomy*

**Cassandra L. Giner**

Anatomical Sciences Track

*A Cadaveric Study of the Otic Ganglion*
Micheal Milad Saber Habeab  
Anatomical Sciences Track  
A cadaveric study on the variation in the branching pattern of the abdominal aorta

Erin Kathleen Kraus  
Anatomical Sciences Track  
An Integrated Three-dimensional (3D) Model of the Larynx, Pharynx, and Skull for Anatomy Education

Morgan Raye Parker  
Anatomical Sciences Track  
Integration of Ultrasound into Anatomy Education

Ivan Peter Rubalcava  
Anatomical Sciences Track  
A cadaveric study on the origin of the Uterine and Obturator arteries

Darah Ave Scruggs  
Anatomical Sciences Track  
Regulation of Adiponectin Receptor 2 Expression and Function in the Liver

Germain Arthur Singa-Craddock  
Anatomical Sciences Track  
The Identification of Novel Chronic Inflammation Markers in Adipose Tissue of Obese Subjects

Clinical Investigation and Translational Science

Christine Onyekachuku Ibilibor  
RNA Sequencing in a penile cancer cohort: an investigation of biomarkers of cisplatin resistance and potential therapeutic drug targets

Qi Yan  
Association of Frailty and the Expanded Operative Stress Score with Complications, Failure to Rescue and Mortality in Males Compared to Females

Dental Hygiene

Veronica Loera Ledesma  
Texas are we ready? What can we learn from Arizona?

Allison Bossenberger Samo  
Moral distress of Dental Hygienists During the SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19 Pandemic

Dental Science

Laith Mohamad Khair Abu Qdais  
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Track  
Image quality considerations for the use of high resolution modalities CBCT paired with advanced image analysis modalities

Fahad Saleh Aljamal  
Orthodontics Track  
Change in prescription behavior/patterns among dental residents at UTHSCSA, School of Dentistry, after the educational symposium

Hunter Tynyn Allen  
Periodontics Track  
Long-Term Preservation of Ridge Dimension Following Tooth Extraction and Ridge Preservation: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Healing at 4-Month and 12-Month Healing Time Points

Amber Ather  
Endodontics Track  
Anti-inflammatory and Pro-mineralization effect of Dexamethasone in Vital Pulp Therapies: An Ex Vivo study

Kaveh Azarnoush *  
Prosthodontics Track  
Shade comparison of Amann Girrbach’s Fx multilayered vs Gen-x multilayered monolithic restorations using both visual and spectrophotometer techniques

Aaron William Barto  
Prosthodontics Track  
Repair of resin-veneered polyetheretherketone following veneer fracture

Clara Gladys Bergeron  
Prosthodontics Track  
Development of a Low-Shrinking, Hydrophobic, Degradation-Resistant, Antimicrobial Dental Composite using a Fluorinated Acrylic and an Oxirane

*Degree conferred February 2021
Jayakumar Jayaraman  
Pediatric Dentistry Track  
*Age estimation based on the stage of tooth formation: Development and validation of reference standards in children of Hispanic origin in Texas*

Spencer John Marsh  
Orthodontics Track  
*Comparison of the in-vitro Cytotoxicity of Three Different Multilayer Thermoplastic Clear Aligner Materials*

Amanda Blair Morris  
Periodontics Track  
*Basement Membrane Proteins Ameloblastin and Odontogenic Ameloblast Associated Protein in Periodontal Health and Periodontitis*

Mayank Pahadia  
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Track  
*Effect of CALM™ (Correction Algorithm for Latent Movement) on Cone Beam Computed Tomography Image Quality*

Marilena Parodi Lainez  
Orthodontics Track  
*Long term impact of an educational symposium on prescription behaviors among dental residents*

Biraj Patel  
Endodontics Track  
*Endogenous Peripheral Pain Regulatory Systems in Orofacial Pain Patients*

Komal Patel  
Orthodontics Track  
*Assessing varying clinical crown heights of the maxillary first premolar and its influence on orthodontists and laypeople in smile perception*

Camila Pacheco Pereira  
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Track  
*Trends in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Career: A Survey*

Fnu Sonam  
Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Track  
*Effect of mandible phantom inclination (30° inclination) in the axial plane on image quality in the presence of implant using cone-beam computer tomography*

Ryushiro Sugita  
Periodontics Track  
*Translation of a novel mineral-organic implant-bone adhesive into patient care*

Michael Patrick Vieth  
Periodontics Track  
*The Effect of Intravenous Dexamethasone on Post-operative Pain Following Periodontal Flap Surgery: A Randomized Controlled Investigation of Short-Term Patient Response*

**Immunology and Infection**

Cristel Alexandria Allen  
*Understanding the effects of SARS-CoV-2 on mitochondrial function and its implication on cardiac function*

Kathleen Nicole Clarke  
*The contribution of Plasmodium falciparum anti-merozoite surface protein 1 antibody characteristics to affinity and function*

Desirée Shea Denman  
*Effects of caffeine on hyperoxia-exposed resident lung mesenchymal stem/stromal cells*

Alia Elkhalili  
*Role of Coagulation in Viral Infections and Mechanical Ventilation*

Natalie Catherine Jarvis  
*Functions of NR4A nuclear receptors in human macrophages and the pulmonary milieu components that drive their expression*

Alexander Dale Martin  
*Role of an eIF4E-binding protein in Regulating Filamentation and Other Virulence-Related Properties in Candida albicans*

