

Commencement 2025

157TH COMMENCEMENT

School of Dental Medicine

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Order of Events

Musical Prelude

Woodvale String Quartet

Processional

Aruna Ramesh, D.M.D., B.D.S., M.S., *Faculty Marshal and Presenter*

Nashley Michelle Martinez, *Student Marshal*

Grettel Marie Pantaleon, *Student Marshal*

Mariah Matinian, *Student Marshal*

Pamela Marie Espinoza, *Student Marshal*

Tyrone Reese II, *Student Marshal*

Kaylin Janel Thies, *Student Marshal*

Welcome Greetings

Aruna Ramesh, D.M.D., B.D.S., M.S., *Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, and
Professor of Diagnostic Sciences, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology*

Invocation

Khan Shairani, Ph.D., M.A., *Muslim Chaplain*

Remarks

Nadeem Karimbux, D.M.D., M.M.Sc., *Dean, School of Dental Medicine*

Diandra Ariel Tabitha Jones, *President of the Class of D2025*

Sara Naser, *President of the Class of DI2025*

Recognition of Faculty Emeritus

Paul Leavis, Ph.D., *Professor Emeritus*

John Morgan, D.D.S., M.S., *Professor Emeritus*

Teaching Awards

THE PROVOST'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHING AND SERVICE

Riki Gottlieb, D.M.D., M.S., *Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Affairs*

THE DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL TEACHING

Amalia Katsampoula, D.D.S., *Assistant Professor, Department of Prosthodontics*

THE DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRECLINICAL TEACHING

Carlos Kose Junior, Ph.D., D.D.S., M.S., *Associate Professor, Department of Comprehensive Care*

THE DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BASIC SCIENCE TEACHING

Berri Jacque, Ph.D., *Professor, Medical Education, Tufts University School of Medicine*

Presentation of Master of Science and Doctor of Science in Dentistry Degrees

Nadeem Karimbux, D.M.D., M.M.Sc., *Dean*

Naciye Guzin Uzel, D.M.D., D.M.Sc., *Assistant Professor, Department of Periodontology and
Director, Research Education*

Master of Science and Doctor of Science in Dentistry Hooding

Aruna Ramesh, D.M.D., B.D.S., M.S., *Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and
Professor of Diagnostic Sciences, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology*

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Recognition of Honors and Awards

Aruna Ramesh, D.M.D., B.D.S., M.S., *Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and*

Professor of Diagnostic Sciences, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

Hubert Park, D.M.D., *President, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association*

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

In Honor of Dr. David A. Tesini, D75, DG77, AG79

Dr. William B. Chan, D75A, DG82, D10P, DG13P, DG13P

Presentation of Doctor of Dental Medicine Degrees

Nadeem Karimbux, D.M.D., M.M.Sc., *Dean*

Riki Gottlieb, D.M.D., M.S., *Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Affairs*

Dina A. Al-Tayeb, B.D.S., M.S., *University Trustee and Dental Board of Advisors*

Janis Moriarty, D.M.D., *University Trustee and Dental Board of Advisors*

Ancy Verdier, D.M.D., *University Trustee and Dental Board of Advisors*

Doctor of Dental Medicine Hooding

Taha Mohammed Masood Akhtar, B.D.S., M.S.D., *Assistant Professor, Department of Prosthodontics*

Thaisa B. Bordin, Ph.D., D.M.D., D.D.S., M.Sc., *Assistant Professor, Department of Prosthodontics*

Louisiana Espinoza, D.D.S., *Assistant Professor, Department of Endodontics*

Amalia Katsampoula, D.D.S., *Assistant Professor, Department of Prosthodontics*

Ronald Perry, D.M.D., M.S., *Professor, Department of Comprehensive Care and*

Director, International Student Program

Group Practice Recognition

Frank DeCaro, D.M.D., *Assistant Professor, Department of Comprehensive Care*

Alan Epstein, D.M.D., *Lead Practice Coordinator and Assistant Professor, Department of Comprehensive Care*

David Paul, D.M.D., *Lead Practice Coordinator and Associate Professor, Department of Comprehensive Care*

Oath for the Dental Graduate

Dara Rogers, D.M.D., *Assistant Dean, Clinical Affairs and Associate Professor, Department of Comprehensive Care*

NOTE TO SPECTATORS

Arrangements have been made for professional photographers to take photographs of each of the degree recipients on stage. These will be available for download from the school's website at a later time. We ask that family members and friends of the degree recipients refrain from approaching the stage to take photographs during the Commencement Ceremony.

