

2024 Commencement

University of California, San Francisco

School of Dentistry Commencement

June 7, 2024

Palace of Fine Arts Theatre

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@UCSFDentistry

Dear Graduating Class of 2024,

I am honored to congratulate you on your graduation. This is a tremendous achievement, and we are proud of all that you have accomplished during your time here.

Throughout your DDS and DDS/PhD degree programs, you have embodied our core values of Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, and Excellence. Your dedication to these values has helped you acquire the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to become compassionate and ethical leaders in the dental profession.

Our intensive program challenged you to push beyond your limits, and you rose to the occasion with grace, determination, and a commitment to excellence. This is a testament to your hard work, resilience, and the support of the UCSF community.

Your education has equipped you with clinical expertise and a deep understanding of the importance of serving the community and advocating for oral health.

I am confident that you will continue to demonstrate these values and principles as you contribute to the dental profession and the communities you serve. We are proud to have you as part of the UCSF family, and we encourage you to stay connected and seek out opportunities for growth and development throughout your careers.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff at the UCSF School of Dentistry, I congratulate you once again and wish you all the best as you embark on this exciting new chapter in your lives. We look forward to hearing about your many accomplishments in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Reddy, DMD, DMSc

Dean, UCSF School of Dentistry
Associate Vice Chancellor, Oral Health Affairs

Processional

Grand Marshal: Jack Gormley, EdD, Assistant Dean for Learner Success and Belonging

Ceremony Officiator: Michael S. Reddy, DMD, DMSc, Dean, UCSF School of Dentistry

Dean's Welcome: Michael S. Reddy, DMD, DMSc, Dean, UCSF School of Dentistry

Commencement Address: David Rubin, MD, MSCE, Executive Vice President, UC Health

Student Address: Liza Harutyunyan, DDS, Class of 2024

Presentation of the Dental Class of 2024

Conferral of Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy

Doctor of Dental Surgery

Sam Hawgood, MBBS

Chancellor, University of California, San Francisco

Hooding Ceremony Dental Class of 2024

Reader of Graduates' Names: Jennifer Perkins, DDS, MD
Assistant Dean of Education

Faculty Hooders:

Natalie Hastings, DMD, Clinical Professor, Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences

Eva Bender, DDS, Assistant Clinical Professor, Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences

Recessional

Doctor of Philosophy Oral & Craniofacial Sciences



Doctor of Philosophy Oral & Craniofacial Sciences

Sean T. Ganther

Corporate Dentistry Practice
Aspen Dental
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Ida Shaffer

Orthodontics Residency
University of the Pacific
San Francisco, California

Doctor of Dental Surgery



Doctor of Dental Surgery

Dotun Adebisi

Private Practice
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Sireesha Akaveeti

Private Practice
Texas

Azhar Akber

General Practice Residency
West Los Angeles VA Medical Center
Los Angeles, California

Shweta Vijay Annaldasula

Private Practice
Dallas, Texas

Ghazaleh Arabkheradmand

Private Practice & Teaching
San Francisco, California

Donna Baldetti

General Practice Residency
Samuels Sinclair Dental Center
Providence, Rhode Island

Rebecca Banh

General Practice Residency
Palo Alto Veteran Affairs Hospital
Palo Alto, California

Joseph G. Beshay

Private Practice
Orange County, California

Anthony Javier Castro

General Practice Residency
Seattle Veterans Affairs
Seattle, Washington

Misha Chaudhary

General Practice Residency
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

Timothy Chen

General Practice Residency
Loyola University
Chicago, Illinois

Sonja Chesnutt

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
U.S. Army
Tacoma, Washington

Ye Won Chin

Private Practice
Jersey City, New Jersey

Kenny Kaihung Cho

General Practice Residency
VA Northern California Healthcare
System
Vallejo, California

Stephanie Cho

Pediatric Dentistry Residency
University of California, Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California

Won Hee Cho

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Residency
Highland Hospital
Oakland, California

Prabha Choudhary

Dental Support Organization
Dental Dreams
San Diego, California

Doctor of Dental Surgery (cont.)

