



UNIVERSITY OF
DETROIT MERCY
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

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WELCOME

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY
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VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT 2021

Friday, May 14th
2:30 pm.

University of Detroit Mercy
4001 West McNichols Road
Detroit, Michigan

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

WELCOME

Pamela Zarkowski, J.D., M.P.H.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Dr. Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos, Ph.D.
Assistant to the President for Mission Integration

Ms. Anita Gicana Klueg, MATS
Director of University Ministry

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & VIVERE EX MISSIONE AWARD

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

DENTAL HYGIENE CLASS ADDRESS

Bailey Lorraine Begley, B.S.
President, Dental Hygiene Class of 2021

DENTAL CLASS ADDRESS

Simon Y. Shamoon, B.S.
President, Dental Class of 2021

DEAN'S REMARKS & PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

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

CONFERRING OF CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Nuha N. Al Radami
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 +Anthony Jaafar Barakat, B.S.
 *Kaldoun Mohammed Barawi
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 Mona Beydoun, B.S.
 Jafer Bohra, B.S.
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 *Inseok Choi
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 *Akhila Cyriac
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 *Kristin Alexandra Doxen
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 Erica Kendra Eden, B.S.
 Catherine El Hadi, B.S.
 Sergio A. Elias, B.S.
 Farzin Farahmandnia, B.S.
 Mahmoud Izzat Farhat, B.A.
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 Angeline V. George, B.S.
 John Robert Gervasi, B.S.
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 Michael Robert Haddad, B.S.
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 Haiyun Hou, B.S.
 Ashley N. Houck, B.S.
 *Raza Mohammed Hussain
 Nadine Hussein, B.S.
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 Haipei Luan. B.S.
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 *William Samuel Mathers
 *Lucas Peter Mathes

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Aanchal Mohan, B.S.	Steven Thomas Santarossa, B.S.
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Devarshi Patel, B.S.	Nazanin Tanha, B.S., M.S.
Nehal Rakesh Patel, B.S.	Enkelejda Tile, B.S.
Seju Patel, B.S.	Paula Tobar, B.S.
Shivani Patel, B.S.	Chelsea Tremonti, B.S.
Pallavi Patodia, B.S.	Calvin Thai Khang Truong, B.S.
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*Albert Duc Anh Quan	Tu-Quynh Vu, B.A.
*Carolyn Thanh Quynh Quan	Jacob Patrick Webb, B.S.
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Ruben Ramos, B.S.	Jay Andrew Wolsey, B.S.
Chantelle Elizabeth Randall, B.S.	**Lilia Ying Cheih Yu
Ashna Rao, B.S.	*Bilal Mohammed Zahoor

*Candidates in the 7-year program – receiving a D.D.S. and B.S. in Biology

+Candidates receiving a Certificate in Business Fundamentals

**Candidates in the Accelerated Dental Program – receiving a D.D.S.

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

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY

Monica Pankaj Gandhi, D.D.S., M.S.
Alexandria Ruth Horner, D.D.S.
Seyedeh Moniba Mirkhani, D.D.S., M.S.
Marangely Ruiz Medina, D.D.S., M.S.
Alexa Rae Simmons, D.D.S.
Asita Jenani Vinayagalingam, D.D.S.
Program Director – Christina Van Dam, D.D.S.

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

Rachel Supriya James, D.D.S.
Lindsey David LaLonde, D.D.S.
Yun Kyoung Park, D.D.S.
Program Director – Susan Paurazas, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., M.S.

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Stephanie Haley Grossman, D.D.S.
Apurva Kulkarni, D.D.S.
Rebecca Noelle Monticello, D.D.S.
Thomas Achilles Paron, D.D.S.
Pooja Patel, D.M.D.
Program Director – Riyad Al-Qawasmi, B.D.S., M.S.D., Ph.D.

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

Khashayar Azimi, D.D.S.
Andrea Lopez-Torres Silva, D.M.D.
Tinisha Alani Notice, D.D.S., M.S.
Program Director – Bassam Kinaia, D.D.S., M.S.

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

CLASS OF 2021 AWARDS

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Laxmi Pranati Akilla, B.S.

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

Temitayo Akinyemi, B.A.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence

School of Dentistry Academic Leadership Program Recognition

Class of 2021 Student Admissions Ambassador

David Anthony Aldaz, B.S.

School of Dentistry Academic Leadership Program Recognition

Bayan Aloran, H.B.Sc.

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Senior Dental Student
Recognition Award

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Vice President, Dental Class of 2021

Rima Anani, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Nicholas Edward Ancona, B.S.

American Association of Orthodontics Award

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Kaldoun Mohammed Barawi

School of Dentistry Academic Leadership Program Recognition

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Yousif Mokhlis Brikho

American Association of Endodontics Award

Hannah Christine Collison, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Sekna Tarek Dabaja, B.S.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Achievement Award

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Jessica Lynn De Rose, H.B.Sc.

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics

Detroit Mercy Dental Excellence in Research Award

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Randall Scott De Young, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Austin John Dunn, B.S.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

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DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Erica Kendra Eden, B.S.