**Personalized Molecular Medicine**

Nathaniel Levi Alvarez  
Course Based Track  
*Circulating Tumor Cells and Macrophage-Tumor Fusion Cells: The seeds of prostate cancer metastasis*

Jessye Claire Castro  
Thesis Based Track  
*The Role of APEX2 in Fanconi Anemia Mediated ICL Repair*
Max José Christenson  
Course Based Track  
*Overexpression of Oxysterol Sulfotransferase (SULT2B) in Prostate Cancer Cells via Lentiviral Transduction*

Brittany Lynn Dennis  
Course Based Track  
*Molecular Mechanisms of Centromere Assembly*

Anthony Lopez  
Thesis Based Track  
*Transcriptomic Analysis of 2-Hydroxyglutarate Exposed human Mammary Epithelial Cells*

Douglas Pechacek  
Course Based Track  
*Development of EZH2-Degrading Compounds as Anticancer Agents by Targeting the EED-Binding Domain*

Kion Rashidi  
Course Based Track  
*Endocytosis of Enamel Proteins in Enamel Formation*

Kelsey Sidell  
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Otolaryngology
Pharmacology
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AΩA is a national society organized for the promotion of scholarship and research in medical schools, the encouragement of high standards of character and conduct among medical students and graduates and the recognition of high attainment in medical science and practice and related fields by alumni and faculty. Election is based on academic excellence in all required courses and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine. Acceptance is limited to no more than one-sixth of the total number of graduates.

Marvin Forland, M.D. Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society

The GHHS recognizes those students who, throughout their medical education, have reflected the behaviors and values that are of significant importance in adhering to the principles of humanism and in manifesting humanism as an essential human trait within the individual.

Doctor of Medicine with Honor

The M.D. with Honor designation is awarded to students who have maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout the curriculum.

Doctor of Medicine with Distinction in Medical Education

The M.D. with Distinction in Medical Education Program provides medical students with an opportunity to spend part of their medical school career participating in activities focused on different components of teaching and educational research. This program is designed to instruct and train medical students in multiple domains of medical education and to emphasize the educational duties that physicians have in all aspects of their work.

Doctor of Medicine with Distinction in Medical Humanities

The M.D. with Distinction in Medical Humanities provides medical students with the opportunity to spend part of their medical school career exploring the interdisciplinary program offerings in the Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics (CMHE). Students will produce a capstone project, which demonstrates a sustained work of academic research or sustainably fills a specific and substantial need for a selected community within one of four tracks supported by the CMHE: Community Service, Global Health, Arts and Humanities, and Medical Ethics.

Doctor of Medicine with Distinction in Research

The M.D. with Distinction in Research is awarded to students who have completed at least 640 hours of mentored basic, clinical, translational or social sciences research over the course of their medical school tenure. Additional requirements include maintaining good academic standing, presenting a poster at Medical Student Research Day, and producing an approved, first authored manuscript describing their work.

Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health

The dual M.D./M.P.H. program prepares physicians to treat individuals and populations via training in biostatistics, epidemiology, behavioral science, public policy and environmental health. This four-year program allows students to accomplish an M.D. from the Long School of Medicine and an M.P.H. from the School of Public Health at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy

The dual M.D./Ph.D. program prepares physician-scientists to become accomplished health care providers and investigators with problem-solving knowledge and skills, trains physician-scientists in the conduct of clinical and translational research in culturally diverse settings, and develops future leaders in academic health care and biomedical research. The M.D./Ph.D. program is seven to eight years in length.
HIPPOCRATIC OATH
(Modern version)

I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgment, this covenant:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures which are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.

I will not be ashamed to say "I know not," nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery.

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death. This awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.

If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

(Adapted from The Modern Hippocratic Oath written in 1964 by Louis Lasagna, former Academic Dean of the School of Medicine at Tufts University)
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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.

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.

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.
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
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Decreasing Wait Times: A Quality Improvement Project for a Rapid Vaccination Clinic

Jennifer Rebecca Martinez
A Quality Improvement Project to Improve Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Completion Rates

Ruben Mata
Increased Medication Reconciliation Documentation in a Primary Care Clinic: A Quality Improvement Project

Raquel Wright
Implementation of Process to Increase Drug Use Screening in the Primary Care Clinic

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Graduate students whose grade point average is 4.0 are awarded their degree with High Honors.

Honor Cords and Medallions

Students graduating with Latin Honors from the School of Nursing are identified as such: Summa Cum Laude honor cords are gold; Magna Cum Laude honor cords are silver; and, Cum Laude honor cords are bronze.


Research medallions indicate those students who are graduating with Research Distinction. These students maintained a 3.25 GPA, were mentored by a UT Health San Antonio faculty member, presented their research at a mentor approved conference, and engaged in at least 320 hours of research activity.

Clinical medallions indicate those students who are graduating with Clinical Distinction. These students have completed 320 hours of community clinical service beyond the hours required for clinical education and maintained a 3.25 GPA or higher.

Royal blue/teal cords indicate those students who participated in the Advancing Community Oriented Registered Nursing (ACORN) Grant that are setting the foundation to have baccalaureate nurses in primary care settings after graduation.

Navy blue cords indicate those students who joined the Methodist Internship program and successfully completed an additional 260 clinical hours.

Blue, red and orange honor cords indicate those students who joined the VALOR Internship program through the South Texas Veteran Health Care System and completed 400 clinical hours under the direction of a nurse preceptor.

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Light blue honor cords indicate those students who served as student leaders through the Student Success Center and Adelante Grant.

White and blue cords indicate membership in the National Student Nurses Association.
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