



WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Year 2 **IDDP**
Class of 2028 **Class of 2027**

CONVOCATION HALL
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025
2:00 PM



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. The first USask 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 health-care 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 the 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 are undergoing an historic \$23.6-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.

As Dean, and on behalf of the College of Dentistry, 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 ASSISTANT DEAN, CLINICS



The College of Dentistry's white coat ceremony celebrates a significant milestone for the class of 2027. 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 class of 2027, 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,

Interim Assistant Dean, Clinics, Special Lecturer

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN, RESEARCH



Welcome to the clinical world of Dentistry! We are excited to see you enter a new phase of your professional road that brings you closer to pursuing your dream. You will soon be immersed in a clinical realm where you will be able to make a real difference in your patients' lives and contribute to their health and wellbeing. In the next few years, you will be able to gain an enormous amount of knowledge, and I urge you to take advantage of every day, every hour, every minute and every second of this journey.

The more knowledge you will gain, the better you will be equipped for your lifelong professional journey. Be curious, question every step of the way, question your steps, question us, your instructors and professors, and always, always, ask 'why!' By asking 'why' for every step we take, for each individual patient, we can dramatically enhance our understanding of the nature of the disease, the treatment we offer, and provide better service to our patients' population. Promise yourself that you will never stop learning, reading, asking, and practicing. Our profession is rapidly changing and the best way for you to keep yourself up to date in the future is by learning how to constantly learn. We are thrilled to see you making your first steps as clinicians with this new white coat and looking forward in anticipation to see you wearing a black graduation gown soon.

Dr. Liran Levin, DMD, FRCD(C), FIADT, FICD Professor of Periodontology.

Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Studies

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS OF SASKATCHEWAN



Today is a day of celebration. A day to celebrate your achievements thus far on your journey to become a proficient health care provider, a respected leader in your community, a dentist.

Your journey began many years ago. As dentists we can all recall the days of our pre-dentistry studies; each prerequisite, dental aptitude test, and admissions interview presented challenges on our path toward this lofty goal, but you are now one step closer. There will be more challenges

ahead but take pause today to look back on how far you have come.

The next two and a half years of dental education will provide you with the foundation to be competent in the art and science of dentistry. The education and experience that you accrue in the years that follow graduation will determine the overall success of your career. Build a strong foundation of knowledge and experience now, so that you may continue to build on it once you convocate. You currently have access to a vast resource of experience and information on a scale that you will never have access to again - your professors, instructors, and clinical supervisors. Respect them, give them your full attention, and treat each day as a learning opportunity that you may never experience again.

As Sir William Osler, a Canadian physician and co-founder of Johns Hopkins Hospital once said, "The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease."