Brian D. Stone Memorial Award
Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Award

Catherine El Hadi, B.S.

Academy of Osseointegration Outstanding Dental Student in Implant Dentistry Award

Jacob Todd Flyte, B.S.

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award
American Academy of Maxillofacial Pathology Dental Student Award
School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Angeline V. George, B.S.

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry
School of Dentistry Dental Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
School of Dentistry Biomedical Sciences Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Jodie Beth Gold, B.S.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Myron C. Hampton Jr., B.S.

Class Representative, Dental Class of 2021
Class of 2021 Student Admissions Ambassador

Mae Hegagi, B.S.

Treasurer, Dental Class of 2021

Devin Jean Hodell, B.S.

School of Dentistry Academic Leadership Program Recognition

Michael D. Hodgson, H.B.Sc.

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Horace Well Senior Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition
Class Representative, Dental Class of 2021

Haiyun Hou, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Ashley N. Houck, B.S.

Russell W. Bunting Periodontal Society Award

Nadine Husseini, B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Allen Thomas Hwang, B.S., M.S.

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Student Award

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Rayyan Mahmoud Jaber

School of Dentistry Pediatric Dentistry Clinical Excellence Award

CLASS OF 2021 AWARDS

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Alexander Athanasios Karkaris Porter, B.A.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Student Award

Academy of General Dentistry Award

School of Dentistry Excellence in Academic Leadership Award

Treasurer, Student Government Association

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

School of Dentistry Academic Leadership Program Recognition

Nora Randa Katib, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Scott James Knurek, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Carley Renee Kolb, B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Cassidy Lauren Kracker, B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Seongnoh Lee, B.S.

Detroit Mercy Excellence in Oral Surgery Award

Ashlynn Nicole Loenser, B.S.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Haipei Luan, B.S.

ADA DENTSPLY Student Clinician Research Program Recognition

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Lucas Peter Mathes

Quintessence Award of Research Achievement

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Aimee Anissa Makeda Matthews, B.S.

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Emily Ann Maynard

American Academy of Orofacial Pain Outstanding Senior Award

Aanchal Mohan, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Ashley Kate Muehleise, B.S.

School of Dentistry Academic Leadership Program Recognition

Tuan A. Nguyen, B.S.

Class of 2021 Student Admissions Ambassador

Trisha Nguyen-Luu, H.B.Sc.

American Academy of Periodontology Dental Student Award

Natasha R. Obradovich, H.B.A.

Secretary, Dental Class of 2021

Margaret Francati Pailles, B.A.

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

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Pallavi Patodia, B.S.

Class of 2021 Student Admissions Ambassador

Thomas Nicholas Rafail, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Ashna Rao, B.S.

American Academy of Oral Medicine Award

Salwa Amin Saleh, B.S.

Detroit Mercy Dental Community Service Award

Dylan P. Salem

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

School of Dentistry Academic Leadership Program Recognition

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Steven Thomas Santarossa, B.S.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Sahil Mahesh Sawnani, H.B.Sc.

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Brittany Marie Schweiger

Whip Mix Hanau Best of Best Prosthodontic

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society Recognition

Mouhamadou Moustapha Seydi, B.S.

Class of 2021 Student Admissions Ambassador

Simon Y. Shamoan, B.S.

American College of Prosthodontics Undergraduate Achievement Award

President, Dental Class of 2021

Jordan Mitchell Spavor, H.B.Sc.

Delta Dental Foundation Community Commitment Award

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Matthew A. Stratton, B.S.

Academy of Dentistry International Student Servant Leadership Award

Vevaka A. Tandon

International Congress of Oral Implantology Pre-Doctoral Achievement Award

Nazanin Tanha, B.S., M.S.

Detroit Mercy Dental Excellence in Research Award

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Enkelejda Tile, B.S.

Falcon Family Award

Michaela Rae Wiseman, B.S.

International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

President, Student Government Association

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DENTAL HYGIENE

Bailey Lorraine Begley, B.S.

School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Biomedical Sciences Award

President, Dental Hygiene Class of 2021

Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society Recognition

Sarah Marie Bennett

Treasurer, Dental Hygiene Class of 2021

Jenna Marie Giordano

Loa Petri Clinical Dental Hygiene Award

Noura Mohammed Isa

East Shore District Dental Hygienists' Society Award

Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society Recognition

Dental Hygiene Representative, Student Government Association

Clinical Enrichment Recognition

Allison Rita Konja

School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Periodontology Achievement Award

Clinical Enrichment Recognition

Sheikh Muhammad Mamoon, B.S.

School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Biomedical Sciences Award

Keri S. Molloy

Hu-Friedy "Golden Scaler" Award

Vice President, Dental Hygiene Class of 2021

Lauren Allison Puzio

Colgate Student Total Achievement Recognition Award

Rachel Ellen Rhoney

Secretary, Dental Hygiene Class of 2021

Kelly Marie Solak

Detroit Mercy Dental Hygiene Alumni Award

ACADEMIC REGALIA

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

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

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

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

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

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



