



WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Year 2 **IDDP**
Class of 2029 **Class of 2028**

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026
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UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN
College of Dentistry
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The **University of Saskatchewan** Senate approved the establishment of a College of Dentistry on March 4, 1965. Usask's first dean of dentistry, Dr. K.J. Paynter, was appointed in 1966 and was joined by new staff members to officially begin college duties on July 1, 1967. In September 1968, 10 students began the first classes of the Doctor of Dental Medicine program in Ellis Hall and ushered in the beginning of what was the ninth dental school in Canada.

The USask College of Dentistry offers a fully accredited dental program with a proud tradition of excellence in providing high-quality, oral healthcare education. Founded with a vision to be a leader in dental education, research, community outreach, engagement and professional support, the college graduates more than three dozen qualified dentists each year.

Most of Saskatchewan's general and specialist dentists receive their undergraduate education at the College of Dentistry. Many of the college's students are residents of the province, however cultural and geographic diversity is an integral component of our student community. The student body includes students from across Canada and throughout the world who have chosen USask for their dental education.

A teaching emphasis that reflects the changing needs in dental practice enriches the student experience. The college believes in a holistic, student-centered approach to learning. It is committed to student engagement, well-being and providing a clinical experience that is among the best in Canada.

The college is looking to its future. Our clinic and preclinic spaces underwent an historic \$24-million renovation thus continuing the College of Dentistry's reputation as a leader in dental education. An investment in digital dentistry and the addition of state-of-the-art training technology including virtual simulators, intra-oral cameras and scanners will strengthen student education and support the future of the dental profession. The patient treatment clinic will continue the college's commitment to providing an excellent environment for both patients and students during the clinical training phase of the program.

For more than 50 years, students, faculty and staff from the USask College of Dentistry have made positive contributions to the quality of oral health education and patient care available in Saskatchewan, Canada and beyond.



Code of Professional Conduct

College of Dentistry

I will uphold both the spirit and the letter of this code. As a member of the dental community:

- I will practice personal and academic integrity.
- I will respect the rights and dignity of patients, students, faculty and support staff and treat all persons with honesty, respect, fairness and compassion.
- I will avoid making disparaging remarks about students, faculty or support staff, or their work.
- I will place the well-being of patients ahead of personal advancement.
- I will set patient care as the highest priority in the clinical setting.
- I will maintain patient confidentiality and will limit discussions of patients to appropriate settings.
- I will maintain high standards of ethical behaviour and conduct myself in a manner befitting my profession at all times.



WHITE COAT CEREMONY

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Welcome to the University of Saskatchewan College of Dentistry's White Coat Ceremony! This momentous occasion marks a significant milestone in your dental education journey as you transition from the pre-clinical phase to the clinical phase. We gather here to celebrate your dedication, hard work, and the incredible journey that lies ahead.

As Dean of the College of Dentistry, I am immensely proud of your accomplishments thus far.

You are privileged to be part of a college with the highest clinical experience in any Canadian dental school. Our faculty members and staff bring a wealth of knowledge and practical expertise to guide you through your clinical training.

This White Coat Ceremony signifies your commitment to the values of professionalism, compassion, and excellence that are the foundation of our profession. As you don your white coats, you accept the responsibility to care for patients with the highest standard of ethics, skill, and empathy. These coats represent not just a uniform, but a symbol of trust and integrity, embodying the commitment to provide the best possible dental care to your future patients.

Embrace this new phase of your education with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a dedication to lifelong learning. Your journey into clinical practice will be both challenging and rewarding, and I have no doubt that you will excel. Remember that you have a supportive community here at the College of Dentistry, and we are here to guide and nurture your growth as future dentists in Canada.

On behalf of the College of Dentistry's staff and faculty members, I wish you all the best on this remarkable journey, and I am excited to see the incredible dentists you will become.

Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in your dental education.

Dr. Walter Siqueira, DDS, MBA, PhD, FCAHS

Dean and Professor

IADR Distinguished Scientist

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM ASSOCIATE DEAN, ACADEMIC



Welcome, and congratulations on reaching this important milestone in your dental education. This momentous occasion marks a defining transition in your dental education, one in which you move from foundational learning to the application of your knowledge in clinical practice. It is both a celebration of how far you have come and a recognition of the responsibilities that now lie ahead.

As Interim Associate Dean, Academic, I am proud of your achievements and the commitment you have demonstrated throughout the preclinical phase of your program.

You have built a strong academic foundation, developed critical thinking skills, and cultivated the discipline required to succeed in a demanding and rewarding profession. These accomplishments will serve you well as you begin caring for patients.

The white coat you receive today represents more than a milestone. It symbolizes the integration of knowledge, skills, and professionalism. As you enter the clinical phase, you are called to apply evidence-based practice, uphold the highest academic and ethical standards, and continue to grow as lifelong learners. Dentistry is a constantly evolving field, and your dedication to learning will be essential in delivering safe, effective, and compassionate care.

Throughout your clinical training, you will be supported by dedicated faculty and staff who are committed to your academic success and professional development. Take full advantage of their expertise, remain curious, and challenge yourselves to continuously improve. Remember that excellence in dentistry is achieved not only through technical ability, but also through integrity, empathy, and a commitment to patient-centered care. These values should guide every interaction and decision you make.

