



UNIVERSITY OF
DETROIT MERCY
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

COMMENCEMENT

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WELCOME

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

COMMENCEMENT 2022

Friday, May 13th
9:30 a.m.

Calihan Hall
University of Detroit Mercy
4001 West McNichols Road
Detroit, Michigan

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

BAGPIPER

MACE BEARER

GRAND MARSHAL

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
DENTAL HYGIENE

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED EDUCATION IN
GENERAL DENTISTRY

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN ENDODONTICS

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN ORTHODONTICS

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN PERIODONTICS

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

DEANS OF THE UNIVERSITY

VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT OF THE MICHIGAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT OF THE MICHIGAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OF THE
UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Photographers are requested to use side aisles and the rear of the auditorium during the ceremony so as not to obstruct the view of graduates and guests. Lost items can be claimed at the guard booth or by calling (313) 993-1234.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Judith A. Jones, D.D.S., M.P.H., D.Sc.D.
 Grand Marshal, Associate Professor

INVOCATION

Gilbert Sunghera, S.J.
 Superior, University of Detroit Mercy Jesuit Community
 Associate Professor, Architecture

O CANADA

*O Canada! Our home and native land!
 True patriot love in all of us command.
 With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
 The True North strong and free!
 From far and wide,
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
 God keep our land glorious and free!
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

*Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
 What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
 O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
 And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
 Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
 O say, does that Star - Spangled Banner yet wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

DEAN'S REMARKS

Mert N. Aksu, D.D.S., J.D., M.H.S.A.
Dean and Professor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.
President of the University

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Stephen Stefanac, D.D.S., M.S.
Clinical Professor and Associate Dean for Patient Services
University of Michigan School of Dentistry

DENTAL HYGIENE CLASS ADDRESS

Stephanie Marie Lica
President, Dental Hygiene Class of 2022

DENTAL CLASS ADDRESS

Brendan George Krueger, B.S., B.A.
President, Dental Class of 2022

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

Mert N. Aksu, D.D.S., J.D., M.H.S.A.

CONFERRING OF CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF VIVERE EX MISSIONE AWARD

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.

DENTAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Dinka, D.D.S.
President

RECESSIONAL

Please remain seated until the graduates and academic procession leave Calihan Hall.

RECEPTION

Tennis Pavilion
University of Detroit Mercy

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Stephen Stefanac, D.D.S., M.S.

Clinical Professor, Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine & Associate Dean for Patient Services

University of Michigan School of Dentistry



Dr. Stephen Stefanac is a 1980 dental graduate of the University of Detroit School of Dentistry. After four years in private practice, he returned to school to pursue a degree in Oral Medicine at the University of Michigan. It was there that his passion for teaching was ignited when he served as a preclinical instructor.

In 1987, Dr. Stefanac's part-time passion for teaching parleyed into a full-time career in higher education. Since then, he has served in a variety teaching and leadership roles at three universities and has been an invited lecturer at institutions across the globe. Currently, he is an active emeritus faculty at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry where he also serves as the associate dean for Patient Services.

Dr. Stefanac's teaching and research interest revolve around oral medicine, managing medically compromised patients, treatment planning and developing patient case simulations, and his work has been published in multiple peer-reviewed journals.

In addition, he is an editor and author of the textbook, *Diagnosis and Treatment Planning in Dentistry*, and is finalizing the book's 4th edition.

Throughout his career, Dr. Stefanac has held countless leadership positions across multiple local, state and national organizations. He has been the principal investigator for over 2.3 million dollars in grant dollars benefiting the underserved.

