

COMMENCEMENT

UF

College of Dentistry

Class of 2018

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FLORIDA



Commencement  
**SPRING 2018**

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## Greetings from the President

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### Dr. W. Kent Fuchs

Dr. Kent Fuchs became the 12th president of the University of Florida in January 2015. Under President Fuchs' leadership, the university has developed shared goals for the decade ahead. UF's overarching aspiration is to be a premier comprehensive university that the state, nation and world look to for leadership. President Fuchs came to UF from Cornell University, where he served as provost. He also served as dean of the Cornell College of Engineering. Before that, he was the head of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Purdue University and a professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Coordinated Science Laboratory at the University of Illinois.



President Fuchs is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; the American Association for the Advancement of Science;

the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Association for Computing Machinery. He earned his doctoral degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois. He holds a master's degree in divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and a bachelor's degree from Duke University.

## College of Dentistry Dean

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### Dr. A. Isabel Garcia

Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H., joined the college as dean in February 2015, after retiring from the U.S. Public Health Service in 2014 as a rear admiral lower half. Dr. Garcia's career spans 36 years in public health, clinical practice, research, teaching and administration at the local, state and national levels.

Dr. Garcia joined the NIDCR in 1995 and held multiple leadership roles during her time there. She received a doctorate in dental surgery in 1980 from Virginia Commonwealth University, a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan in 1988 and completed a residency in dental public health at the University of Michigan and a fellowship in primary care policy from the U.S. Public Health Service.

While pursuing her master's, she was a lecturer and adjunct assistant professor in the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She later served as an adjunct assistant professor in the College of Dentistry at The Ohio State University.

A fellow of the American College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy, Dr. Garcia is a Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health, one of the nine specialties recognized by the American Dental Association, and is an active member of the American Dental Education Association, the International Association for Dental Research, the American Dental Association and the Florida Dental Association.



## Greetings from the President

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**O**n behalf of the University of Florida and our administration, faculty and staff, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, the Class of 2018, and to your family and friends.

UF's commencement ceremonies celebrate your considerable accomplishment in completing a degree program at one of the world's great universities. I share your pride and excitement, and I am confident that your degree - and the skills and experience you acquired while at this university - will serve you well in your careers and lives.

It has been a privilege to have you as a part of our community, and the university is better for your time here. I hope you remain connected to UF as active alumni and members of The Gator Nation.

Good luck, best wishes, and Go Gators!

  
W. Kent Fuchs

# University of Florida Leadership

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## Deans of the University

**R. Elaine Turner, Ph.D.**

*College of Agricultural and Life Sciences*

**Lucinda Lavelli, M.F.A.**

*College of the Arts*

**John Kraft, Ph.D.**

*Warrington College of Business*

**A. Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H.**

*College of Dentistry*

**Chimay Anumba, Ph.D.**

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**Glenn E. Good, Ph.D.**

*College of Education*

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**Michael Reid, Ph.D.**

*College of Health and Human Performance*

**Nick Place, Ph.D.**

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**Jacqueline Burns, Ph.D.**

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**Diane H. McFarlin, B.S.**

*College of Journalism and Communications*

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*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

**Michael L. Good, M.D.**

*College of Medicine*

**Anna M. McDaniel, Ph.D., R.N.**

*College of Nursing*

**Julie A. Johnson, Pharm.D.**

*College of Pharmacy*

**Michael G. Perri, Ph.D.**

*College of Public Health and Health Professions*

**James W. Lloyd, D.V.M., Ph.D.**

*College of Veterinary Medicine*

**Judith C. Russell, M.S.**

*University Libraries*

**Heather White, Ph.D.**

*Dean of Students*



# Commencement Agenda – Friday, May 18, 2 p.m.

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Presiding	A. Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H.
Processional	Patrick G. Smith and Kathy Plympton
National Anthem	Constantine Granatosky, Daniel Popper, Greta Smidt and Emily Tan
Welcome	David Guzick, M.D., Ph.D.
Introductions	A. Isabel Garcia
Academy of Alumni & Friends Remarks	Craig Oldham. D.M.D.
Senior Class Address	William T. Baldock, Jr.
Presentation of Doctoral Candidates	A. Isabel Garcia
Conferring of Degrees	
Presentation of Master’s Candidates	
Conferring of Degrees	
Presentation of Doctoral Hoods, Diplomas & Certificates	A. Isabel Garcia Alex J. Delgado, D.D.S., M.S. Roberta Pileggi, D.D.S., M.S.
Dentist’s Pledge	Cesár Sabates, D.D.S.
Closing Remarks	A. Isabel Garcia
Alma Mater	Irene Bevan, Abigail Gruspe, Daniel Popper and Greta Smidt
Recessional	Patrick G. Smith and Kathy Plympton