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Candidates for Degrees

Doctor of Dental Medicine

Nada Mahmoud Ahmed Abdu

Muhammad Ahmed

Chidebelu Jennifer Akobundu

Cristina Elisa Alba

Katarina Alexa Alem

Matthew Ali Ali

Travis Charles Alkire

Amar Almidani

Cynthia Americano

Nana K. Ampomah

Migsal Lhamo Andrugtsang

Chioma Onyinye Olumma Anokwute

Samuel Arora

Danny Asfoura

Maria Patricia Claudio Asuncion

Nicole Avakiants

Monica Adel Awada

Kathleen Elizabeth Babcock

Arun Babu

Lujane Barakat

Jillian Elise Bateson

Allison Bebar

Katherine Elizabeth Becerra

Ryley Austen Bennett

Janki Bhagat

Sajal Bharany

Erica Mae Pamintuan Biagini

Emily Bierman

DeAnna Bifalco

Amir-Reza Shesh Blooki

Tyler M. Boutté

Krista Louisa Cabret

Manuela Cardenas

Priya Chandok

Zhi Wei Chen

Tzu-Han Ainsley Chung

Kiley Alyssa Clifford

Sophia Sarro Cochran

Daniela Cojocar

Eugenia Cojocar

Alexandra Madeline Costantino

Miko Okayama Crawford

Reed Henry Crowley

Ashley Helena Cuevas

Sarah Nathalie Daly

Anthony Damé

Maxwell Kofi Danso

Sara Darvishiabyaneh

Alexia Mary DeDeus

Robert Joseph Deleon-Kollmer

Bennett Sherwood DeLong

Dominique Douglas

Sonya Maria Douglas

Mohamed Elashaal

Dana Haissam El-Jannoun

Pamela Marie Espinoza

Monica Fahim

Ahmed Fathy

Jean Carlos Ferman

Matthew Flax

Mariah Deora Flynn

Robert Fu

Valentina Garcia Villada

Neda M. Ghias

Marianne Aguilar Go

Dr. Erick Fernando Gomez Marroquin

Lianet Gonzalez

Luiciana Massiel Gonzalez Vilorio

Alexis Paris Gordon

Hayley Allison Grandeau

Kaili Griffin

Luke Austin Grillo

Jenifer Andrea Grisales Rivera

Sahar Hajibabaei

Karl Hall

Jacob Michael Hamelburg

Kizinia Kelly Hamm

Verena Marianne Hanna

Christian A. Hasiotis

Grace Heo

Dr. María de Fátima Hernández Nuño de la Rosa

Paul W. Hogan

Ashley Lynn Holt

Maria Juliana Home-Gomez

Grace Hwang

Ji Yeon Hwang

Angel Mary Idiculla

Dr. Karina Fiona Irua

Adriana Iturbide Rodriguez

Afamdi Okwudili Iwuchukwu

Benita Roselin Jacob

Noel Alvin James

Seung Jun Jang

Kira V. Jennings

Yixin Jiang

Taylor Ann Johnson

Diandra Ariel Tabitha Jones

Jessica Zammitti Jordan

Atirah Cressida Joseph

Hyung Jae Jung

Jane Jung

Megha Anil Kanabar

Kevin Jung Min Kang

Griselda Kasemi

Sima Kasraie

Ramanpreet Kaur

Omid Khaksarfard

Michelle N. Khan

Shayaan Muhammad Khan

Yusra Khan

Jisun Kim

Mi Ran Kim

Moses Kim

Siwoo Kim

Ye Han Kim

Jaewoong Ko

Kaz Sun Koltai

Avnoor Kooner

Gabrielle Lee

Je Ho Lee

Weijia Li

Florence Jinhua Liao

Sonya Livitz

Janelle Logronio

Katherine Lopez

Sidney MacKinnon

Erika Jasmin Magana

Nisha Mahtani

Nadia Yasmeen Malik

Nashley Michelle Martinez

Natalie Helena Masone

Sophia Julia Masuda

Ancel C. Mathew

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Candidates for Degrees

Jannet K. Mathew	Anu Parekh	Madelynne Sigg	Gregory Shu Wang Yip
Oshin Deena Mathew	Hunter Sloan Parker	Gursharanjit Singh	Nora Zakhary
Mariah Matinian	Kelsie Synclaire Parker	Irveen Singh	Sally E. Zapata
Ashly Jean Matzek	Dipali Patel	Areum Son	Geqiong Zhao
Wendy Moraa Mauti	Krupa Ghanshyambhai Patel	Diana M. Soto	Helen Hao Zheng