Dr. Stefanac is an international presenter, respected leader, published author, an advocate for the underserved and has been recognized with multiple awards and honors.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Roxana Aguinaga
Nada Bahjat Aljuboori
Basman Abdulilah AL-Najjim
Nesila Bilica, B.S.
Ellese Serena Blackmon
Alyssa Alayne Conn
Hathar Elias
Samantha Katie Gniazdoski
Sara Hersi
Stephanie Kristina Kaiser
Stephanie Marie Lica
Christelle Carine May
Lillian Jean Nichols
Mariam Nouredine

Samirkumar Mukesh Patel
Melanie Stefanie Petrovski
Mahera Ali Qadri
Nadeen George Ruzk-Allah
Mishail Saleh
Brittany Ann Seba
Saba Shakil, B.S.
Soummaya Shamisa
Courtney Ann Tessmer
Stephanie Tran
Rebecca Tripon
Marianna Uldedaj
Dipa Zaman

Candidates for degrees to be granted upon completion of formal requirements.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

- Noor Abdalla, B.S.
 Albaraa Nazih Abdulkhalek, B.S.
 Amber Alexa Aboona, B.A.
 Fayrouz R. Al Khouri, B.S.
 Hiba Alata, B.S.
 Adam Al-Kassem, B.Sc.
 **Suhaib Alqawasmeh, M.S., D.D.S.
 Hadil Gamal Al-Turki, B.S.
 **Rabia Arif, D.D.S., M.S.
 Brianna L. Armel, B.S.
 Maria Magdalyn Athnasios, B.S.
 Tamanna Azim, B.A.
 Mudar Azzam, B.H.M.Sc.
 Mary Margaret Bachelder
 Farhad Kevin Baghaie
 Amber Christine Bandy, B.S.
 **Mauricio Luiz Basso, M.S.
 Reem Haidar Bazzi, B.S.
 Lauren Lynne Bedro, B.S.
 Twila Majestic Bell-Hudley, B.S., M.S.
 **Andrea Bermudez, D.D.S.
 Lauren Marie Robertson Bevilacqua, B.S.
 Michele Shiraz Bhagwagar, B.S.
 Alexander Bradley Bowden, B.S.
 Navpreet Kaur Brar, B.S.
 Jenna Judith Briney, B.S.
 Charles Gregory Brower, B.S.
 Landon James Brower, B.S.
 Matthew James Bryson, B.S.
 William M. Buettner, B.S.
 Hannah Marie Bymaster, B.S.
 Justin Roger Chew, B.S., M.S.
 Daihyun Choi
 Daniel Joseph Craig, B.S.
 Abigail May Crusen, B.S.
 Nabila A. Cyrene, B.S.
 Grace M. Dahl, B.S.
 Nicole Marie DeBellis, B.S.
 Sepehr Dehbashi, B.S.
 Samantha Jo DeNardo, B.S.
 Ridge Michael Downs, B.S.
 Shealin Maura Shea Easton
 Hilal El-Ajame, B.A., M.Sc.
 Christina Jean Espinosa, B.S., M.A., R.D.
 Allende R. Esquivel, B.A.
 Mitchell Timothy Fackler, B.S.
 Alina Fatima, B.S.
 Simil Tamseel Fatima, B.S.
 **Irene Fernandes, C.A.G.S.
 Stephanie Marie Fotouhi, B.B.A.
 Laura Elizabeth Hagerty, B.S.
 Mariam R. Hanna, B.S.
 Joseph Hirmiz, B.S.
 Khuong Trong Ho, B.S.
 Hai Yen Nhi Le-Anne Ho, B.S.
 Anita Helen Houbba
 Brendan Tilden Hubbard, B.A.
 Dominika Jarosz, B.S.
 Ramin Javaheri-Poya, B.S.
 Nicholas C. Kaddis, B.S.
 Stephanie Nicole Kaddis, B.S.
 +Paul Sata Kamash, B.A.