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ADDITIONAL COPIES of this commencement program will be available in the Office of Education after commencement and you can download it from the college website here: [dental.ufl.edu/education](http://dental.ufl.edu/education). A VIDEO of the ceremony is also available at a link on our website here: [dental.ufl.edu/education](http://dental.ufl.edu/education).

Photographs of the graduates as they cross the stage or receive their diploma are available from University Photography, PO Box 2454, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403-2454, 205-391-9500.

# College of Dentistry Leadership

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**A. Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H.**  
*Dean*

**Abimbola Adewumi, B.D.S., F.D.S.R.C.S**  
*Program Director, Pediatric Dentistry*

**Ikramuddin Aukhil, B.D.S., M.S.**  
*Chair, Periodontology*

**Robert A. Burne, Ph.D.**  
*Associate Dean for Research  
Chair, Oral Biology*

**Donald Cohen, D.M.D., M.B.A., M.S.**  
*Interim Chair, Oral & Maxillofacial Diagnostic  
Sciences*

**Deborah Dilbone, D.M.D.**  
*Chair, Department of Restorative  
Dental Sciences*

**Calogero Dolce, D.D.S., Ph.D.**  
*Chair, Department of Orthodontics  
Program Director, Orthodontics*

**M. Franklin Dolwick, D.M.D., Ph.D.**  
*Chair, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery*

**Micaela B. Gibbs, D.D.S.**  
*Program Director, Community Based Programs*

**Lauren Governale, D.M.D., M.P.H.**  
*Clinical Director, Pediatric Dentistry ~ Naples*

**Marcio Guelmann, D.D.S.**  
*Chair, Pediatric Dentistry*

**James E. Haddix, D.M.D.**  
*Assistant Dean for Continuing Education*

**John H. Hardeman, D.D.S., M.D.**  
*Program Director, Fellowship in Oral &  
Maxillofacial Surgery  
Program Director, Oral & Maxillofacial  
Surgery*

**Nadim M. Islam, B.D.S., D.D.S.**  
*Interim Program Director, Oral & Maxillofacial  
Pathology*

**Deeba Kashtwari, B.D.S., M.S.**  
*Interim Program Director, Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology*

**Will Martin, D.M.D., M.S.**  
*Clinical Director, Fellowship in Oral & Maxillofacial  
Surgery in the Center for Implant Dentistry*

**César Migliorati, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.**  
*Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs & Quality*

**Rodrigo Neiva, D.D.S., M.S.**  
*Program Director, Periodontics*

**Edgar O'Neill, D.D.S., M.S.**  
*Program Director, Prosthodontics*

**Patricia Pereira, D.D.S., Ph.D.**  
*Program Director, Operative Dentistry*

**Roberta Pileggi, D.D.S., M.S.**  
*Director, School of Advanced Dental Sciences  
Associate Dean for Advanced & Graduate Education  
Chair, Endodontics  
Program Director, Endodontics*

**Thomas C. Porter, D.M.D.**  
*Program Director, Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry ~ Seminole*

**Pamela R. Sandow, D.M.D.**  
*Assistant Dean for Admissions & Financial Aid*

**Rodrigo Souza, D.D.S.**  
*Program Director, Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry ~ Hialeah*

**Venita J. Sposetti, D.M.D.**  
*Associate Dean for Education*

**Scott Tomar, D.M.D., M.P.H., Dr.P.H.**  
*Interim Chair, Community Dentistry and Behavioral  
Science*

**Shannon Wallet, Ph.D.**  
*Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs*

**Patty Xirau-Probert, Ph.D.**  
*Assistant Dean for Student Advocacy & Inclusion*





# 2017-2018 Teaching Awards

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The Teachers of the Year are selected by the sophomore, junior and senior D.M.D. students. This is the second year the college has honored faculty with the Excellence in Dental Education Awards, developed to recognize the incredible impact our faculty teachers have on the education of tomorrow's dentists. The winners have demonstrated excellence, innovation and effectiveness in teaching of the dental sciences.