Dr. Mike Fowler, DMD
President, CDSS



PROGRAM

PROCESSION

Dr. Greg Kost, Interim Assistant Dean, Clinics

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

ELDER GREETING

Elder Norman Fleury

GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

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

GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

President Peter Stoicheff

GREETINGS FROM THE COLLEGE

Dr. Walter Siqueira, Dean

MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS OF SASKATCHEWAN

Dr. Michael Fowler, President

MESSAGE FROM YEAR 2 STUDENTS

Anikit Raju, Year 2 Class Representative

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Sarah Pham, Class of 2027

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 2028

Hossam Abdelrahman

Malak Abuhatem

Joy Adeoye

Nadia Ahmadi

Dania Asad

Kohl Bayer

Abby Blomquist

Thomas Campbell

Sherelle Chin

Jacob Dwosh

Razan El-Chazli

Mohammad Farooq

Bavneet Grewal

Ruth Haimanot

Natalie Hamm

Rebecca Hammer

Mohamed Hassan

Olivia Juman

Muhammad Omair Khan

Bethany Kimpinski

Verena Morcos

Roham Nabizadeh

Evan Nielsen

Lucie Ozbek

Asal Ozlati

Ishita Patel

Laine Petreman

Sarah Pham

Anikit Raju

Hannah Rutherford

Yara Sakalla

Het Sisodiya

Bradley Skorski

Shriya Tauh

Daniel Tylutki

Hassan Yassin

IDDP CLASS OF 2027

Neha

Tasneem Alirajpurwala

Jatinder Arora

Narjara Conduru

Fernandes Moreira

Adaora Enumah

Silky Gabbi

Zahid Hussain

Komal Anit Khatri

Hameet Mangat

K.P. Bhagyashree Rao

Rajwinder Singh



FACULTY CLOAKERS

Dr. Isaac de Souza Araujo

Dr. Elis Batistella

Dr. Eldon Feraro

Dr. Lais Landim Gomes

Dr. Maria Luísa Leite

Dr. Dean Kolbinson

Dr. Greg Kost

Dr. Daniela Pita

Dr. Amrinderbir Singh

CLASS OF 2026



Hossam Selim Abdelrahman

Niigata, Japan

Hossam was born in Abu Kibir, Egypt, and spent his early years in Niigata, Japan. After 7 years in Japan, he lived in Kuwait for 4 years, then settled in Guelph, Ontario in 2017. With Egyptian roots and life experiences from across East Asia, the Middle East, and North America, Hossam has developed a unique global perspective that continues to shape his approach to life and learning. He earned his Honours degree in Biochemistry from the University of Guelph in 2023.

Hossam would like to express his heartfelt gratitude to his brothers Amro & Marawan and wife Noor for their unwavering support, and to his parents, Khaled and Nahla, whose sacrifices have made this journey possible. Outside of school, Hossam enjoys exploring nature with his wife, photography, and learning different cultures & histories.



Malak Abuhatem

Edmonton, AB

Malak Abuhatem grew up in Edmonton, Alberta and completed both a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and a Master's in Public Health at University of Saskatchewan before beginning her journey in dental school. Outside of academics, Malak has a passion for travel, always seeking to visit and explore new countries. Malak is incredibly grateful for the unconditional love and encouragement from her family, who have been there every step of the way. She would like to acknowledge all the sacrifices they made that helped support her throughout her journey.



Joy Adeoye

Saskatoon, SK

Joy was born in Lagos, Nigeria, but grew up in Saskatoon. After graduating from high school, she received her Bachelor of Science in Cellular Physiological and Pharmacological Sciences. Outside of school, Joy enjoys reading, hiking and spending time with her loved ones. She would like to thank her parents, Austin and Bisi, her sister, Josephine and brother, Tobi, for their limitless support and encouragement throughout this journey.



Nadia Ahmadi

Saskatoon, SK

Nadia Ahmadi was born in Mashhad, Iran and moved to Saskatoon at the age of 13, where she has lived ever since. She graduated from Walter Murray Collegiate and completed a degree in Cellular, Physiological and Pharmacological Sciences at University of Saskatchewan. Nadia is a member of the USask Cheer Team and continues to enjoy staying active through the gym and more recently Pilates. In her free time, she loves spending quality moments with her loved ones. She is incredibly grateful to her family and friends for their constant love and support. A special thanks goes to her brother, Danial, and his fiancée, Pegah, for their invaluable guidance and encouragement throughout the entire dental school process.



Dania Asad

Atlanta, GA

Dania Asad was raised in Atlanta, Georgia, and earned her bachelor's degree in biology from Georgia State University in 2023. Outside of her professional interests in dentistry, she enjoys trying new foods and traveling to exciting and unfamiliar places. Dania extends her deepest gratitude to her mother, Wafa, and her father, Hatem, for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout her journey. She acknowledges that their guidance and strength have been instrumental in her achievements. She also offers sincere appreciation to her sister, Nada, whose constant companionship and friendship have been a source of comfort and inspiration throughout every stage of her life.



Kohl Bayer

Thode, SK

Kohl was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and spent six years of his early life in Swakopmund, Namibia. After returning to Saskatchewan, he graduated from Hanley Composite School in 2019. He went on to attend the University of Saskatchewan, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Cellular, Physiological, and Pharmacological Sciences. In his free time, he enjoys spending time outdoors, playing sports, and travelling. He would like to express his heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported him on this journey, particularly his parents, grandparents, and brother, for their unwavering guidance, love, and support in all aspects of life.



Abby Blomquist

Nipawin, SK

Abby was born in Saskatoon, but grew up in Nipawin, Saskatchewan. She danced at the Nipawin School of Dance for ten years and completed ballet examinations through the Royal Academy of Dance. After graduating from LP Miller Comprehensive High School, Abby went on to complete three years of Arts and Science at University of Saskatchewan with a major in Biology.