Brandon Choung

Orthodontics Residency
Texas A&M University School of
Dentistry
Dallas, Texas

Christina Chow

General Practice Residency
Walter Reed Medical Center
Bethesda, Maryland

Zachary Dai

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency
University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Hoang Dang

Private Practice
San Francisco, California

Dipika Datta

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
Gardner Health Services
San Jose, California

Allison Daugherty

Private Practice
Scottsdale, Arizona

Tina Dillas

Orthodontics Residency
University of the Pacific
San Francisco, California

Tuan Danny Do

Pediatric Dentistry Residency
University of California, Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California

Sudeep Hiroshi Dutta

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
NYU Langone
Honolulu, Hawaii

Miya Eberlein

General Practice Residency
Columbia University
New York, New York

Ursula Elle Eisinger

Orthodontics Residency
University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Rochelle Forni

Pediatric Dentistry Residency
Harvard University
Boston, Massachusetts

Lara Moyu Fu

Orthodontics Residency
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

Mario Gad

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
South Texas Veterans Health Care
System
San Antonio, Texas

Dyutee Gandhi

Private Practice
San Francisco Bay Area, California

Sean T. Ganther

Corporate Dentistry Practice
Aspen Dental
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Doctor of Dental Surgery (cont.)

Esther Gao

Pediatric Dentistry Residency
Oregon Health & Science University
Portland, Oregon

Samantha Garcia

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
U.S. Army Joint Base Lewis-McChord
Seattle, Washington

Andrew Giordano

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Anthony Giron

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
NYU Langone
Honolulu, Hawaii

Asim Goel

Private Practice
Canada

Janelle Gonzalez

Orthodontics Residency
Georgia School of Orthodontics
Atlanta, Georgia

Sakshi Goyal

Private Practice
Dublin, California

Jack Han

Pediatrics Residency
Tufts University
Boston, Massachusetts

Liza Harutyunyan

Periodontics Residency
University of California, Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California

Ryan Hatmaker

Private Practice
Fresno, California

Adam Hinshaw

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Rose Hinson

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
U.S.Navy
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

Brian Ho

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Non-
Categorical Internship
University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Julia Wing-Kay Ho

Private Practice
San Francisco, California

Katie Ho

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
University of California, Los Angeles
Venice Beach, California

Ha Hoang

General Practice Residency
Palo Alto Veterans Affairs
Palo Alto, California

Doctor of Dental Surgery (cont.)

Sylvia Howard

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
Johnston Memorial Hospital
Abingdon, Virginia

Yao-ching Hsieh

Orthodontics Residency
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Lincoln, Nebraska

Selina Huang

General Practice Residency
Community Regional Medical Center
Fresno, California

Jai Eun (Jennifer) Huh

Private Practice
Santa Rosa, California

Mikhail Izraylev

Private Practice
Portland, Oregon

Kavitha Jayarathanam

Private Practice
Milpitas, California

Jianne Jung

Private Practice
Jersey City, New Jersey

Fatima Kamara

General Practice Residency
VA Portland Health Care System
Portland, Oregon

Ethan Kato

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
VA Long Beach Healthcare System
Long Beach, California

Aneet Kaur

Private Practice
Canada

Natalie Khalili

Pediatric Dentistry Residency
Columbia University
New York, New York

Usman K. Khan

Private Practice
Woodland Smiles Dentistry
Sacramento, California

Roger Krupetsky

General Practice Residency
VA Portland Health Care System
Portland, Oregon

Jeffrey Lam

Orthodontics Residency
University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Timothy Le

Private Practice
Laguna Niguel, California

Andrew Lee

Endodontics Residency
Harvard University
Boston, Massachusetts

Brian Lee

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

June Lee

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
U.S. Army Fort Carson
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Doctor of Dental Surgery (cont.)