## Teachers of the Year



**Shannon Wallet, Ph.D.**  
Basic & Behavioral Sciences  
Teacher of the Year



**Joy Wang, D.D.S., M.S.**  
Clinical Sciences  
Teacher of the Year

## Excellence in Dental Education Awards

### Sustained Exemplary Teaching Awards

Alex J. Delgado, D.D.S., M.S.  
Luisa F. Echeto, D.D.S., M.S., FACP  
W. Stephen Howard, D.M.D., FAGD

### Exemplary Teaching Award

Ana Dias Ribeiro, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.

## Special Commencement Guests

**Bernie Machen, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.**, is a UF president emeritus, having served as president from 2004 to 2014. He earned his dental degree from St. Louis University and his master's degree in pediatric dentistry and doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Iowa. He and his wife, Chris, have two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren.

**Craig Oldham, D.M.D.**, graduated from UFCD in 1992. He has served on our college admissions committee, the development advisory committee, and as president of the AAF. He and his wife, Dr. Peggy Collieran, have four children – two sets of twins – and live in Lithia, Florida.

**Cesar R. Sabates, D.D.S.**, is the 17th District Trustee of the American Dental Association and is a past president of the Florida Dental Association, and he has served as a faculty member for the UFCD Advanced Education in General Dentistry program in Hialeah. He and his wife, Lydia, have two children, Alberto and Cesar III, and live in Coral Gables, Florida.

# Doctor of Dental Medicine

**Alex J. Delgado, D.D.S., M.S.**

DMD Class of 2018 Faculty Advisor

Samir A. Abbas	Thanh Tuyet Ha	Chin Woo Park
Naveen Krishna Allin **	Bradley John Hagen	Dimple J. Patel-Amin
Andres J. Alvarez ††	Latosha D. Harris	Miten Arvind Patel
Arleen J. Aportela	Amelia Elizabeth Hartzell	Pooja M. Patel
Alexandra Arias Orozco	Rosa Hernández Moreno	Maggie Peng
Siraj Kaiser Asadi	Hetty Hong	Heather Golden Perez
William T. Baldock, Jr.	Kyle K. Houston	MaiAnh Christina Pham
Dillon M. Bale	Nicole Ledger Hovencamp	Emily Ngoc Pham
Michelle DellaPenta Bargfrede	Kurtis Paul Hussey	Michelle Kathryn Phelan
Natalia Besada	Mena F. Johny	Alejandro Marco Quesada Garcia
Spencer Louis Blumberg	Melissa A. Jones	Kelli M. Rike
Steven Kyle Calhoun	Kristiana Reinhardt Kalibat	Phillip M. Robbins
Casey Cameron *	Katherine Nicole Kapernaros	Luis Enrique Rodriguez Leyva †
Hieu Minh Chau	Kelly Marie Kidwell	Sirirat Seebunpang
Catherine Ellen Chiafair	Madeline E. King	Ruchi Shukla *
Sumera Chohan	Ava Sohyun Lee	Mina M. Sidhom
Richard C. Collier	Alina Lenz	Bradley L. Sleeth
Dana Nicole DeLosa	Christina Lynn LePochat	Zinnia Sotolongo
Daili Diaz	Daniela Oliveira Pinto Lemoine	Shelby Elizabeth Sox
Kristen Elizabeth Dreyer	Meaghan Marie Lutes	Jenna L. Starkey
Stefhany Giselle Duque	Jordan V. Ma	Tiffany Anqi Tang **
Kelsey Anne Ebach **	Jamar T. Mckay	Ari Evan Tow
Scott Maxwell Elliott	Carla L. Migliaccio Simoes	Duy V. Truong
Claudia B. Espinosa	Ericka Elisa Miller	Amy Lynn Valenti
Eric Michael Faby *	Michael Ryan Moráquez	Sarah Josephine Veazey
Anthony Joseph Farmer	Amanda Francis Mullersman ††	Tina Vo
Kathrin Octavia Gallick *	Cole Garner Murbach **	Michael Eli Vracar II
Elizabeth Kelly Gause	Evan Alexander Murrell	Taylor Rae Vracar ††
Veena M. Gosai	Duy T. Nguyen	Wei Yin Vuong
Allison Elizabeth Gregory	HongAn Mimi Duc Nguyen-Hirano	
Nelson Guanचे	Neila Lee Nicholson	