Abby enjoys the small-town lifestyle and hopes to practice back in her hometown of Nipawin after school. Abby would like to thank her parents Denise and Brian, her sister Callie, her boyfriend Kieran, her grandparents, family, and friends for loving and supporting her every step of the way. She wishes to dedicate her academic and future professional career to her late Grandpa Andy, who will always hold a special place in Abby's heart.

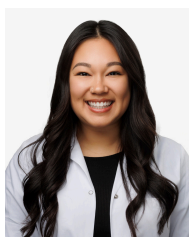


Thomas Campbell

Petawawa, ON

Thomas was born in Ottawa, Ontario. Upon graduating from Valour Highschool, he travelled to Kingston to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Health Science at Queen's University.

During his free time, he enjoys playing hockey and golf. He would like to thank all those who have supported him on this journey, and he offers a massive thank you to his parents and sister for their support in all aspects of life.

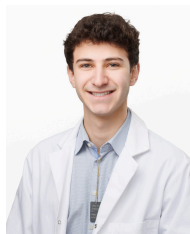


Sherelle Chin

Saskatoon, SK

Sherelle was born in Miri, Malaysia and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. After graduating from Marion M. Gramham Collegiate in 2013, she spent several years gaining life and work experience before beginning her studies at University of Saskatchewan. In 2024, she received her Bachelor of Science in Health Studies.

She loves dogs, kayaking, gardening, and hosting friends and family. She is truly honored to be a part of the dental community and will forever be grateful for the love and support of her family that helped get her here.



Jacob Dwosh

Toronto, ON

Jacob was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario. He graduated from Forest Hill Collegiate Institute before moving to Kingston to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences at Queen's University.

Outside the classroom, Jacob enjoys tournament bass fishing, metal fabrication, and wakesurfing.

He is incredibly grateful for the unwavering support of his parents, Cheri and Shaul, his sister Abby, and his grandparents, whose love and encouragement have been with him every step of the way.



Razan El-Chazli

Hamilton, ON

Razan was born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and moved to Hamilton, Ontario in 2011. She graduated from McMaster University in 2022 with an Honours Bachelor of Life Sciences. Her passion for dentistry grew when she completed a diploma in Level I and II Dental Assisting at Southern Ontario Dental College in 2024.

Outside of her academic pursuits, Razan enjoys reading, painting, and traveling. Above all, she cherishes spending quality time with her beloved family and friends. Razan would like to express her immense appreciation for her parents, Ahmad and Ghada, her sisters, Souzan, Hanan, and Rawan, and her brothers, Mohamad and Khalid, whose endless sacrifices and unconditional love have shaped her into the person she is today. This privileged position would not be possible without their constant care and support.



Mohammad Oneeb Farooq

Houston, TX

Oneeb was born in Dallas, Texas and raised in Houston, Texas. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management from the University of Houston in 2019.

Outside of academics, he enjoys getting lost in puzzles and LEGO, and staying active on the volleyball and pickleball courts with friends. A passionate foodie, he loves trying new cuisines and baking in his free time. Oneeb is deeply grateful to his parents, Nadeem and Farah, and his sisters, Ifrah and Nuha, whose unwavering support has brought him to where he is today. He also thanks his brother-in-law, Sarib, for mentoring him through his dental journey.

Most of all, he's inspired by his nephew, Yahya, and his wife, Maria, for being his steady source of strength and motivation.



Bavneet Grewal

Brampton, ON

Bavneet grew up in Brampton, Ontario, and completed her BSc (Hons.) in Biomedical Sciences from Toronto Metropolitan University in 2022. In 2024, she earned her MBA as part of the DMD/MBA dual track program before beginning dental school in the fall of the same year. In her free time, she enjoys spending time outdoors in nature, making meaningful memories with her loved ones, cooking, and getting lost in a good book. Bavneet is incredibly grateful for her loved ones' constant support and encouragement throughout this journey—especially her parents, whose unconditional love and countless sacrifices have made all of this possible.



Ruth Haimanot

Saskatoon, SK

Ruth was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Before entering dental school, she pursued her undergrad in French, focusing on language, literature, and cultural studies. Outside of academics, Ruth is always eager to try new things and create new experiences. She is passionate about dance, a hobby that shaped her childhood, avidly enjoys traveling, and cherishes time spent with friends and family. Ruth would like to extend her deepest gratitude to her late father, Kebrom, for his love of education and strong work ethic; her mother, Eritrea, for her endless love; her four older brothers for their guidance; and her extended family for their unwavering support.