 Mayank Kaushal, B.S.
 Sydney Frances Kerre, B.S.
 **Mariam Altaf Khan, B.D.S., M.D.S.
 Zainab Fatima Khan, B.S.
 **Shirin Khoynezhad, D.D.S., D.M.Sc.
 Brian Koyfman, B.S.
 Karla Evelyn Kozak, B.A.
 Brendan George Krueger, B.S., B.A.
 Benjamin Samuel Kruman, B.A.
 **Shriya Shirish Kulkarni, B.D.S., M.D.S.
 Haley Lynn Lawrence, B.S.
 Kristina Leska, B.S.
 Chase Martin-Gabriel Leske, B.S.
 Tyler Joseph Madar, B.S.
 Nour M. Mahmoud, B.A.
 **Omar Mario Masabni, B.S., B.D.S., M.S.
 +Julia Celene Mastracci, B.S.
 Anna Eileen McDevitt, B.S.
 Joseph Anthony Miele, B.A.
 Diana Moshiri, B.S.
 Marysoul Faris Mousa Aqrawi, B.S.
 Muharem Mrkaljevic, B.Sc.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Maxemilian Carreira Nascimento, B.S.	Kurt Bryan Schoenherr, B.S.
Zoia Naseem, B.S.	Devan Edward Schulert, B.S.
Hussein Ali Nasser, B.S.	Ilissa Grace Schutzbach, B.S.
Daniela Ivana Naumovski, B.A., B.S., M.S.	Namma Shakeel, B.S.
Chris Hyeonsoo Noh, B.S.	Rafaella Shammas, H.B.A., H.B.Sc.
Ashleigh Nichole O'Brien, B.S.	Sameh M. Shella, B.S.
Colleen Cecilia O'Brien, B.S.	Joseph Anthony Shimoun, B.S.
Justin Michael Olsen	Nicole Marie Sikora, B.A., B.S.
Nicholas John Ostrander, B.S.	Grant Joseph Smith, B.S.
Spencer Kellett Owen, B.S.	Mariam Ali Sobh, B.S.
Connor Kellett Owen, B.S.	Ola Khalil Mohamed Soliman
**Ranjitha Rai Padhiar, B.D.S, M.D.S.	Colin Richard Spencer, B.S.
Aamil Bipin Patel, M.S., B.S.	Joseph Edward Spyrka, B.A.
Liveisys Pedraza, B.S.	Evangelos Daniel Stavroullakis, B.S.
Joseph Philip Pedri	Mathushan Sukumar
Jessica Thao Anh Phan, B.S.	Lisha Tang, B.S.
Stephanie Philpott	Nikola Tasevski, H.B.Sc.
Kendall Anne Polk, B.A., B.S.	+Collin Andrew Tassie, B.S.
James A. Popyk, B.A.	Christen Johnae Thompson, B.A.
Nawrooz Sara Putris, B.S.	Jonathan Toma, B.S.
Kyle Matthew Radomski, B.S.	Christopher Robert Tremblay
Montasir Rahman, B.S.	Michelle Uekihara, B.S.
Lizette Nicole Ramirez, B.S., M.S.	Arben Uldedaj, B.S.
Mariam S. Rassam, B.S.	Nicole Anne Urbanick, B.S.
Abigail Marie Rice, B.A.	William Nam Vo, B.S.
Taylor Cliffe Robertson	Benjamin David Vorpahl, B.A.
Omar Salem, B.S.	Sandy Wang, B.S.
Krystal Thalia Salhuana, B.S.	Jay Wayntraub
Eilkay Samadi, B.S.	Xiaoqian Xu, B.S.
Carlo Almonte Sanchez	Yinan Yang, B.S.
Stamatis Sarikas, B.S.	Alison Yoon, B.S.
Sereen Ann Sartho, B.S., M.S.	Lauren Elizabeth Young, B.S.
Sarah Sayed, B.S.	James Zhou, B.S.

+Candidates receiving a Certificate in Business Fundamentals

**Candidates receiving a Doctor of Dental Surgery after May 2022

Candidates for degrees to be granted up on completion of formal requirements.