The Doctor of Dental Medicine candidates will be hooded by Alex J. Delgado, D.D.S., M.S., and Maria Caraballo, D.D.S. Candidates will receive their hoods and diplomas with their clinical care groups; clinical care groups are listed on page 14 of the program.



2018 SPRING  
COMMENCEMENT

\* Cum Laude \*\* Magna Cum Laude † Research Honors †† High Research Honors

# Advanced & Graduation Education

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL SCIENCES WITH ENDODONTICS SPECIALIZATION

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Dr. Nathan Lee Horwitz

Dr. Kira L. Santos

Dr. Francisco Nicolas Garí

Dr. Sara Markovic

Dr. Steven Brock Miller

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL SCIENCES WITH ORTHODONTICS SPECIALIZATION

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Dr. Demyana R. Azer

Dr. Desmond T. Foster

Dr. Kenneth C. Gilbert

Dr. Sydney M. Greer

Dr. Emmanuel Alfonso-Oropesa

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL SCIENCES WITH PERIODONTICS SPECIALIZATION

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Dr. Matthew Christian Alvarez

Dr. Camille Medina-Cintrón

Dr. Gabriela Vila

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL SCIENCES WITH PROSTHODONTICS SPECIALIZATION

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Dr. Mohanad Fahad A. Atwa

Dr. Nicole Martino

Dr. Sidharth Mohan

## CERTIFICATE IN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

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Dr. Liya Davidova

Dr. Jasbir Deol Upadhyaya

# Advanced & Graduation Education

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## CERTIFICATE IN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY

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Dr. Marwa J Almahndr

Dr. Sergio Palacios

Dr. Karen Gaines

## CERTIFICATE IN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

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Dr. Clayton Mack Hamrick

Dr. John James Mazzuocolo

Dr. Thomas Ryan McPherson

## CERTIFICATE IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY – GAINESVILLE

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Dr. Elizabeth Clay

Dr. Joshua A. Cline

Dr. Sukhi Guram

Dr. Latoya S. Jones

Dr. Rachel Witcher

## CERTIFICATE IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY – NAPLES

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Dr. Andreea-Alexandra Cosma

Dr. Alisha Huifang Li

Dr. Kampa Gayathri Raju

Dr. Amy Sakowitz

Dr. Karen Konomi Wolf

### Class of 2019 Honor Marshals

Ioanna Borissova

Spencer Mathews

Tanner Brunsworth

W. Harrison Miller

Abigail Gruspe

Cassandra Perez

Jas Guram

Christine Volkmer



# Advanced & Graduation Education

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## CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

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Dr. Suha Aljuneidi

## CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY – HIALEAH

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Dr. Ricardo Carrillo Giraldo

Dr. Tasneem Chaballout

Dr. Nicholas Walter DeVilliers

Dr. Santiago Lopez

Dr. Rocio del Carmen Martinez Saroza

Dr. Javier Martinez

Dr. Sandra Oilar

Dr. Lady Joedeline Rae Patalinghug

Dr. Ulysses Patalinghug

Dr. Luis Sanchez Cardenas

Dr. Michelle Kaloglian Silva

Dr. Luviana Soto

## CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY – SEMINOLE

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Dr. David Paul Babb

Dr. Olivia M. Bassily

Dr. Rogelio de la Rosa

Dr. Keri Eberhardt

Dr. William Edwards

Dr. William Hackett

Dr. Kylen Hughes

Dr. Nareh Issayans

Dr. Laura Ann Koberda

Dr. Brittany Pidgeon

Dr. Kelli Riddle

Dr. Laura Jean Varadi

# DMD Class of 2018 Awards

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## Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society