Natalie Hamm

Regina, SK

Natalie was born and raised in Regina, SK. After graduating high school, she completed her Bachelor of Science with High Honours in Psychology at the University of Regina. In her free time, you can find her outside when the weather is nice, doing advocacy related practice in her community, and enjoying all things beauty-related. Upon graduation, she hopes to return to Regina to work. She would like to thank her family, especially her Mother and Father, for helping her achieve her goals and going above and beyond to support her. She would also like to thank her little brothers and boyfriend, who always make her laugh and challenge her.



Rebecca Hammer

Saskatoon, SK

Rebecca was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. After graduating from Holy Cross High School, she earned her Bachelor of Science in Physiology and Pharmacology before being accepted into the College of Dentistry.

Outside of school, Rebecca enjoys spending time with friends and family, going on trips to the mountains for hiking and skiing, and traveling whenever the opportunity arises. She would like to specifically thank her parents, Mike and Maureen, her sister, Veronica, and her partner, Curtis, for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout her journey to dental school.



Mohamed Hassan

Saskatoon, SK

Mohamed was born in Tripoli, Libya. He immigrated to Canada with his parents when he was 6 months old and has called Saskatoon his home, having lived here for the past 18 years.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology and a Master's in Public Health from University of Saskatchewan.

He enjoys working out and playing soccer and basketball in his free time. Mohamed is deeply grateful for the unwavering support of his family and friends, whose encouragement has been instrumental in helping him reach this important milestone on his journey to becoming a dentist.



Olivia Juman

Aurora, ON

Olivia was born in Toronto, Ontario, and raised in Aurora, where she still calls home.

She completed her Honours Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences at McMaster University in 2024 before beginning her journey at the College of Dentistry.

Outside of school Olivia enjoys listening to music, making pottery, and spending time outdoors hiking. She wouldn't have been able to get here without the love and support from her family. Olivia would like to thank her parents, Andrea and Wendell, and her brother Chris for always being there for her—every step of the way.



Muhammad Omair Khan

Saskatoon, SK

Muhammad Omair Khan was born in Ottawa and has called Saskatoon home for most of his life. He completed his undergraduate studies in Kinesiology at University of Saskatchewan, where he discovered his drive to combine science, precision, and patient care — leading him to dentistry. Outside of the clinic, Omair finds joy in flying, fishing, and spending quality time with his family.

He would like to sincerely thank his parents for their unwavering support and steadfast belief in him — knowing they always had his back made all the difference. Their encouragement has been his greatest strength. Omair also extends his deepest gratitude to his sister, Maria, for being both a role model and a true friend throughout dental school.



Bethany Kimpinski

Saskatoon, SK

Bethany was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. After living abroad in Grade 11, she caught the travel bug but eventually stuck around long enough to complete a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology at University of Saskatchewan, with the dream of one day pursuing dentistry.

After working and gaining life experience, she made the decision to return to school and follow that dream. Outside of academics, Bethany enjoys spending time with her nephews and dogs, boating in the summer, and discovering new food spots as a self-proclaimed foodie. She is incredibly grateful for the unwavering support of her parents, her siblings, her grandfather, and especially her fiancé, whose love and encouragement have played a huge role in helping her reach this milestone.



Verena Morcos

Mississauga, ON

Verena was born in Cairo, Egypt, and moved to Ontario at the age of six, where she has spent the majority of her life. In 2024, she earned her Bachelor's degree in Health Sciences from Wilfrid Laurier University, with a minor in Biology and Chemistry.

Beyond academics, Verena finds joy in experimenting with new recipes, chasing sunsets, and cherishing moments with her family, friends, and beloved dog.

She would like to express her heartfelt gratitude to her mother, Ragaa, whose unwavering support and faith have been a constant source of strength. Verena also thanks her siblings for always keeping her grounded. She credits every accomplishment to the love and encouragement of her family.



Roham Nabizadeh

San Diego, CA

Roham Nabizadeh was born in Tehran, Iran, and now proudly calls sunny San Diego home. He moved to the United States in 2009 and went on to graduate from the University of Arizona in 2020 with a degree in physiology. Outside of academics and professional pursuits, he is an avid scuba diver, with a well-known, and unexplainable, fear of birds.