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY

Tabitha Salam Kalabat, B.S., D.D.S.
Shawn P. Mathew, B.S., D.M.D.
Bridget Nucum, D.D.S.
Vaida Yaa Serwah Irelioluwa Saucer, B.A., M.A., D.D.S.

Program Director – Christina Van Dam, D.D.S.

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN ENDODONTICS AND THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Elias Haddad, B.S., D.M.D.
Brent Michael Hazlewood, B.S., D.D.S.
Kenneth Remy Yuth, B.S., M.S., D.M.D.

Program Director – Susan Paurazas, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., M.S.

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN ORTHODONTICS AND THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Lena Akkad, B.I.S., D.D.S., M.S.D.
Jasmine Kaur Cheema, B.A., D.M.D.
Robert S. Herman, D.D.S.
Tingxi Liu, B.A., D.D.S., M.S.D.
Jeffrey Glen Stoker, D.D.S., M.S.

Program Director – Riyadh Al-Qawasmi, B.D.S., M.S.D., Ph.D.

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN PERIODONTICS AND THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Dalia F. Hasso, B.S., M.S., D.D.S.
Lidya Jirjis, D.D.S.
Jonathan S. Zora, B.S., D.D.S.

Program Director – Anthony L. Neely, D.D.S., MDentSc, Ph.D.

Candidates for degrees to be granted up on completion of formal requirements.

CLASS OF 2022 AWARDS & RECOGNITION

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Noor Abdalla, B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Albaraa Nazih Abdulkhalek, B.S.

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

Amber Alexa Aboona, B.A.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Fayrouz R. Al Khouri, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Hiba Alata, B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Dentistry Clinical Excellence Award

Maria Magdalyn Athnasios, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Tamanna Azim, B.A.

F.B. Vedder Society Award Nominee

Farhad Kevin Baghaie

Academy of General Dentistry Award

American Association of Endodontics Award

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Lauren Lynne Bedro, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Twila Majestic Bell-Hudley, B.S., M.S.

President, Student Government Association

Michele Shiraz Bhagwagar, B.S.

Vice President, Dental Class of 2022

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Matthew James Bryson, B.S.

Academy of Osseointegration Outstanding Dental Student in Implant
Dentistry Award

Hannah Marie Bymaster, B.S.

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Student
Award

Justin Roger Chew, B.S., M.S.

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

Abigail May Crusen, B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence

Grace M. Dahl, B.S.

Brian D. Stone Memorial Award

Hilal El-Ajame, B.A., M.Sc.

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

CLASS OF 2022 AWARDS & RECOGNITION

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Stephanie Marie Fotouhi, B.B.A.

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award

American Academy of Oral Medicine Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

Laura Elizabeth Hagerty, B.S.

Secretary, Dental Class of 2022

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Jospeh Hirmiz, B.S.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Dental Student Award

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Nicholas C. Kaddis, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Paul Sata Kamash, B.A.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Mayank Kaushal, B.S.

F.B. Vedder Society Award Nominee

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

Sydney Frances Kerre, B.S.

Class Representative, Dental Class of 2022

Brendan George Krueger, B.S., B.A.

International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award

President, Dental Class of 2022

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Benjamin Samuel Kruman, B.A.

American Academy of Orofacial Pain Outstanding Senior Award

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Kristina Leska, B.S.

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award

Tyler Joseph Madar, B.S.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Achievement Award

School of Dentistry Dental Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

School of Dentistry Biomedical Science Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

F.B. Vedder Society Award Nominee

Julia Celene Mastracci, B.S.

American Association of Orthodontists Award

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

CLASS OF 2022 AWARDS & RECOGNITION

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Diana Moshiri, B.S.

F.B. Vedder Society Crown & Bridge Awardee

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Maxemilian Carreira Nascimento, B.S.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Daniela Ivanna Naumovski, B.A., B.S., M.S.

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Senior Dental Student Recognition Award

Detroit Mercy Dental Community Award

International College of Dentists Humanitarian Award

Ashleigh Nicole O'Brien, B.S.