I extend my warmest congratulations once again. I wish you continued success as you embark on this exciting and transformative phase of your journey

Dr. Amrinderbir Singh, DDS, MPH,
Interim Associate Dean, Academic

MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMIC DIRECTOR YEARS 1 & 2



I am incredibly proud of you for reaching this important milestone in your journey to becoming a dentist. The White Coat Ceremony is more than a tradition; it marks your transition into clinical practice and the privilege of caring for patients. As you begin this new chapter, remember that every patient deserves to be treated with compassion, respect, and integrity. Let your clinical decisions always be guided by ethics, professionalism, and a commitment to providing safe, evidence-based, and patient-centred care.

As you continue to grow, never stop asking questions, seeking guidance, and learning from those around you. The knowledge and clinical skills you have developed are only the beginning of a lifetime of learning. Remember that dentistry is about more than treating teeth; it is about improving health, restoring confidence, and enhancing the quality of life of every patient you serve. I wish you every success as you begin this exciting chapter of your professional journey.

Dr. Michelle Siqueira, DDS, DSc,
Assistant Professor, Academic Director Years 1 & 2

MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMIC DIRECTOR, DMD CLINICAL OPERATIONS AND CALIBRATION



The College of Dentistry's white coat ceremony celebrates a significant milestone. This marks your transition in year two from classroom to clinical care and, more importantly, it represents your acceptance of the responsibility to uphold and guarantee the importance of the dentist-patient relationship. Your white coats signify your official entrance into the dental profession. This symbolic cloaking bestowed upon you signifies that you have assumed the responsibilities of a dental professional. Society will expect you to exhibit and adhere to high standards.

You must uphold and live by the code of ethics you will recite today. This code of professional ethics are the principles that will govern your behavior providing you with guidance to live by throughout your professional life.

Throughout your clinical journey, faculty will teach, guide and mentor you. Embrace this new phase of your education with enthusiasm and dedicate yourselves to lifelong learning.

THIS IS A MOMENTOUS EVENT for the classes of 2028 and 2029, which we are happy to celebrate with family, friends, faculty, staff and members of the dental profession.

Congratulations on this great achievement.

Dr. Greg Kost, BSc, DMD,

Academic Director, DMD Clinical Operations and Calibration, Special Lecturer

MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMIC DIRECTOR, DENTAL HYGIENE



On behalf of the Dental Hygiene Program, I extend my warmest congratulations to the dental students of the Classes of 2028 and 2029 as you celebrate this important milestone in your professional education. Dental hygienists and dentists share a common goal: improving oral and overall health. As you begin your clinical training, I encourage you to value the contributions of all members of the dental team. Collaboration among oral health and healthcare professionals strengthens patient care and advances our profession.

The white coat you receive today symbolizes the trust patients place in you and the responsibilities of your profession. May it serve as a reminder of the importance of professionalism, integrity, lifelong learning, and collaboration as you work to provide exceptional patient care.

Congratulations on this important milestone. We are proud to celebrate with you and wish you success throughout your dental education and future career.

Carla Ofstie, BSc, RDH

Academic Director, Dental Hygiene

MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMIC DIRECTOR, GRADUATE STUDIES



Congratulations on this remarkable achievement. Today, we gather to celebrate a milestone each of you has worked tirelessly to achieve. From this day forward, you begin the journey toward becoming professionals who will have the privilege of changing lives, one patient at a time. As you embark on this journey, remember that dentistry is about far more than teeth.

Every patient who sits in your chair brings a unique story, along with fears, hopes, and expectations. They will remember how you listened, reassured them, and treated them with dignity long after they have forgotten the technical details of the procedure you performed. Clinical excellence is essential, but empathy, kindness, and respect are what transform excellent clinicians into exceptional healthcare professionals.

As you don your white coat today, do so with humility. Let it remind you to seek excellence while maintaining compassion, to lead honestly, stay curious throughout your career, and keep your patients at the heart of every decision. This coat isn't a sign of perfection but a commitment: to keep learning, to serve sincerely, and to uphold our profession's core values every day.

Daniela Pita de Melo, DDS, MSD, PhD
Academic Director, Graduate Studies

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR, DENTAL THERAPY



To all the White Coat recipients, congratulations on reaching this significant milestone on your path to graduation and ultimately, dental practice. This is no ordinary event. The White Coat represents the hours of study and effort that you put in to arrive at this moment. Today's ceremony also marks your passage to clinical care and meeting patient needs. It signals new responsibilities to put the needs of your patients first, to always treat them with compassion, respect and professionalism, and to help them achieve optimum oral health effectively, efficiently and comprehensively.

You make a commitment to them so that they will make a commitment to the College of Dentistry as their dental home. The instructors, staff and students of the Bachelor of Science in Dental Therapy congratulate you on your achievement, and we wish you well on the next phase of your dental school journey.

Gerry Uswak, DMD, MPH, DipDPH
Director, USask Bachelor of Science in Dental Therapy

MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMIC DIRECTOR, DENTAL ASSISTING



Congratulations on reaching this important milestone in your dental education. Your White Coat Ceremony marks the beginning of your transition into clinical practice and symbolizes your commitment to professionalism, integrity, and compassionate patient care. As you begin working with patients, remember that every interaction is an opportunity to build trust and make a positive impact on someone's health and well-being.

As members of the dental team, we know that exceptional patient care is built on collaboration. Dentistry is a team profession, and your success as future dentists will be strengthened by the relationships you build with dental assistants, hygienists, staff, faculty, and fellow students. We are proud to welcome you into the clinical environment and look forward to supporting your growth as skilled, respectful, and compassionate oral health professionals.