Roham would like to begin by thanking God above all. He extends his heartfelt gratitude to his parents, Maziar Nabizadeh and Afsaneh Sharsan, for their sacrifices, unwavering support, and for believing in him.

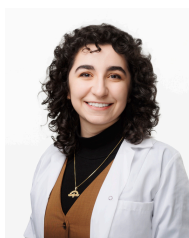


Evan Nielsen

Lethbridge, AB

Evan was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan but he has always considered Lethbridge to be his other home. While in Saskatoon Evan graduated from Walter Murray Collegiate Institute where he played on the basketball team. Upon graduation Evan spent 2 years serving a volunteer mission in Romania before returning to Lethbridge, Alberta where his family currently lives.

He attended university in Alberta for two years before coming back to Saskatoon and applying to dental school. In his free time Evan likes to play sports, video games, spend time with family and hike with his wife in Waterton Lakes National Park. He wants to thank all those who have supported him in getting to this point especially his parents, siblings and his wife, Kate.



Luce Ozbek

Minnesota, USA

Luce was born in Minnesota, USA and graduated from University of Minnesota–Twin Cities in 2022. Outside of school, Luce enjoys the arts in all forms, from photography and the mess of charcoal and clay, to writing and traveling.

She extends tremendous appreciation to her parents, Feryal and Yakup, for every sacrifice and hardship endured and their boundless love that paved her path. And to her brothers, Matheus and Simon, for teaching her how to stay balanced through turbulence and lean into passion to overcome obstacles. As well as to the growing family–Delanie, Lindsay, Iyla, Alita, and Arielle, for every hug, laugh, and tear shared. And thanks to her friends back home. Finally, with deep gratitude, she honors the privilege of this moment, aware that the journey here was never promised, and thankful for the support that guided her forward, one step at a time.



Asal Ozlati

Tehran, Iran

Asal was born in Tehran, Iran. She completed her Honours Bachelor of Science in Biology and Psychology, Neuroscience & Behavior at McMaster University in 2023. Before starting dental school, she worked as a proteomics associate scientist at a drug discovery company. In her free time, Asal enjoys binge-watching movies, cooking new recipes, and traveling. She would like to thank her parents and sister for their unwavering support and sacrifice, which made it possible for her to be where she is today, following her dream. She is also deeply grateful to her aunt and friends for their constant encouragement throughout her journey.



Ishita Patel

Saskatoon, SK

Ishita was born in Gujarat, India, and grew up in Saskatoon where her family proudly calls it their home. She completed her undergraduate double-degree in Bachelor of Arts & Science and Health Studies & Bachelor of Arts Psychology from University of Saskatchewan. She also completed her master's in public health and worked as a Senior Public Health Officer with the Government of Canada's Public Health Agency of Canada.

Ishita enjoys spending time with her family, volunteering in the community, learning new recipes, and taking long walks along the beautiful Saskatchewan River.

Ishita would like to thank her parents Surin & Sangita, brother Susang, and sister-in-law Viha, for their unconditional love, support, and encouragement throughout her journey. She is deeply grateful for this opportunity and looks forward to continuing to make her family proud.



Laine Petreman

Prince Albert, SK

Originally from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Laine graduated from Carlton Comprehensive High School before moving to Saskatoon to pursue an undergraduate degree in Health Sciences at University of Saskatchewan. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, hockey, spending time with friends, going to the gym, and traveling. His favorite hobbies include woodworking and cooking.

Laine would like to express gratitude to his family and friends for their continuous support throughout his studies.



Sarah Pham

Mississauga, ON

Sarah was born and grew up in Mississauga, Ontario. She graduated from McMaster University in 2024 with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with loved ones, staying active, reading, playing piano, and exploring various cuisines. She would like to express her deep gratitude to her family and friends for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout her academic and personal journey.



Anikit Raju

Edmonton, AB

Anikit was born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta. He graduated summa cum laude from the International Baccalaureate program at Archbishop Macdonald High School in 2020 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Business Minor from the University of Alberta in 2024. Outside of dentistry, Anikit has cultivated a passion for real estate, architecture, and design, which inspired him to become a licensed Realtor in the province of Alberta in 2021. In his spare time, he enjoys travelling, staying active, and capturing his world through photography. Anikit is profoundly grateful to his parents, whose countless sacrifices, steadfast love, and relentless support have paved the path for him to pursue his dreams. He also extends heartfelt thanks to the rest of his family and friends for their constant support and encouragement. He looks forward to embracing this new chapter of his dental journey with gratitude, humility, and purpose.