Erick Omar Leyva

Pediatric Dentistry Residency
University of California San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Kayla Lieuw

Periodontics Residency
University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Kairong (Kai) Lin

Private Practice
California

May Liu

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
Sepulveda VA Medical Center
Los Angeles, California

Merril Mathew

Group Practice Residency
Highland Hospital
Oakland, California

Liza Megally

General Practice Residency
Highland Hospital
Oakland, California

Samuel Min

Periodontics Residency
Columbia University
New York, New York

Laura Elizabeth Mota

Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Program
NYU Langone
Santa Barbara, California

Alyssa Jaclyn Moy

Pediatric Dentistry Residency
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

Manasa Narasimhan

Private Practice
San Francisco Bay Area, California

Ava Nazeri

Private Practice
San Francisco, California

Carolyn Nguyen

General Practice Residency
West Los Angeles VA Medical Center
Los Angeles, California

Daniel Nguyen

General Practice Residency
San Francisco VA Medical Center
San Francisco, California

Matthew Nguyen

General Practice Residency
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth
Portsmouth, Virginia

Nam Nguyen

Orthodontics Residency
University of Connecticut School of
Dental Medicine
West Hartford, Connecticut

Vivian Nguyen

General Practice Residency
VA Northern California Healthcare
System
Sacramento, California

Doctor of Dental Surgery (cont.)

Keyvan Nikghalb

Endodontics Residency
University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Stanley Onuegbu

Master of Public Health
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Boston, Massachusetts

Blake Panter

Private Practice
Sacramento, California

Tianna Pham

Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program
St. Vincent de Paul
Phoenix, Arizona

Jonathan Plascencia

Pediatric Dentistry Residency
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Meghna Prakash

Private Practice
Livermore, California

Samantha Rustia

Credentialing Tour
U.S. Navy Dental Corps
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

Brandon Saavedra

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Vijay Sah

Private Practice
San Jose, California

Carol Sandoval

General Practice Residency
VA Loma Linda Healthcare System
Loma Linda, California

Prineet Sangha

Private Practice
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Ida Shaffer

Orthodontics Residency
University of the Pacific
San Francisco, California

Aurora Su Sin

Pediatric Dentistry Residency
University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Arvind Thakur

Private Practice
Sacramento, California

Brian Tieu

Private Practice
California

Tiffany Trat

Pediatric Dentistry Residency
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Eilda Xholi

Private Practice
New Jersey

Doctor of Dental Surgery (cont.)

Bryan Yang

Periodontics Residency
University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Selena Yang

General Practice Residency
New York University
Brooklyn, New York

Morgan Michelle Yee

Associate
Aspen Dental
Iowa City, Iowa

Patricia Yen

Private Practice
San Jose, California

Jessica Mina Yi

Pediatric Dentistry Residency
Children's Hospital Colorado
Aurora, Colorado

Olivia Yu

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency
University of California, San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Willa Yu

General Practice Residency
Wyckoff Heights Medical Center
Brooklyn, New York

Jennifer Zhou

General Practice Residency
Alameda Health System – Highland
Hospital
Oakland, California

Meredith Zhou

Dental Anesthesiology Residency
Stony Brook Medicine
Stony Brook, New York

Student Government



Student Government Dental Class of 2024

2023-2024

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Technology Officers: Stephanie Cho & Hoang Dang
Class Historians: Jack Han & Miya Eberlein

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Technology Officers: Stephanie Cho & Hoang Dang
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2021-2022

President: Christina Chow
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Technology Officers: Stephanie Cho & Hoang Dang
Class Historians: Jack Han & Miya Eberlein

2020-2021

President: Christina Chow
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Technology Officers: Stephanie Cho & Hoang Dang
Class Historians: Jack Han & Miya Eberlein

Student Government International Dental Class of 2024

2023-2024

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Treasurer: Aneet Kaur

Secretaries: Shweta Annaldasula & Meghna Prakash

Technology Officers: Joseph Beshay & Prabha Choudhary

Class Historians: Asim Goel & Prineet Sangha

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Technology Officers: Joseph Beshay & Prabha Choudhary

Class Historians: Asim Goel & Prineet Sangha



About Our Commencement Speaker

Dr. David Rubin

Executive Vice President
University of California Health

David Rubin, M.D., MSCE, is executive vice president of University of California Health. A graduate of UCSF's school of medicine, Dr. Rubin works with campus leaders across UC's academic health system, one of the largest in the nation, to advance shared goals in areas such as improving access to care in low resource communities, strengthening health care workforce training and development, and improving outcomes for people across the state.