Congratulations on this significant achievement.

Terrie Donald, RDA

Academic Director, Dental Assisting Program

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS OF SASKATCHEWAN



Welcome to this significant milestone in your journey to becoming a dentist. Today marks the beginning of your transition into clinical care and the privilege of taking an oath of ethical and professional responsibility. You have earned this moment through dedication, perseverance, and hard work. As you move forward, remember the excitement you felt when you first learned you had been accepted into dentistry, and let that enthusiasm continue to guide you through the challenges and rewards ahead.

While clinical skill is essential, your humanity will define you. Patients may not remember every procedure, but they will always remember how you made them feel. Compassion, empathy, honesty, and respect are the foundations of meaningful patient care.

Dentistry is both a profession and a privilege. Each day, your choices will reflect your commitment to ethics, professionalism, and the trust your patients place in you. As you begin this next chapter, remember: Dentistry is an art in caring—do no harm.

Welcome, and congratulations.

Dr. Raj Bhargava, DMD

President, CDSS

PROGRAM

PROCESSION

Dr. Greg Kost, Academic Director, DMD Clinical Operations and Calibration

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

ELDER GREETING

Elder Norman Fleury

GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

Minister Ken Cheveldayoff,
Minister of Advanced Education and MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove

GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Dr. Patti McDougall,
Interim Provost and VP Academic

GREETINGS FROM THE COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

Dr. Walter Siqueira, Dean

MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS OF SASKATCHEWAN

Dr. Raj Bhargava, CDSS President

MESSAGE FROM YEAR 2 STUDENTS

Nicole Zhang, Year 2 Class Representative

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Cecilia Chen, Class of 2029

CLOAKING CEREMONY

Dr. Dean Zimmer, CDSS Registrar
Dr. Michelle Siqueira, Academic Director, Y1/Y2 DMD

RECITATION OF THE CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

DISMISSAL

*Thank you to the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan
for its donation of the white coats.*

CLASS OF 2029

Ayesha Ahmad
Emad Alsawaf
Taibah Alsubaie
Raha Ashou
Chatin Bains
Isra Banigesh
Wendy Cao
Cecilia Chen
Sydney Cooper
Richard Girling
Flopater Gobran
Dania Hilfi
Shafin Hossain
Kadence Houseman
Yun-shin Huang
Alexandra Jones
Guntaas Kaur

Addison Klapak
Brittany Krammer
Reid Leclair
Jackson Long
Anna McCullough
Arina Mojavery
Negin Mousavi Shoshtari
Maryam Iman Musa-Bello
Ty Parker Harvey
Abdullah Ramadan
Rohid Ramesh
Vivekananda Rao
Alexandra Sutherland
Saifeldin Talab
Chase Ulriksen
Kobe Warawa
Andrew Winnichuk
Nicole Zhang

IDDP CLASS OF 2028

Jyoti Agarwal
Prabhjot Dhillon
Rajeshwari Hadagalu Revana Siddappa
Guneet Kaur
Aquib Ali Khan

Mark Pinto
Naghma Noorallah Pirani
Parisa Shokouhi
Amritbir Singh
Surbhi Vaibhav



FACULTY CLOAKERS

Dr. Eldon Feraro

Dr. Randy Brilz

Dr. Francisco Otero

Dr. Greg Kost

CLASS OF 2029



Ayesha Ahmad

Oakville, ON

Ayesha was born in Pakistan and immigrated to Canada at the age of seven. She was raised in Ontario before moving to Saskatchewan to begin her dental education. She graduated from McMaster University with an Honours Bachelor of Life Sciences.

Beyond her academic pursuits, Ayesha enjoys staying active by playing softball and badminton, and she takes every opportunity to travel and explore new places. She is also a foodie who enjoys exploring different restaurants around Saskatoon and trying new places whenever she can.

She is deeply thankful for the constant love and support of her mom and dad, who have been with her every step of the way. Their encouragement and belief in her have kept her motivated through challenges, and she is truly grateful for everything they have done for her.

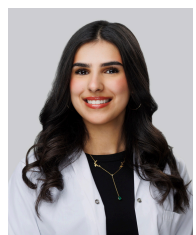


Emad Alsawaf

Mississauga, ON

Emad is originally from Hama, Syria, and was born and raised in Saudi Arabia before moving to Canada and completing high school in Mississauga. His journey across countries shaped his perspective, and the people he met made every transition meaningful. He later earned a Kinesiology degree with Great Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan. Dentistry had always been his dream, and entering dental school is something he has worked toward with dedication over many years.

Outside academics, Emad enjoys spending time with family, exploring new places, and going on road trips. He is deeply grateful to his parents, Hasan and Reem, whose sacrifices, support, and careers as dentists inspired his path throughout every step forward. He also would like to express his heartfelt gratitude to his siblings, extended family, lifelong friends, and dental classmates, who became his second family in Saskatoon. Emad holds a special place in his heart for his late grandfather, who always called him "Dr. Emad," and hopes to continue making him proud.



Taibah Alsubaie

Kuwait City, Kuwait

Taibah was born and raised in Kuwait. She completed her undergraduate studies in Biology at Dalhousie University. She is passionate about helping patients overcome their fear of the dentist by creating a calm, supportive, and trusting environment.