Hannah Rutherford

Leduc, AB

Hannah was born in Edmonton, Alberta, and raised in Leduc, Alberta. After graduating from Leduc Composite High School in 2020, she pursued her academic passions at MacEwan University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology. Outside of academics, she enjoys travelling, reading, taking long walks with her dog Ellie, and spending quality time with loved ones. Hannah would like to express her heartfelt gratitude to her mother and grandmother for their unwavering love and support in helping her chase her dreams, and to her brother and friends for keeping her laughing along the way.



Yara Sakalla

Montreal, QC

Yara was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and then lived in both Ontario and Quebec. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and Immunology from McGill University before being accepted into the College of Dentistry at USask. During her undergraduate studies, Yara worked as a dental assistant, where she was inspired to pursue a career in dentistry through the mentorship of Dr. Milène Abadi.

She would like to give a special thanks to her mom, Mai, her brother Waleed, her sister Rawan, and her husband Liam—for supporting her and only occasionally making fun of her loupes.



Het Sisodiya

Saskatoon, SK

Het was born in India and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. She earned her bachelor's degree in Physiology and Pharmacology with Great Distinction from USask, graduating in 2022. During her undergraduate studies, she conducted research on Parkinson's disease, deepening her passion for patient care. Following graduation, she worked at a dental practice, gaining valuable experience in the dental field before her admission into the College of Dentistry. In her free time, Het enjoys spending time with loved ones and discovering new cafes and restaurants. She is deeply grateful for the unwavering support and encouragement of her friends and family.



Bradley Skorski

Saskatoon, SK

Bradley was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He graduated from St. Joseph High School in 2018 and completed a Bachelor of Science (Four-Year) in Physiology and Pharmacology before his acceptance into the College of Dentistry.

Outside of school, Bradley enjoys kayak fishing, hiking, camping, spending time at Wakaw Lake, and snowboarding in the mountains.

He would like to thank his parents, John and Lisa, for their endless support and encouragement throughout his educational journey. He is excited to begin his career in dentistry and serve his community with dedication and compassion.



Shriya Tauh

Calgary, AB

Shriya was born and raised in Ottawa, ON for 10 years, before moving to Calgary, AB where she spent the rest of her years and graduated from Ernest Manning High School in 2020. She then attended the University of Saskatchewan to begin her undergraduate degree in Chemistry, completing three years before her acceptance into the College of Dentistry.

In her free time, Shriya enjoys playing video games and collecting retro game consoles as well as cooking and baking from different cuisines around the world.

Shriya would like to thank her parents and her older sister for their endless sacrifices and unwavering support throughout her journey as she couldn't have done it without their wisdom or guidance.



Daniel Tylutki

Ottawa, ON

Daniel was born and raised in Ottawa, Ontario where he completed and received his Honour's Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science from the University of Ottawa in June of 2022.

In his free time Daniel enjoys playing sports like soccer, hockey, and trying new sports. More recently Daniel has joined the University of Saskatchewan Cheerleading Team. Other than academics and athletics, Daniel enjoys reading, hiking, trying new things, and eating good food. Daniel would like to thank his parents, Andrzej and Krystyna, and his brother Robert for their invaluable support and contribution to his academic and personal journey as he entered dental school.



Hassan Yassin

Saskatoon, SK

Hassan was born in Alexandria, Egypt, and raised in Doha, Qatar. In 2016, he moved to Saskatoon to pursue an Honours degree in Physiology and Pharmacology at the University of Saskatchewan, later completing a master's in public health in 2024. Outside of academics, Hassan enjoys road trips, hiking, and exploring new places. He's passionate about building meaningful connections with people from all walks of life and remains deeply grateful to his family for their unwavering love and support.



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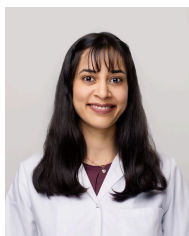


Neha

Punjab, India

Born and raised in Punjab, India, Neha earned her Bachelor of Dental Surgery from the Government Dental College, Patiala. Her dedication to clinical excellence and keen interest in restorative care inspired her to pursue Master of Dental Surgery in Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics from the Government Dental College and Hospital, Amritsar. In 2021, Neha moved to Canada to explore new opportunities and further her dental career.