The executive vice president of UC Health is pivotal for building collaborations across UC's academic health centers and campuses that bring together the University's deep expertise to improve the health and well-being of all people in California.

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About Our Commencement Speaker (cont.)

As part of the Office of the President, the UC Health executive vice president focuses on ensuring the health system is serving as a partner with the state to realize health improvement goals, helping increase fiscal resilience of UC's health campuses, advancing distinction and excellence, and increasing access to health services in regions that have been underserved. The executive vice president of UC Health reports to UC President Michael V. Drake, M.D.

After completing his studies at UCSF, Dr. Rubin headed East to begin a 25-year career at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia as a clinician, educator, epidemiologist and systems operational leader. With a strong background in data analytics, population health and community-partnered research, his work has informed the national dialogue on children's health policy and meeting the needs of high-risk groups who are medically underserved.

As Director of Population Health Innovation at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, which serves more than 500,000 children and adolescents annually, Dr. Rubin developed programs to improve the value and quality of health care services patients receive. Within the PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Dr. Rubin led a team that conducts research in the areas of population health, implementation science and community-partnered research. He has been a senior fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics and an associate program director of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Rubin was also a member of the Pentagon's Military Family Readiness Council and a Presidential appointee to the White House Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse & Neglect Fatalities.

Dr. Rubin earned a medical degree at UCSF and completed his clinical training at the University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Additionally, he earned a master's degree in clinical epidemiology and biostatistics at University of Pennsylvania.

Congratulations, Graduates!

As members of the UCSF School of Dentistry class of 2024 you now belong to one of the most honorable professions in the world, the Profession of Dentistry. You should be very proud of your accomplishment and your future is very bright. You are also now part of both the Dental Alumni Association (DAA) and the Alumni Association of UCSF. We invite you to stay involved with the campus by attending alumni events, interacting through the online alumni community, or volunteering as an alumni leader or student mentor. The DAA is your organization and we are here to support the School of Dentistry, dental students, and fellow alumni.

Explore the wealth of opportunities at alumni.ucsf.edu and dive deeper into the world of your alma mater. While you're there, don't miss the chance to discover an array of exclusive perks tailored specifically for alumni, such as privileged library access, exclusive alumni discounts, and much more.

We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to connect with you and embark on a journey of shared experiences and continued engagement.

M. Ted Wong



M. Ted Wong, DDS '84

President, UCSF Dental Alumni Association

Historic Background and Academic Regalia

Academic dress was worn daily by university faculties of the late Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Today, the use of the complete academic regalia is reserved for ceremonial occasions. In Europe, universities exhibit considerable variations in academic dress, while in the United States, a standard pattern has been established.

Gowns are generally black. The most important element of academic regalia is the hood. The field of learning in which the degree was awarded is shown by the color of the edging of the hood and, in some cases, by the color of the facing and cross bars on doctors' gowns. Some of the colors are golden yellow (Science), light blue (Education), white (Arts and Letters), green (Medicine) and lilac (Dentistry).

Colors lining the hood are those of the institution that awarded the degree. For example, the University of California colors are blue and gold. The actual hooding ceremony is usually reserved for the doctorates;



however, in the United States, each university has the option to hood the recipients of bachelors' degrees.

The type of gown and the width of the edging of the hood reveal an individual's degree. Designs are of three kinds:

BACHELORS' GOWNS have full, pointed sleeves with no trimming, and the hoods have a two-inch edging.

MASTERS' GOWNS have full sleeves with no trimming, and the hoods have a three-inch edging.

DOCTORS' GOWNS are of silk, with rounded sleeves, velvet facing down the front, and three velvet crossbars on each sleeve. Hoods have side panels and a five-inch edging.

Tassels are properly worn on the left side of the front of the mortarboard. Tassels on bachelors' and masters' caps are ordinarily black, but they may be of the color of the field in which the degree was awarded. Doctors' tassels generally are gold.

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