Falcon Family Award

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

Colleen Cecilia O'Brien, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Justin Michael Olsen

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Nicholas John Ostrander, B.S.

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Connor Kellett Owen, B.S.

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry

Joseph Philip Pedri

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Nawrooz Sara Putris, B.S.

Academy of General Dentistry Award

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Kyle Matthew Radomski, B.S.

Academy of Dentistry International Student Servant Leadership Award

Whip Mix Hanau Best of Best Prosthodontic Award

American Academy of Periodontology Dental Student Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

Montasir Rahman, B.S.

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

Lizette Nicole Ramirez, B.S., M.S.

Class Representative, Dental Class of 2022

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

CLASS OF 2022 AWARDS & RECOGNITION

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Taylor Cliffe Robertson

Russell W. Bunting Periodontal Society Award
 Detroit Mercy Dental Senior Oral Surgery Award
 Quintessence Award for Research Achievement
 Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition
 School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Eilkay Samadi, B.S.

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador
 School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Carlo Almonte Sanchez

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

Stamatis Sarikas, B.S.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Student Award

Kurt Bryan Schoenherr, B.S.

International Congress of Oral Implantology Pre-Doctoral Achievement Award

Devan Edward Schulert, B.S.

Detroit Mercy Dental Senior Oral Surgery Award

Rafaella Shammas, H.B.A., H.B.Sc.

Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award
 School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Sameh M. Shella, B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Joseph Anthony Shimoun B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Nikola Tasevski, H.B.Sc.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Collin Andrew Tassie, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Christen Johnae Thompson, B.A.

Delta Dental Foundation Community Commitment Award

Dr. Jeanne Craig Sinkford Student Leadership Award

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Jonathan Toma, B.S.

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Horace Wells Senior Award

Detroit Mercy Dental Excellence in Research Award

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Christopher Robert Tremblay

Treasurer, Dental Class of 2022

CLASS OF 2022 AWARDS & RECOGNITION

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Arben Uldedaj, B.S.

American Association of Endodontics Award

American College of Prosthodontics Graduate Achievement Award

F.B. Vedder Society Award Nominee

William Nam Vo, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Benjamin David Vorpahl, B.A.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Sandy Wang, B.S.

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

Jay Wayntraub

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Alison Yoon, B.S.

F.B. Vedder Society Award Nominee

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Lauren Elizabeth Young, B.S.

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

James Zhou, B.S.

Class of 2022 Student Admissions Ambassador

CLASS OF 2022 AWARDS & RECOGNITION

DENTAL HYGIENE

Roxana Aguinaga

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Community Service Award

Nesila Bilica, B.S.

Dental Hygiene Representative, Student Government Association

Ellese Serena Blackmon

East Shore District Dental Hygienist's Society Award

Falcon Family Award

Vice President, Dental Hygiene Class of 2022

Clinical Enrichment Recognition

Stephanie Marie Lica

Colgate Student Total Achievement Recognition Award

Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society Recognition

President, Dental Hygiene Class of 2022

Clinical Enrichment Recognition

Lillian Jean Nichols

Secretary, Dental Hygiene Class of 2022

Melanie Stefanie Petrovski

School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Periodontology Achievement Award

Loa Petri Clinical Dental Hygiene Award

Clinical Enrichment Recognition

Nadeen George Ruzk-Allah

School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Biomedical Sciences Award

Courtney Ann Tessmer

School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society Recognition

Treasurer, Dental Hygiene Class of 2022

Marianna Uljedaj

Hu-Friedy "Golden Scaler" Award

Clinical Enrichment Recognition

Dipa Zaman

Detroit Mercy Dental Hygiene Alumni Award

Clinical Enrichment Recognition

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Architecture	Blue Velvet	Law	Purple
Arts and Letters	White	Library Science	Lemon
Business Administration	Drab	Medicine	Green
Dentistry	Lilac	Music	Pink
Economics	Copper	Nursing	Apricot
Education	Light Blue	Pharmacy	Copper
Engineering	Orange	Philosophy	Blue
Fine Arts	Brown	Physical Education	Sage Green
Journalism	Crimson	Public Administration	Brown