Naveen Krishna Allin  
Spencer Louis Blumberg  
Casey Cameron  
Daili Diaz  
Kelsey Anne Ebach  
Eric Michael Faby

Kurtis Paul Hussey  
Katherine Nicole Kapernaros  
Christina Lynn LePochat  
Bradley L. Sleeth  
Tiffany Anqi Tang  
Taylor Rae Vracar

## Clinical Excellence and Professionalism Award

Hieu Minh Chau  
Michael Ryan Moráquez  
Amanda Francis Mullersman  
Chin Woo Park

Emily Ngoc Pham  
Maggie Peng  
Michelle Kathryn Phelan  
Luis Enrique Rodriguez Leyva

## Scholastic and Professional Awards

AAF - A. Lewis Leo Outstanding Student Award	Eric Michael Faby
AAOMS Dental Implant Student Award	Ericka Elisa Miller
AAOMS Dental Student Award	Daili Diaz
AAWD Eleanor Bushee Senior Women Dental Student Award	Maggie Peng
Academy of Dentistry International	Hetty Hong
Academy of General Dentistry	Eric Michael Faby, Christina Lynn LePochat
Academy of Operative Dentistry	Christina Lynn LePochat
Academy of Osseointegration	Luis Enrique Rodriguez Leyva
American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry	Luis Enrique Rodriguez Leyva
American Academy of Implant Dentistry	Bradley L. Sleeth
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology	Kelsey Anne Ebach
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology	Cole Garner Murbach
American Academy of Oral Medicine Award	Daili Diaz
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry	HongAn Mimi Duc Nguyen-Hirano
American Academy of Periodontology	William T. Baldock, Jr.
American Association of Endodontics Student Award	Bradley L. Sleeth
American Association of Orthodontics	Katherine Nicole Kapernaros
American College of Dentists Senior Award	Taylor Rae Vracar
American College of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons	Spencer Louis Blumberg
American College of Prosthodontics	Ericka Elisa Miller
American Dental Society of Anesthesiology - Horace Wells Senior Student Award	Alina Lenz
American Equilibration Society	Kelly Marie Kidwell
American Prosthodontics Society	Melissa A. Jones



# DMD Class of 2018 Awards

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## Scholastic and Professional Awards

Class of 2018 Highest Ranking Scholar Award	Naveen Krishna Allin
Delta Dental Student Leadership Award	Alejandro Marco Quesada Garcia
Dennis/Foerster Award	Anthony Joseph Farmer
Dentsply Award for Removable Prosthodontics	Amanda Francis Mullersman
Dr. Carroll Bennett Award for Academic Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry	Cole Garner Murbach
Dr. Charles Fain Award/Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry	Andres J. Alvarez
Dr. E.A. Cosby Award	Hetty Hong, Ava Sohyun Lee
Dr. J. Frank Collins Professionalism Award	Andres J. Alvarez
Dr. John Kincheloe Excellence in Oral Surgery Award	Jamar T. Mckay
DSG - Dental Services Group Award	Christina Lynn LePochat
Endodontic Molar Award	Alejandro Marco Quesada Garcia
Florida Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dr. Lebowitz Award	Cole Garner Murbach
Hanau Excellence in Prosthodontics (Whip Mix)	Alejandro Marco Quesada Garcia
Hu-Friedy Golden Forceps Award	Mina M. Sidhom
Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award	Katherine Nicole Kapernaros
International College of Dentists - Humanitarian	Taylor Rae Vracar
International College of Dentists - Leadership	Bradley L. Sleeth
International Congress of Oral Implantologists	Nicole Ledger Hovencamp
LD Pankey Award	Michael Eli Vracar II
Orthodontics Clinical Achievement Award	Kelsey Anne Ebach
Outstanding Tutor Recognition Award	Casey Cameron, Kelsey Anne Ebach, Michael Eli Vracar II, Taylor Rae Vracar
Pierre Fauchard Academy	Amanda Francis Mullersman
Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontology	Natalia Besada
Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry	Andres J. Alvarez
Quintessence Award for Research Achievement	Taylor Rae Vracar
Research High Honors	Andres J. Alvarez, Amanda Francis Mullersman, Taylor Rae Vracar
Research Honors	Luis Enrique Rodriguez Leyva
SNDA Leadership and Community Service Award	Hetty Hong
Spirit of UFCD	HongAn Mimi Duc Nguyen-Hirano
SPIT Award	Casey Cameron
The Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics	
Outstanding Senior in Prosthodontics	Nelson Guanche