Outside of her academic journey, she enjoys traveling and shopping, always seeking new experiences and adventures. Taibah would like to express her heartfelt gratitude to her family and friends for their constant support and encouragement throughout her journey.



Raha Ashou

Regina, SK

Raha was born in Estevan and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan. She attended Campbell Collegiate and, after graduating, went on to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Saskatchewan before being accepted into the College of Dentistry.

Outside of academics, Raha is passionate about art, learning new languages, and exploring history through travel. She also enjoys spending time with her little nephews and playing board games with friends. Raha would like to express her gratitude to her parents, her two older brothers, her sister-in-law, and her friends for their unwavering encouragement and support. She would not be where she is today without them, especially her parents, whose endless sacrifices made it possible for her to pursue her dreams.



Chatin Bains

Regina, SK

Chatin was born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan. Before pursuing dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan, he completed a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Industrial Engineering at the University of Regina. Prior to dental school, Chatin worked in financial services with Ernst & Young and in engineering at the Co-op Refinery Complex.

Outside of his studies, he enjoys staying active, cooking, and traveling. Chatin is profoundly grateful to his parents, who believed in him every step of the way, encouraged him to pursue his goals, and continue to support him with unwavering love as he begins this next chapter of his journey.



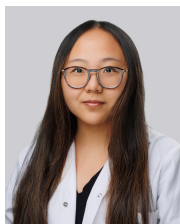
Isra Banigesh

Saskatoon, SK

Isra was born in Benghazi, Libya and grew up in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. After graduating from high school, she earned her Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Accounting from the University of Saskatchewan.

Isra would like to thank her wonderful parents Amal and Ali, without whom she would not be here today.

Their love, sacrifice, and guidance mean the world to her. She would also like to thank her siblings and her best friends for their support, constant encouragement, and unwavering belief in her.



Wendy Cao

Toronto, ON

Wendy was born in Zhengzhou, China, and raised in Toronto, Ontario. She completed her Honours Bachelor of Health Sciences at Queen's University, where she discovered her passion for dentistry.

Outside of her studies, she enjoys drawing, painting, and spending time with loved ones. Wendy would like to express her deepest gratitude to her family, especially her parents, Yuqin and Yuejin, whose extraordinary sacrifices as first-generation immigrants made her achievements possible. She would also like to thank her fiancé, Li Yang, for his unwavering love, encouragement, and support.



Cecilia Chen

Calgary, AB

Cecilia was born and raised in the beautiful city of Guangzhou in China's Guangdong province. In 2012, her family relocated to Calgary, Alberta, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Calgary in 2025.

Outside of her studies, Cecilia enjoys reading, creating art, and playing the piano. Her passion for dentistry was inspired by her grandmother, and she hopes to build a career centered on compassion and community, with a focus on improving access to dental care. Cecilia is deeply grateful to her parents, who have been her greatest role models by embodying kindness, perseverance, courage, and leading a Christ-centered life. Without their countless sacrifices and unwavering support, she would not be where she is today.

Cecilia also extends her heartfelt thanks to her brother Stanley, her best friend Tenzin, and her boyfriend Cole, for their constant encouragement and emotional support throughout her journey to dental school.



Sydney Cooper

North Battleford, SK

Sydney grew up in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, alongside her brother and sister. After graduating from John Paul II Collegiate in 2020, she moved to Saskatoon to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Cellular, Physiological and Pharmacological Sciences at the University of Saskatchewan.

In her free time, Sydney enjoys golfing, baking, travelling, and spending time with friends and family. She would like to thank her parents, Janelle and Heath, for their unconditional love and support throughout her journey in life. She also extends her gratitude to her siblings, Brady and Kayli, for a lifetime of support, laughter, and for always keeping life entertaining. Sydney is also grateful to her grandparents for their constant encouragement in helping her pursue her dreams. A special thank you goes to her dog, Beau, for always sticking by her side and knowing exactly how to distract her from studying.



Richard Girling

Saskatoon, SK

Richard was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He graduated from Evan Hardy Collegiate in 2019 before continuing his studies at the University of Saskatchewan. There, he completed a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology.

Outside of his academic commitments, Richard enjoys travelling, spending time outdoors, and values maintaining an active lifestyle. He would like to extend his sincere gratitude to his parents, Richard and Leah, as well as his friends and extended family for their unwavering support, encouragement, and belief in him throughout his journey.



Flopater Gobran

Mississauga, ON

Flopater was born in Tanta, Egypt, and moved to Mississauga at the age of six, where he has spent the majority of his life. In 2025, he earned his Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Sciences from Toronto Metropolitan University.

Beyond academics, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to service, from teaching English to orphans in Egypt to mentoring youth through Sunday school and taking on leadership roles within his community. These experiences have shaped his passion for compassionate care and his desire to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others.



Dania Hilfi

Mississauga, ON

Dania is proudly Iraqi and was born in the United Arab Emirates, spending much of her life moving between Ontario and Dubai and growing up immersed in both cultures. She completed the International Baccalaureate diploma at the Universal American School of Dubai in 2021, and went on to earn an Honours Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Neuroscience &

Behavior from McMaster University in 2024.

Dania is naturally curious and ambitious, always exploring new interests and learning new things along the way. She would like to express her heartfelt gratitude to her family and friends for their genuine and unconditional support, encouragement, and the countless ways they have helped shape who she is today. Their love and guidance remain at the core of everything she hopes to achieve.