Neha credits her parents and close friends as the pillars of strength who have supported her throughout every step of her journey. Outside the clinic, she finds joy in walking, practicing yoga, exploring new places, and trying new cuisines—always striving for balance and fulfillment in everyday life.



Tasneem Alirajpurwala

Dahod, Gujarat, India

Originally from Dahod, Gujarat, India, Tasneem graduated in 2016 from Modern Dental College and Research Centre, Indore, India. In 2022, she moved to Canada with her partner, Murtuza Jhabuawala, whose support, along with the love of her mom, dad, brother, family and friends she is most grateful for.

Apart from academics, she enjoys arts and crafts activities, loves to travel to different places, and explore different kinds of food. She is fond of the digital world and runs her own YouTube channel. It's a small growing channel but she looks forward to expanding it into millions of subscribers.



Jatinder Arora

Ludhiana, India

Jatinder was born and raised in Ludhiana, India. He completed a Bachelor of Dental Surgery in 2008. In 2010, he entered a postgraduate program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Over the next nine years, he worked extensively in both general dentistry and as a specialist. In 2022, he migrated to Canada to explore new opportunities.

Outside of dentistry, cricket runs in his veins. He proudly represented the Indian Dental Association – Mohali branch, where he earned several Man of the Match and Man of the Series awards. He is also a passionate fitness enthusiast.

He is grateful for the unwavering love and encouragement from two incredible women: his wife, Sukhmeet, and his mother. Their belief in him fuels his journey every single day.



Narjara Conduru Fernandes Moreira

Belem, Brazil

Narjara was born and raised in Belem, Brazil. She earned her Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree from the Federal University of Para, followed by postgraduate training in Orthodontics and a Master of Science in Dentistry. She has worked as both a general dentist and an orthodontist in private practice, as well as a general dentist in a public primary healthcare unit, serving underserved communities.

After moving to Canada in 2014, Narjara completed a Master of Science in Medical Sciences – Dentistry at the University of Alberta. She also worked as a teaching assistant, research assistant, and certified dental and orthodontic assistant.

In her free time, Narjara enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and exploring global cuisine. She is grateful for the opportunity to join the University of Saskatchewan and is committed to delivering high-quality care to her patients. Narjara extends heartfelt thanks to God, her daughter Lia, husband Cristiano, her mom, dad, siblings, and friends for their unwavering support.



Adaora Enumah

Lagos, Nigeria

Adaora was born and raised in Lagos, Nigeria. She graduated from Lagos State University in 2017 as the first recipient of a Bachelor of Dental Surgery Summa Cum Laude Honours degree.

After graduation, she practiced as a dentist in public, private and community clinic settings for 3 years before moving to Canada. Adaora's research interests led her to obtain a Master of Science degree in Public Health and Health Systems from University of Waterloo, Ontario in 2022, where her thesis focused on behavioral neuroscience.

She also worked as a dental assistant/ clinic administrator while preparing for her career as a dentist in Canada. Outside of dentistry, Adaora enjoys spending quality time with family and friends, exploring cultures through travel, and playing basketball. Adaora expresses her deepest gratitude to God for His goodness and mercies, to her loving husband Patrick, her daughter Kaira, her parents, siblings and in-laws for their love, patience, unending sacrifices and for being an amazing support system.



Silky Gabbi

Nakodar, Punjab, India

Silky was born and raised in Nakodar, Punjab, India, and earned her Bachelor of Dental Surgery in 2014.

After practicing dentistry for four years, she moved to Canada in 2018 and began working as a dental assistant in Ontario, gaining nearly five years of hands-on experience in clinical care.

While working, Silky pursued her dream of continuing dental education by preparing for the U.S. dental board exams and was accepted into a dental school in 2022. Although personal circumstances prevented her from attending, she renewed her focus and began the Canadian equivalency process in 2023.

Her dedication and resilience led to her acceptance into the dental program at the University of Saskatchewan, where she continues to grow both professionally and personally.

Silky is deeply grateful to her parents and her younger sisters, Dolly and Aman, for their unwavering support throughout her journey. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, taking long walks, and getting lost in a good book.