# DMD Clinical Care Groups

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## **Clinic Care Group 2**

David G. Barnes, D.D.S.  
Henry Young, D.D.S.  
Andres J. Alvarez  
Casey Cameron  
Daili Diaz  
Claudia B. Espinosa  
Anthony Joseph Farmer  
Kathrin Octavia Gallick  
Elizabeth Kelly Gause  
Veena M. Gosai  
Amelia Elizabeth Hartzell  
Nicole Ledger Hovencamp  
Kurtis Paul Hussey  
Melissa A. Jones  
Kelly Marie Kidwell  
Ericka Elisa Miller  
Michael Ryan Moráquez  
Duy T. Nguyen  
Pooja M. Patel  
MaiAnh Christina Pham  
Michelle Kathryn Phelan  
Alejandro Marco Quesada Garcia  
Ruchi Shukla  
Duy V. Truong

## **Clinic Care Group 3**

Larry J. Cook, D.M.D., M.S.  
Rosalia Rey, D.D.S.  
Samir A. Abbas  
Arleen J. Aportela  
Siraj Kaiser Asadi  
Spencer Louis Blumberg  
Catherine Ellen Chiafair  
Dana Nicole DeLosa  
Kristen Elizabeth Dreyer  
Scott Maxwell Elliott  
Eric Michael Faby  
Bradley John Hagen  
Hetty Hong  
Katherine Nicole Kapernaros  
Alina Lenz  
Jamar T. Mckay  
Amanda Francis Mullersman  
Evan Alexander Murrell  
HongAn Mimi Duc Nguyen-Hirano  
Neila Lee Nicholson  
Miten Arvind Patel  
Emily Ngoc Pham  
Kelli M. Rike  
Phillip M. Robbins  
Sirirat Seebunpang  
Bradley L. Sleeth

## **Clinic Care Group 4**

W. Stephen Howard, D.M.D., FAGD  
Annetty Soto, D.M.D.  
Naveen Krishna Allin  
William T. Baldock, Jr.  
Sumera Chohan  
Nelson Guananche  
Latosha D. Harris  
Kyle K. Houston  
Ava Sohyun Lee  
Daniela Oliveira Pinto Lemoine  
Christina Lynn LePochat  
Jordan V. Ma  
Carla L. Migliaccio Simoes  
Cole Garner Murbach  
Dimple J. Patel-Amin  
Maggie Peng  
Heather Golden Perez  
Luis Enrique Rodriguez Leyva  
Mina M. Sidhom  
Shelby Elizabeth Sox  
Tiffany Anqi Tang  
Ari Evan Tow  
Amy Lynn Valenti

## **Clinic Care Group 5**

Richard M. Kelowitz, D.D.S.  
Bonita Wynkoop, D.D.S.  
Alexandra Arias Orozco  
Dillon M. Bale  
Michelle DellaPenta Bargfrede  
Natalia Besada  
Steven Kyle Calhoun  
Hieu Minh Chau  
Richard C. Collier  
Stefhany Giselle Duque  
Kelsey Anne Ebach  
Allison Elizabeth Gregory  
Thanh Tuyet Ha  
Rosa Hernández Moreno  
Mena F. Johnny  
Kristiana Reinhardt Kalibat  
Madeline E. King  
Meaghan Marie Lutes  
Chin Woo Park  
Zinnia Sotolongo  
Jenna L. Starkey  
Sara Josephine Veazey  
Tina Vo  
Michael Eli Vracar II  
Taylor Rae Vracar  
Wei Yin Vuong







## CHAIN OF OFFICE

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This custom-made ornament is worn with the president’s regalia, symbolizing the authority and responsibilities of the office. The chain is engraved with the names and service years of the university presidents. The medallion’s centerpiece is a 1.3-carat diamond.