Shafin Hossain

Saskatoon, SK

Shafin was born in Montreal, Quebec, and moved to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan at the age of seven, where he has proudly called home ever since. Prior to beginning dental school, he completed a Bachelor of Science in Cellular, Physiological and Pharmacology with great distinction at the University of Saskatchewan.

Outside of academics, Shafin enjoys spending meaningful time with family and friends. Whether it is trying new food spots, going for walks along the river, or simply being in the company of loved ones, he values the moments shared with others. He also enjoys staying active in the gym, cooking up his latest cravings, and watching old-school animated movies. Shafin would like to express his heartfelt gratitude to his friends and loved ones for their unconditional support throughout his journey. He would especially like to thank his parents and sister for their endless sacrifices, encouragement, and unwavering belief in him. Their love and confidence have been his greatest source of strength.



Kadence Houseman

Saskatoon, SK

Kadence was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. After graduating high school, she studied Biomedical Sciences at the University of Saskatchewan before being accepted into the College of Dentistry.

Outside of school, Kadence enjoys hiking, travelling, hanging out with her cats, and attending Pilates classes. Kadence would like to express her gratitude to her family, who have supported her during every stage of her life, and to her friends, for always being there for her.



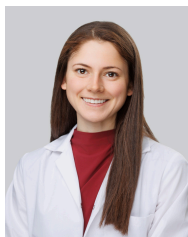
Yun-shin Huang

Richmond Hill, ON

Shiny grew up in Chiayi, Taiwan, and later moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, where she spent most of her formative years. She went on to complete her Honours Bachelor of Health Sciences in Biochemistry at McMaster University. Over the years, working in a dental office strengthened her desire to serve her community in a meaningful,

compassionate way.

Outside of academics, she has danced and played bassoon for years, enjoys nature, and cherishes sharing quality moments with loved ones while capturing all the memories. She gives God the glory for her accomplishments and is deeply grateful to her parents for their sacrifices, values, and life lessons. She is truly appreciative of the love and encouragement from her family, friends, and all who have supported her along the way.



Alexandra Jones

Uxbridge, Massachusetts, USA

Alexandra was born and raised in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, USA. As a dual citizen, she moved to Ottawa, Ontario, to complete her Bachelor of Health Science with a concentration in Biomedical Sciences at Carleton University in 2023. She then returned closer to home to pursue a dual Master's degree in Public Health and Biomedical Sciences at Tufts

University. In the future, she hopes to integrate her knowledge and passion for public health into her practice of dentistry and contribute to the advancement of oral health at a broader, population-based level.

Outside of academics, Alexandra enjoys staying active outdoors, whether skiing, swimming, or spending time in her family's gardens. She is deeply grateful for the opportunity to learn from and be mentored by the outstanding clinicians, professors, and teaching staff at the University of Saskatchewan College of Dentistry. She would also like to thank her family for their continued support and encouragement throughout her academic journey.



Guntaas Kaur

Mississauga, ON

Guntaas was born in the holy city of Amritsar, India, before moving to Canada, where her love for science began to take shape. She began participating in science fairs and developed a strong interest in understanding how research can be used to improve people's lives. She went on to complete her undergraduate studies in Health Sciences at

Queen's University, where she further cultivated this passion through her thesis. These experiences solidified her desire to pursue a career in dentistry, where she can apply her love for science to patient care.

Beyond dentistry, Guntaas enjoys reading, painting, and practicing yoga. She extends heartfelt thanks to her wonderful friends and community for their unwavering support. She would especially like to express gratitude to her father, SJ, and her brother, Mahip, for leading by example and being her pillars of strength. She also honours the memory of her mom, whose love continues to guide her.



Addison Klapak

Weyburn, SK

Addison was born in Yorkton, SK, began elementary school in Melville, SK, before moving to Weyburn, SK in 2014, where she graduated in 2021. She went on to attend the University of Regina, earning a Bachelor of Science in Cellular and Molecular Biology in 2025.

Outside of her education, she enjoys softball, running, spending time with friends & family, camping, and taking her dog Pebbles for a walk. Addison is grateful for all of the friendships she has made thus far and would like to thank her parents, Colin and Dana, alongside all other loving family members (including Pebbles) and friends, for the ongoing encouragement and support towards her education and aspirations.



Brittany Krammer

Prince Albert, SK

Brittany grew up in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and graduated from École St. Mary High School in 2019. In 2024, she completed her Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology with honours at the University of Saskatchewan, followed by her MBA as part of the MBA/DMD dual-track degree.

In her free time, Brittany enjoys staying active through weightlifting and hiking, as well as riding horses. She would like to thank her parents, Shelley and Randy, and her brother, Mark, for their unwavering support. Brittany is incredibly grateful for her family, who have been a constant source of encouragement, strength, and motivation throughout her journey. She credits them for helping her reach this milestone and continues to be inspired by their love and belief in her. She would also like to extend a special thanks to her boyfriend, Layton, for standing beside her every step of the way.



Reid Leclaire

Lethbridge, AB

Reid grew up in Lethbridge, Alberta, with his two older brothers. After graduating from Catholic Central High School, he moved to Saskatoon to pursue his undergraduate studies at the University of Saskatchewan. While at the USask, Reid played football for the Saskatchewan Huskies and completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Realizing that 5'9"

doesn't exactly scream "CFL," he happily turned his sights to dentistry.