The custom of wearing academic gowns, caps and hoods dates back to the 12th century and likely had its inception in France, where the wearing of the cap and gown marked the formal admission of the “Licentiate” to the body of masters. The cold buildings of medieval times, in which the masters were obliged to teach, required caps and hoods which naturally were patterned after the prevailing dress of the times. Since a large number of scholars were clerics, the robes resembled the monks’ dress. The hoods were fashioned after the monks’ cowl and were attached to the gown so that they might be drawn over the head. Later, when the hood was displaced by the skull cap as a head covering, it was made separately from the gown. The skull cap evolved into a pointed cap which is evidenced today in the mortar board cap with its tassel.

Considering the development described above, it is natural that there would be a great variety of styles and usage. In order to maintain uniformity, an *Intercollegiate Code for Academic Costumes* has been adopted by most leading institutions of learning. As a result, the gowns and hoods of this country are a badge of learning, symbolic of the degree attained.

This code calls for three types of gowns: the Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctor’s. The Bachelor’s gown is made with an open or closed front with long pointed sleeves. The Master’s gown is an open front garment with extremely long closed sleeves - the arms protrude through a slit at the elbow. The ends of the sleeves are square and are further characterized by an arc of a circle appearing near the bottom. The Doctor’s gown is also an open front garment, with round bell-shaped sleeves along the length of the arm. There are wide, black velvet panels facing down the front with three velvet bars on each sleeve, which may portray the color that represents the degree earned or may remain black.

It is in the design of the hood that is distinctly American. Simple, yet beautiful, each degree, Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctor’s, is represented by a distinct shape or form. The Bachelor’s hood is the smallest of the three - the velvet edging is narrower and less exposed. The Master’s hood is the same length as the Doctor’s - the velvet edging is somewhat wider than the Bachelor’s and more of the lining can be seen. The Doctor’s hood is easily recognized by the width of the velvet edging, its wide panels and the full exposure of the lining. The lining of the hood indicates the colors of the institute conferring the degree and the color of the velvet trimmings represents the degree.

The black gowns, trimmed with multi-colored velvet and worn by some members of the Dental Faculty, indicate membership in the American College of Dentists or the International College of Dentists.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION & MACE

The order of the Academic Procession (see page 2) is governed by academic protocol. College and School order of march is determined by their founding. Leading the Procession is the Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal is the Master/Mistress of Ceremonies and Mace-bearer.

The mace is ceremonial and dates back to sixteenth century England where it was used as a formidable weapon to protect high ranking civil, educational and religious officials, and royalty. Today the mace has become a symbol of authority and is carried by a distinguished member of the academic community.

Attached to the silver crown of the mace is a double-sided University crest. Circumscribed around the consolidated institutions' crests is the wording, "University of Detroit Mercy." The left side of the inner circle portrays two wolves at a pot, symbolizing the generosity of the Loyola family (Ignatius Loyola was the founder of the Society of Jesus). After all the family and the workers were fed, even the wild animals had the pot to lick.

The motto of the Jesuits, "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam" (For the Greater Glory of God), is located above the wolves and the pot. The date 1877 refers to the founding of University of Detroit by the Jesuits.

On the inner circle, right side, is a silver cross which is the symbol of the Religious Sisters of Mercy, who founded Mercy College of Detroit in 1941. The three canettes are taken from the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Detroit, symbolizing the Archdiocese and the City. The open book is the traditional symbol for a college. Upon the open pages is inscribed Mercy College's motto, "Maria, Sedes Sapientiae" (Mary, Seat of Wisdom).

The shaft of the mace is made of silver and ebony.

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