Kembria Chantel Mayes	Shivangi Jitendra Patel	Christopher Stephens	David Paul Zymba
Carley Marie McAlarney	Shivangini Nilesbbhai Patel	Keandra Stewart	
Connor James McAllister	Shrenik Bhanubhai Patel	Jaela C. Stith	
Charne Luvenia McClurkin	Jaela Lanae Payne	Khunsha Syed	
Sarah Mediouni	David James Peretti	Anthony I. Tabet	
Revenel Revert Metayer	Isis Amanda Perez	Megana Ram Tangella	
Samah Mohamed	Jasmine Renee Perry	Travon Stephen Terrell	
Mohamed Elhassan	Ani Pestrikov	Angela Thach	
Liana Monderer	Mai-Phuong Pham	Taylor R. Theroux-Staples	
Katrina P. Montane	Sebastian Pinto	Kaylin Janel Thies	
Jeff Gabriel Murat	Yanaig Polo	Dileep Thomas	
Zain Bin Mushtaq	Yudi Quintero	Zack Arrington Thomas	
Sarah Elizabeth Musso	Anil Ramappa	Laurie Jayne Toledo	
Flavia Myrtaj	Tyrone Reese II	Natalie Tran	
Pariya Nafari Mehranjani	Takara Leigh Richard	Victoria Tran	
Sara Naser	Vanessa Angelique Rodriguez	Kimberly Trinh	
Riya Nath	Tareina Rogers	Dr. Tingyun Tsai	
Dr. Gili Naveh	Edgar Ruiz Aragon	Shouana Vang	
Tamunodiyepriye Gift Ngo	Devin Clark Russell	Emely Vidal	
Ashley Ngoc Anh Nguyen	Sami Sahloul	Alexa Christie Vieira	
Michael Xuan Nguyen	Octavia A. Sampson	Tammy Vo	
Sherese Abena Pokuaa Nornoo	Kayla Marie Sargent	Juhi Vyas	
Glory Oluwabukunmi Ogunyinka	Nikita Saxena	Madison S. Wallace	
Sunny Okoroji	Kelly Dionne Sequeira	Laura Leigh Ward	
Ann Cathrine Garcia Ong	Khuram Shahzad	Robert Maxwell Watson	
Claudia Ortuzar	Dr. Samar Shaikh	Robyn Ann White	
Yvonne Jacqueline Otis	Ragini Sharma	Matthew Robert Wilkinson	
Paige Ashley Palmero	Fengjun Shen	Daniel Chan Ho Won	
Grettel Marie Pantaleon	Alexis Monique Shokere	Isabella Cristina Woodson	
Blerta Papi	Alisha Shrestha	Daniel Andrew Worley	
		Esther Yi	

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Candidates for Degrees

Doctor of Science in Dentistry Degree Candidates and Recipients

Dr. May Alaidrous

Thesis: Biological Complication and Implant Survival Rates of Monolithic Zirconia Implant-Supported Fixed Complete Arch Dental Prostheses

Advisor: Dr. Panagiotis Papaspyridakos

Dr. Ahmad Malluh

Thesis: Survival Rates, Technical Complications, and Dimensions of Monolithic Zirconia Implant-Supported Fixed Complete Arch Dental Prostheses

Advisor: Dr. Panagiotis Papaspyridakos

Master of Science Degree Candidates and Recipients

Dr. Ghadah Alajlan

Thesis: Retention of Bioflx Crowns, Zirconia Crowns Compared to Stainless Steel Crowns: *In vitro* Study

Advisor: Dr. Cheen Loo

Dr. Reema Alnuaimi

Thesis: Survival and Marginal Bone Loss of Dental Implants Placed in Sites of Previously Failed Implants: A Retrospective Study

Advisor: Dr. Natalie Jeong

Dr. Reem Mohammad Alreshaid

Thesis: Salivary and Gingival Crevicular Fluid Levels of Interleukin-1 β , Interleukin-17, Interleukin-36 β , Interleukin-37 and Interleukin-38 in Healthy and Periodontitis Patients: A Cross-Sectional Study

Advisor: Dr. Evangelos Papathanasiou

Dr. Rawaa Alshatti

Thesis: Comparison of Marginal Bone Loss Around Implants Placed in Ridge-Preserved Versus Non-Preserved Sites Following Tooth Extraction: A Retrospective Radiographic Study