In his spare time, Reid enjoys fishing, hunting, playing golf, and travelling. He would like to extend his gratitude to everyone who has supported him on this journey, with a special thank you to his parents and brothers for their unwavering guidance, love, and support.



Jackson Long

Yorkton, SK

Jack grew up in Yorkton, Saskatchewan with his 2 younger brothers. He graduated from the Yorkton Regional High School in 2021 and then attended the University of Saskatchewan. There he completed a bachelor's degree in cellular, physiological, and pharmacological sciences before his acceptance to the College of Dentistry.

When Jack isn't studying, he enjoys being on the golf course or out at the lake. He would like to thank his brothers, girlfriend, and parents for all of the love and support that got him where he is today.



Anna McCullough

Saskatoon, SK

Anna was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. She graduated from St. Joseph High School in 2022 and completed her Biomedical Foundations degree at the University of Saskatchewan in 2025.

In her free time, she enjoys golfing, playing basketball, snowboarding, Ukrainian dancing, and cooking. Anna would like to thank her parents, Barbara and Matthew, for their unwavering love and support. She would also like to thank her biggest role models, her older siblings Alyssa and Daniel, as well as her friends and her dog, Luna, for bringing joy and encouragement throughout her journey.



Arina Mojavery

Aurora, ON

Arina was raised in Aurora, Ontario and later moved to Hamilton to attend McMaster University, where she graduated summa cum laude with an Honours Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences before beginning her dental school journey.

Outside of academics, Arina enjoys travelling, wellness, staying active, and creative pursuits. She is deeply grateful for the unwavering encouragement of her loved ones throughout her journey, and especially for the unconditional love and support of her parents, which have been instrumental in her achievements.



Negin Mousavi Shoshtari

Tehran, Iran

Negin Mousavi Shoshtari was born and raised in Tehran, Iran. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Cellular and Molecular Biology (Genetics) before moving to Canada to pursue a Master of Biomedical Engineering (MEng) at Toronto Metropolitan University.

Negin's passion for healthcare was inspired by her parents, both family physicians, whose dedication to patient care shaped her path from an early age. She is also deeply thankful to her mother, Sahar, and her stepfather, Amir, for their constant support, as well as her entire family for helping her reach this milestone. She holds a special place in her heart for her grandmother, Nahid joon, and believes she is watching over her with pride.

She would especially like to thank her Nahid joon and Baba jooni for their endless love, encouragement, and support.



Maryam Iman Musa-Bello

Abuja, Nigeria / Montreal, QC

Iman was born in Lagos, Nigeria, and raised in the capital city of Abuja. At age 17, she moved to Canada to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Biology at the University of Ottawa, graduating in 2022. Following her undergraduate studies, Iman relocated to Montreal, Quebec, where she worked for three years as a technician at an international biotechnology company specializing in pharmaceutical and vaccine development.

In her free time, Iman enjoys playing soccer, travelling with her family, attending food festivals, watching action movies and shows, and staying connected through long conversations with friends and family back home. Iman would like to sincerely thank her parents, Hauwa and Musa, for their unrelenting love, support, and sacrifices in helping her pursue her dreams. She is also grateful to her siblings, Amirah and Muhsin, for always encouraging and uplifting her. Finally, she would like to thank her friends and extended family from every stage of her journey.



Ty Parker Harvey

Regina, SK

Ty was born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan, where he graduated from Balfour Collegiate in 2022.

Ty enjoyed playing competitive hockey and a variety of other sports before going to the University of Regina to complete 3 years of biochemistry studies before being accepted into the College of Dentistry. Ty would like to thank his friends, family, and especially his parents for their continuous love and support.



Abdullah Ramadan

Toronto, ON

Abdullah was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario. He completed his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology with Honours at the University of Saskatchewan in 2025 before pursuing his studies in dentistry. His passion for dentistry was inspired by his desire to help others feel confident in their smiles.

Outside of school, Abdullah enjoys archery, playing soccer, snowboarding, and jet skiing. He also enjoys spending time in nature with his family, often relaxing in open spaces and taking in the moment. Abdullah would like to thank his parents, wife, and siblings for their constant support, and his son for being an added source of motivation throughout his journey.



Rohid Ramesh

Ottawa, ON

Rohid grew up in Ottawa, Ontario with his twin sister. He graduated from West Carleton Secondary School in 2021 and then attended Queen's University. There he completed a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry before his acceptance to the College of Dentistry.

Outside of his studies, Rohid enjoys playing tennis and going on hikes. He would like to express his sincere gratitude to his parents and mentors for their unwavering support and encouragement, which have helped him reach where he is today.



Vivek Rao

Edmonton, AB

Vivek Rao was born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta, and completed his undergraduate studies in psychology at the University of Saskatchewan. He has a strong interest in understanding human behaviour and is eager to apply this perspective in patient care. Known for his open-minded and easygoing nature, he values building meaningful connections with others.

Outside of academics, he enjoys spending time outdoors, staying active, and being in nature. He looks forward to continuing to develop his clinical skills and contributing positively to the dental community.



Alexandra Sutherland

Regina, SK

Alex was born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan. After graduating from Miller Comprehensive Catholic High School in 2022, she completed three years of a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Biochemistry with a minor in Kinesiology at the University of Regina, with dentistry as the ultimate goal since the age of 12.

