Greetings from the President

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

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

On 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

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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

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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
A. Isabel Garcia

Conferring of Degrees

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A. Isabel Garcia

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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

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. A VIDEO of the ceremony is also available at a link on our website here: 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

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.
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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

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 Colleran, 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
Naveen Krishna Allin **
Andres J. Alvarez ††
Arleen J. Aportela
Alexandra Arias Orozco
Siraj Kaiser Asadi
William T. Baldock, Jr.
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Michelle DellaPenta Bargfrede
Natalia Besada
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Steven Kyle Calhoun
Casey Cameron *
Hieu Minh Chau
Catherine Ellen Chiafair
Sumera Chohan
Richard C. Collier
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Sarah Josephine Veazey
Tina Vo
Michael Eli Vracar II
Taylor Rae Vracar ††
Wei Yin Vuong

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.

* Cum Laude  ** Magna Cum Laude  † Research Honors  †† High Research Honors
Advanced & Graduation Education

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL SCIENCES WITH ENDODONTICS SPECIALIZATION

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

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

Dr. Matthew Christian Alvarez
Dr. Camille Medina-Cintron
Dr. Gabriela Vila

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL SCIENCES WITH PROSTHODONTICS SPECIALIZATION

Dr. Mohanad Fahad A. Atwa
Dr. Nicole Martino
Dr. Sidharth Mohan

CERTIFICATE IN ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

Dr. Liya Davidova
Dr. Jasbir Deol Upadhyaya
Advanced & Graduation Education

Certificate in Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology
Dr. Marwa J Almahndr
Dr. Sergio Palacios
Dr. Karen Gaines

Certificate in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Dr. Clayton Mack Hamrick
Dr. John James Mazzuoccolo
Dr. Thomas Ryan McPherson

Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry – Gainesville
Dr. Elizabeth Clay
Dr. Joshua A. Cline
Dr. Sukhi Guram
Dr. Latoya S. Jones
Dr. Rachel Witcher

Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry – Naples
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
Tanner Brunnworth
Abigail Gruspe
Jas Guram
Spencer Mathews
W. Harrison Miller
Casandra Perez
Christine Volkmer
Advanced & Graduation Education

Certificate of Advanced Placement in Pediatric Dentistry
Dr. Suha Aljuneidi

Certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry – Hialeah
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
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

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society
Naveen Krishna Allin         Kurtis Paul Hussey
Spencer Louis Blumberg       Katherine Nicole Kaperanos
Casey Cameron                Christina Lynn LePochat
Daili Diaz                   Bradley L. Sleeth
Kelsey Anne Ebach            Tiffany Anqi Tang
Eric Michael Faby            Taylor Rae Vracar

Clinical Excellence and Professionalism Award
Hieu Minh Chau               Emily Ngoc Pham
Michael Ryan Moráquez        Maggie Peng
Amanda Francis Mullersman    Michelle Kathryn Phelan
Chin Woo Park                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 Miller
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 Kaperanos
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

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

### 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**
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- **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**
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- **Neila Lee Nicholson**
- **Miten Arvind Patel**
- **Emily Ngoc Pham**
- **Kelli M. Rike**
- **Phillip M. Robbins**
- **Srirat 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 Choahan**
- **Nelson Guanche**
- **Latosha D. Harris**
- **Kyle K. Houston**
- **Ava Sohyun Lee**
- **Daniela Oliveira Pinto Lemoine**
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- **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**
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- **Sara Josephine Veazey**
- **Tina Vo**
- **Michael Eli Vracar II**
- **Taylor Rae Vracar**
- **Wei Yin Vuong**
CHAIN OF OFFICE

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

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

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

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

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.
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