Zahid Hussain

Hyderabad, India

Zahid was born and raised in India. He completed his Bachelor of Dental Surgery in 2008 and Masters in Orthodontics in 2012.

His professional journey took him to Kuwait, where he practiced dentistry before moving to London, Ontario with his wife and young daughter.

He believes in creating beauty around him—whether through his work in dentistry, his love for photography, or his appreciation of music, art, and culture.

Zahid enjoys spending quality time with family and friends and staying active through sports like Squash and Basketball.

He expresses heartfelt gratitude to his family for their unwavering support, love, and motivation throughout every stage of his journey. He especially dedicates this milestone to his daughter, whose presence fills his life with joy and purpose.



Komal Anit Khatri

Bikaner, India

Komal Anit Khatri hails from Bikaner, Rajasthan. She earned her Bachelor of Dental Surgery in 2012 and completed her Master's in Orthodontics in 2018. She co-owned and operated Nu-Smile Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics, offering gentle, family-focused care. In 2020, she moved to Canada to expand her professional horizons and embrace new opportunities. To stay connected to her field, she became a certified dental assistant and gained valuable experience within the Canadian dental system. Komal expresses heartfelt gratitude to her husband, Anit, for his unwavering support and belief in her journey. Family remains her foundation, offering daily strength and inspiration. Outside of dentistry, she finds joy in cooking, travelling, and cherishes meaningful moments shared with loved ones. She remains committed to lifelong learning, compassionate care, and making a positive impact in every life she touches.



Hameet Mangat

Katani Kalan, Punjab, India

Originally from Katani Kalan, Punjab, India, Hameet earned his Bachelor of Dental Surgery from SKSS Dental College in 2014 and worked as a general dentist for two years before moving to Canada in 2016.

He completed a diploma in Healthcare Management from Northern College in 2018 and later graduated from the Dental Hygiene program at CADH, Ontario, in 2023, where he worked as a dental hygienist in Hamilton, Ontario.

While studying, he worked in various roles that not only enriched his understanding of Canadian culture and values but also helped him build strong professional relationships.

Hameet is grateful to have been accepted into the IDDP at the USASK. He extends his heartfelt gratitude to his wife (Sukhmeet), parents and family for their unwavering support, as well as to his cousins, friends, colleagues, and instructors. He gives special thanks to his mentors, Dr. Ranu, Dr. Chugh, and Dr. Mishra, for their invaluable guidance and encouragement.

Outside of dentistry, Hameet enjoys playing cricket, gardening and spending quality time with family and friends.



K.P. Bhagyashree Rao

Mumbai, India

Born and raised in Mumbai, India, Bhagyashree graduated with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery from Mumbai in 2020. After completing her degree, she worked as an associate dentist for a year.

She relocated to Toronto, Canada, where she gained valuable dental assisting experience.

Bhagyashree credits her journey to the unwavering love and support of her family—her partner Apoorva, parents, brother, sister-in-law, and her precious niece Samayara and nephew Mridul—without whom this achievement would not have been possible.

Outside of her academic and professional pursuits, Bhagyashree is an avid sports enthusiast. She has a special fondness for tennis, a sport she has played professionally, demonstrating not only her athletic ability but also her dedication and discipline.

As she embarks on this new academic journey, Bhagyashree is excited to further her career and contribute to the world of dentistry, all while cherishing the support system that has helped her reach this point.



Rajwinder Singh

Punjab, India

Originally from Punjab, India, Rajwinder Singh earned his Bachelor of Dental Surgery from VS Dental College in Bangalore and his Master of Dental Surgery from Dr. R. Ahmed Dental College in Kolkata.

He has held various academic positions at dental schools in India, driven by a strong passion for teaching and clinical excellence. Motivated to challenge himself and grow further in the field, he moved to Canada to pursue advanced opportunities in dentistry.

He embraces a calm, laid-back approach to life, taking one thing at a time with focus and patience. Outside of dentistry, he's a food enthusiast who loves cooking and sharing meals and enjoys spending time with family and friends. He is deeply thankful to his wife, whose unwavering support fuels his ambitions; his two daughters, who bring joy and purpose to his life; his parents in India, whose blessings, sacrifices, and values continue to guide him. He is truly grateful and honored to have been accepted into the University of Saskatchewan's IDDP program, marking a significant milestone in his professional journey.



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