Aside from school, she spends her summer months golfing, working at a golf course, and winning long drive wagers against old men. She also enjoys reading, running, and spending time with the four girls she is a part-time nanny for. Alex would like to thank her parents, Ronda and Jody, for their unconditional love and support throughout her education, and her sister Gabby, who is currently completing her Advanced Diploma in Dental Hygiene (can't wait to work together!).



Saifeldin Talab

Saskatoon, SK

Saifeldin grew up in Ottawa and now considers Saskatoon home. At University of Saskatchewan, he pursued a Biomedical Foundations degree with great distinction before following his passion for dentistry.

Proud of his Egyptian heritage, Saifeldin loves travelling the world, watching combat sports, and spending time with his loved ones. He is especially grateful for the unwavering support of his parents and his sister, who he considers his best friend. Saifeldin looks forward to continuing his journey in dental education.

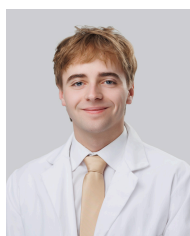


Chase Ulriksen

Prince Albert, SK

Chase grew up in Prince Albert, SK with his twin brother Hayden. He graduated from Ecole St. Mary's High School in 2021 and then attended the University of Saskatchewan. Chase completed 4 years of a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology before being accepted into the College of Dentistry.

When Chase isn't studying, he can be found on the golf course, on the boat, or enjoying quality time with friends. He would like to thank his parents, Elaine and Don, brother, and girlfriend for all the love and support that have allowed him to be here today.



Kobe Warawa

Elk Point, AB

Kobe grew up in Elk Point, Alberta and graduated from F.G. Miller school in 2022. He went on to attend the University of Saskatchewan to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences.

In his spare time, he enjoys creative writing, sports, and watching every single Los Angeles Rams game. He is a good person to ask if you are ever confused about a baseball stat or sabermetrics. Kobe would like to thank his parents Tyler and Joanne, for their unwavering love and support, and being the best role models he could ask for. He is also grateful for his brother Casey and his grandparents who have been instrumental in helping him along his journey.



Andrew Winnichuk

Spruce Grove, AB

Andrew was born in Edmonton, Alberta, and grew up in Spruce Grove, Alberta. Upon graduating from Spruce Grove Composite High School in 2021, he went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences with a minor in Chemistry in 2025 at the University of Alberta.

In his free time, Andrew enjoys golfing, travelling, and spending time with friends and family. Andrew would like to extend his gratitude to all those who supported him in his path thus far. He would also like to give a special thanks to his parents, Stephen and Karen, his brother Adam, and his girlfriend Nagen for their endless support and encouragement.



Nicole Zhang

Regina, SK

Nicole was born in Vancouver and grew up in Regina. She completed three years of Biochemistry studies before beginning her journey in dentistry and was honoured to receive the Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal.

Beyond these pursuits, Nicole enjoys swimming, badminton, crafts, and learning languages. She also has an interest in entrepreneurship, having co-founded a swimming lessons business and previously ran her own tutoring service. She loves travelling and expanding her worldview by connecting with people from diverse backgrounds.

Throughout her journey, Nicole continues to receive invaluable love and support from her family, especially her mother, sister, and brother, for which she is incredibly grateful.



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Jyoti Agarwal

Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Jyoti was born in Rajasthan and raised in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. She graduated with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) from Gujarat University, India, in 2018 and practiced as an associate dentist for three years before moving to Canada in 2021. Her journey has been shaped by resilience, a love for learning, and a passion for dentistry, leading her to the

International Dental Degree Program at the University of Saskatchewan. As the first doctor in her family, she is deeply grateful to her parents, her brother, her in-laws, and her husband, Sunny, whose love, support, and encouragement helped her reach this milestone.



Prabhjot Dhillon

Punjab, India

Born in Jartauli, a Punjabi village in India, Prabhjot grew up in a joint family with farming heritage and a medical background. She graduated from SKSS Dental College, Sarabha in 2016. She then packed her bags for a new adventure, moving to Toronto in 2017. Her path back to dentistry in Canada truly picked up speed in 2024: an eventful chapter filled with exam

preparations, university applications, and getting happily married along the way. All that dedication and hard work eventually brought her here to the beautiful University of Saskatchewan.

When she isn't buried in textbooks, Prabhjot loves traveling. Born in Punjab, immigrated to Ontario, married in BC, and now studying in Saskatchewan, she's practically collecting Canadian provinces. Beyond dentistry, she enjoys design, with a passion for fashion and art.



Rajeshwari Hadagalu Revana Siddappa

Bangalore, India

Rajeshwari Hadagalu Revana Siddappa was born in Kadur and raised in Bangalore, India. She earned her Bachelor of Dental Surgery in 2011 and completed her postgraduate training in Periodontics in 2015 in India. Following four years of clinical practice and academic teaching in India, she moved to Canada in 2019 to pursue advanced research studies at the

Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto. In 2024, she celebrated two significant milestones—earning her PhD and becoming Mrs. Das.

Rajeshwari is deeply grateful for the love and unwavering support of her husband, Mitun Das, and her family throughout her journey. Outside of dentistry, she enjoys greeting the day with sunrise yoga and staying active through cycling and running events. As she begins this exciting new chapter at the College of Dentistry, University of Saskatchewan, she looks forward to expanding her knowledge and clinical skills while experiencing the beauty of the Land of Living Skies.