Advisor: Dr. Natalie Jeong

Dr. Mohammad Alshaye

Thesis: Accuracy of Guided Implant Surgery on Completely Edentulous Patients: A Retrospective Study

Advisor: Dr. Panagiotis Papaspyridakos

Dr. Mouna Alsunni

Thesis: Assessment of Salivary Flow Patterns in Sjögren's Disease

Advisor: Dr. Vidya Sankar

Dr. Fatemah Alwaheeb

Thesis: Oral Health Related Quality of Life for Special Health Care Needs Children During the COVID-19 Pandemic Lock Down Period in USA and Kuwait

Advisor: Dr. Cheen Loo

Dr. Sarah Alyousef

Thesis: The Efficacy and Adverse Effects of Pilocarpine and Cevimeline in Patients with Hyposalivation: A Retrospective Cohort Study

Advisor: Dr. Vidya Sankar

Dr. Bayan Badeeb

Thesis: Effect of Bonding Agents Used as Lubricants on Color Stability of Composite Restorations

Advisor: Dr. Carlos Kose, Jr.

Dr. Michelle Bhagwagar

Thesis: Bone Cell Protection-Temperature Elevation During Implant Osteotomy Site Preparation

Advisor: Dr. Guzin Uzel

Dr. Abdullatif Burahmah

Thesis: Meta-Analysis of Oral Toxicity Antibody Drug Conjugates

Advisor: Dr. Yuanming Xu

Dr. Shruti Kumbhojkar

Thesis: Characterizing and Comparing Dental Cell Secreted Exosomal Vesicles

Advisor: Dr. Pamela Yelick

Dr. Jeanny Huynh Nguyen

Thesis: Surgical Therapeutic Topics in AAP In-Service Exams and the Related Publication Trend

Advisor: Dr. Yau-Hua Yu

Dr. Oula Tashkandi

Thesis: Clinical Evaluation of Mandibular Flexure During Mouth Opening With Digital 3-Dimensional Analysis

Advisor: Dr. Yo-Wei Chen

Dr. Quoc-Kiet Tran

Thesis: The Evaluation of 3D Printing Resins for the Permanent Full Coverage Restorations

Advisor: Dr. Yo-Wei Chen

School of Dental Medicine

Postgraduate Certificate of Achievement Candidates

Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Dr. Meriam Micheal
Baselious

Dr. Merna Micheal
Baselious

Dr. Eduardo Benavides

Dr. Eric Woosung Cho

Dr. Grace Tiffany Hsieh
Christianson

Dr. Mery Fernandez

Dr. Mahnoor Mahmood

Dr. Mary N. Morcos

Dr. Ghassan Nemeh

Advanced Esthetic and Operative Dentistry

Dr. Hadeel Alrajhi

Dr. Bayan Badeeb

Dr. Talal Elkhayat

Endodontics

Dr. Tamara Biary

Dr. Cordelia Chan

Dr. Alexander Michael
Homer

Dr. Kelly Marie Jones

Dr. Yu Chia Edward Kuo

Dr. Simi Sanjiv Shah

Dr. Anthony Adel Shahata

General Practice Residency

Dr. Frederique Bedard

Dr. Ashim Das

Dr. Brianna Bernadette
Horne

Dr. Sarah Islam

Oral Medicine

Dr. Sarah Mohammed
Alyousef

Dr. Abdullatif Yousef
Burahmah

Oral Surgery

Dr. Adit Gadh

Dr. Craig Holliday

Oral Surgery Intern

Dr. Mohammed Amir Rais

Orofacial Pain

Dr. Ziad Khoury

Dr. Chan Young Moon

Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics

Dr. Sleiman Elias Elias

Dr. Leila Motamedi

Dr. Rebecca Harrison
Muller

Dr. Yasmin Razavi

Dr. Luis Henry Vidaurri

Dr. Anna Yermolayeva

Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Eriselda Bano

Dr. Daniela Rosio Barrera
Briones

Dr. Ryan Kim

Dr. Rashmi Milind Patil

Periodontology

Dr. Reema Alnuaimi

Dr. Ara Bakian

Dr. Michele Shiraz
Bhagwagar

Dr. Aditya Kakkar

Dr. Eric Kun Kim

Dr. Nima David Natanzi

Dr. Jeanny Huynh Nguyen

Dr. Martin Talia

Prosthodontic Dentistry

Dr. Robert Anthony Conca

Dr. Klara Deskovic-Kim

Dr. Vicente Vera
Rodriguez

Dr. Angel Patricio Sanchez

Dr. Corey Joseph Winship