## ACADEMIC MACE

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Dating back to the Middle Ages, the mace symbolizes strength and authority. The UF ceremonial mace was created for the university’s sesquicentennial celebration in 2003. The 70-inch staff features an alligator sitting atop a globe. The four pillars supporting the globe represent the four original colleges: Agriculture, Engineering, Law, and Liberal Arts. The staff is carved from cherry wood. The university’s chief marshal, who leads all academic processions, carries the mace.



## UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA TASSELS

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- Fisher School of Accounting
- College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
- College of the Arts
- M.E. Rinker Sr. School of Construction Management
- Warrington College of Business
- Heavener School of Business
- College of Dentistry
- College of Design, Construction and Planning
- College of Education
- Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering
- The Graduate School
- College of Health and Human Performance
- College of Journalism and Communications
- Fredric G. Levin College of Law
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arts
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Sciences
- College of Medicine
- College of Nursing
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Public Health and Health Professions
- College of Veterinary Medicine

- Aqua
- Maize
- Brown
- Burnt Orange and Opal
- Drab
- Drab
- Lilac
- Blue Violet
- Light Blue
- Orange
- Black
- Sage Green
- Black and White
- Purple
- White
- Gold Yellow
- Green
- Apricot
- Olive Green
- Salmon
- Gray

## Caps and Gowns, An Explanation

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The academic regalia worn by graduating students and faculty at today's commencement ceremonies evolved from a style of dress worn by members of guilds and religious orders in medieval times. The academic gown is worn by individuals who have earned a degree in higher education. In addition, hoods are worn by graduate degree candidates, but not by undergraduate degree candidates.

At the University of Florida, the lining of the hood has a blue chevron on an orange background to represent the university colors. University faculty members who hold degrees from another college or university wear the colors of their alma mater.

The velvet edging on the academic hood is the color that represents the particular degree held by the wearer. Agricultural and Life Sciences and Forest Resources and Conservation share maize edging; Design, Construction and Planning and Building Construction are blue violet; Audiology degrees have colonial blue edging; Business Administration and Accounting are drab; Dentistry is lilac; Education is light blue; Engineering degrees are represented by orange edging; Fine Arts degrees have brown edging; Health and Human Performance is sage green; Journalism and Communications is garnet; Law is purple; Liberal Arts is white and Liberal Sciences is gold yellow; Medicine is green; Music is pink; Natural Resources and Environment is antique gold; Nursing is apricot; Doctor of Pharmacy is olive; Philosophy is royal blue; Public Health degrees have salmon pink edging; Rehabilitation Counseling degrees have Nile green edging; and Veterinary Medicine is gray.



Distinctions among sleeves indicate the type of degree held by the wearer. A long, pointed sleeve indicates a bachelor's degree, while a long, closed sleeve with a slit near the upper part of the arm designates a master's degree. A round, open sleeve identifies a doctoral degree.

The doctoral regalia also has velvet running on the rest of the gown, including cross bars on the sleeve. Colored tassels on the degree candidates' caps indicate a candidate's school or college.

## The Dentist's Pledge

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I, as a member of the dental profession, will keep this pledge and these stipulations. I understand and accept that my primary responsibility is to my patients, and I shall dedicate myself to render, to the best of my ability, the highest standard of oral health care and to maintain a relationship of respect and confidence. Therefore, let all come to me safe in the knowledge that their total health and well-being are my first considerations.

I shall accept the responsibility that, as a professional, my competence rests on continuing the attainment of knowledge and skill in the arts and sciences of dentistry.

I acknowledge my obligation to support and sustain the honor and integrity of the profession, and to conduct myself in all endeavors such that I shall merit the respect of patients, colleagues and my community. I further commit myself to the betterment of my community for the benefit of all of society.

I shall faithfully observe the Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct set forth by the profession.

All this I pledge with pride in my commitment to the profession and the public which it serves.





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## Alma Mater

*Florida, our Alma Mater  
Thy glorious name we praise  
All thy loyal sons and daughters  
A joyous song shall raise.  
Where palm and pine are blowing,  
Where southern seas are flowing,  
Shine forth thy noble Gothic walls,  
Thy lovely vine-clad halls.  
Neath the Orange and Blue victorious  
Our love shall never fail.  
There's no other name so glorious—  
All hail, Florida, Hail!*

Milton Yeats