Guneet Kaur

Jaipur, India

Born and raised in Kanpur, India, Guneet Kaur earned her Bachelor of Dental Surgery from Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal, in 2013, and completed her Master of Dental Surgery in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics in 2017. She practiced as an orthodontist at her family-owned dental office in Jaipur before moving to Canada in 2020 to pursue new

opportunities and continue her professional journey in dentistry. While preparing for the Canadian licensing process, she gained valuable experience in the Canadian dental field and remained committed to lifelong learning.

Guneet is deeply grateful to her husband, Jasraj, daughter, Rubani, parents, parents-in-law, family, mentors, and friends for their constant support, unwavering love, and encouragement. Outside of dentistry, she enjoys spending quality time with her family, exploring new places, creating DIY crafts, and embracing opportunities for personal and professional growth.



Aquib Ali Khan

Bangalore, India

Aquib Ali Khan was born and raised in Bangalore, India. He graduated with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery from Dayananda Sagar College of Dental Sciences, Bangalore, in 2018 and practiced general dentistry for three years. In 2021, Aquib moved to Edmonton, Canada, which he now calls home.

During his first year in Canada, he volunteered in various dental clinics and hospitals in rural Alberta, gaining valuable experience serving rural and underserved communities. In 2022, he began working as a Registered Dental Assistant/Orthodontic Assistant in Edmonton.

Aquib is deeply grateful to his brother, Suqlain Ali Khan, for his constant support throughout his journey towards becoming a licensed dentist in Canada. Outside of dentistry, he enjoys gardening, travelling, hiking and playing soccer. He is passionate about lifelong learning and professional growth.



Mark Pinto

London, ON

Mark grew up in Doha, Qatar, before moving to London, Ontario, in 2021. He completed his BDS in 2018 at the Faculty of Dental Sciences, MSRUS, in Bangalore, and later pursued a postgraduate diploma in Healthcare Administration Management at Fanshawe College in London, graduating in 2022.

Outside of dentistry, Mark enjoys spending time with his wife and their two cats, travelling, and playing soccer. He is incredibly grateful for the support of his mom, wife, and family, who have been integral to his journey to the University of Saskatchewan College of Dentistry.

Fun fact: Mark's childhood nickname was "Question Mark"—so be careful what you ask him!



Naghma Noorallah Pirani

Toronto, ON

Naghma was born and raised in Mumbai, India, and earned her Bachelor of Dental Surgery in 2016 from Mumbai. After graduation, she worked as an associate dentist for a year. In 2017, she moved to Toronto, Canada, to begin a new chapter in her life. Over the years, Canada has become her home, and she is grateful for the experiences and opportunities that have

shaped her journey here.

She later pursued Dental Hygiene in Canada and worked as a Registered Dental Hygienist for over five years while continuing to follow her dream of becoming a dentist in Canada. This journey led her to the International Dental Degree Program at the University of Saskatchewan.

Family has always been the biggest source of love and strength in her life. She is incredibly grateful to her husband, Sahir, for his constant love, encouragement, and unwavering support throughout this journey. She also thanks her sister, Nabeela, her husband, and parents, for always believing in her, supporting her, and cheering her on every step of the way.

Outside of dentistry, she enjoys travelling to new countries, exploring different cultures and cuisines, stargazing, chasing the Northern Lights, and embracing new experiences. She loves spending quality time with her loved ones and ending a busy day with a cozy Netflix binge. Naghma believes life is about finding balance, appreciating the little moments, and creating memories along the way.



Parisa Shokouhi

Hamadan, Iran

Parisa was born and raised in Hamadan, Iran, where she earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Hamadan University of Medical Sciences in 2020. In 2022, she moved to Canada to pursue a MSc in Craniofacial Sciences at the University of British Columbia. Her graduate research focused on Indigenous cultural safety and the integration of Indigenous perspectives into dental and dental hygiene education. Alongside her studies, Parisa worked as an instructor in the Faculty of Dentistry, gaining valuable experience in teaching and supporting dental students. She is passionate about combining dentistry, education, and research to promote more inclusive and culturally safe oral health care.

Parisa is very grateful to have been accepted into the International Dental Degree Program at the University of Saskatchewan and is excited to begin this new chapter. She would like to thank her husband and family for their unwavering love and support throughout her journey.



Amritbir Singh

Tarn Taran, Punjab, India

Amritbir Singh was born and raised in Tarn Taran, Punjab, India, in a close-knit farming family. As the first college graduate in his family, he earned his Bachelor of Dental Surgery BBD University in 2018 and practiced in rural India before moving to Canada. While working as a dental assistant, he remained committed to his dream of becoming a dentist again.

Amrit is incredibly grateful to his wife and parents, whose unwavering love and support have guided him through every step of his journey. Outside of dentistry, he enjoys playing volleyball, reading, spending time with family, and exploring the outdoors.



Surbhi Vaibhav

Patna, India

Surbhi was born and raised in Patna, India. Surbhi's appreciation for design and aesthetics began at a young age through her interest in fashion. As her interests matured, she discovered dentistry. She completed her dental training from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences in 2019 in India before pursuing further opportunities abroad.

In her spare time, she enjoys practicing yoga, dancing, exploring new places, studying philosophy and enjoying different cuisines.

Surbhi would like to express her heartfelt gratitude to her parents, Sangeeta and Uday, for their unwavering love, guidance, and encouragement throughout her journey. She would also like to thank her boyfriend, Jashan, for his constant support, patience, and belief in her as she pursued her academic and personal goals.



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