

# Rina Inaba Penners

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## EDUCATION

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**Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, DDS program** 2018-2022  
*Loma Linda, CA*  
**GPA:** 3.68/4.00  
**Class Rank:** 19/102

**Stony Brook University, B.A. in Multidisciplinary Studies** 2013-2017  
(Asian American Studies, Anthropology, and Sociology)  
*Stony Brook, NY*

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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**General Practice Resident** 2022-2023  
St. Barnabas Hospital  
*Bronx, NY*

- Develop the clinical judgment, technology-based information retrieval, diagnostic ability, and clinical skill to provide comprehensive general dentistry.
- Offer a broad range of dental services, which can meet the needs of a diverse spectrum of patients, providing patient care including the elderly, handicapped, medically compromised, and hospital-based dentistry.
- Participate in a research project.
- Develop patient and practice management skills.

**Dental Student** 2018-2022  
Loma Linda University School of Dentistry  
*Loma Linda, CA*

- Skilled in diagnosis, treatment planning, and delivery of comprehensive oral care with emphasis on various indirect and direct restorative procedures.
- Responsibilities include patient interviews, history taking, diagnosis, treatment planning, emergency care and referrals, scaling and root planing, direct restorations, crowns, fixed prosthesis, removable partial and complete dentures, and extractions.
- Improved understanding of caries control and prevention, digital radiology, and case presentation.
- Training and experience with digital photography and CAD/CAM dentistry using 3Shape Trios.
- Endodontic experience using hand filing and cold lateral obturation, and rotary and warm vertical obturation.
- Top 20% in clinic production.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Dean's List at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry
- Research Honors Program
- Endodontics Honors Program
- American Association of Endodontists Award
- Pierre Fauchard Academy Award

## DENTISTRY RELATED PUBLIC SERVICE

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**Dental Care for Children** 2021 to 2022  
*Orange County, CA; Ensenada, Mexico*

- Triaged and provided care for underserved dental patients in Tustin, CA and Ensenada, Mexico
- Contributed to set-up, break-down, and infection control procedures.
- As the group leader for Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, responsibilities include organizing groups to volunteer with DCFC in Ensenada, Mexico, going over inventory, and organizing equipment and materials needed to provide dental services for those that do not have access to dental care.

**Path of Life Ministries Access** 2020  
*Riverside, CA*

- Provided haircuts, food, and drinks for the homeless population in Riverside, CA.

**Homeless Outreach Mobile Clinic** 2019  
*Calvary Presbyterian Church, Riverside, CA*

- Triaged underserved dental patients by taking vital signs and reviewing medical and dental histories.
- Took radiographs using handheld NOMAD X- ray machine.
- Contributed to set- up, break- down, and infection control procedures.
- Assisted restorative, extraction, and preventative dental procedures.

**Careers in Dentistry** 2019  
*Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, Loma Linda, CA*

- Assisted high school students with hands on activities that included working with amalgam and composite restorations and practice making impressions.
- Provided dental school application advice and spoke about what dental school is like to high school students.

**CDA Cares** 2019  
*CDA Foundation, San Bernardino, CA*

- Assisted dentists in various dental departments such as endodontics, restorative, oral surgery, and pediatrics.
- Assisted with central supply to help dispense materials to practicing dentists and assistants working chairside.
- Took radiographs using handheld NOMAD X- ray machine.
- Assisted with exit interviews by asking patients questions to gather information for advocacy purposes.

**LLUSD Class of 2022 Social Media Management** 2018 to 2022  
*Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, Loma Linda, CA*

- Took class photos.
- Posted class photos and events on the class Instagram page.
- Hosted a giveaway with Cocofloss.

**Volunteer at a Special Needs Clinic** 2017  
*Westchester Institute for Human Development, Valhalla, NY*

- Shadowed and assisted dentists that provide care for the special needs population.
- Volunteered with the WIHD team at the Special Olympics, a sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities and physical disabilities.
- Assisted in oral screenings for athletes at the Special Olympics.

**Discover Dental School Summer Scholars Program** Summer of 2015  
*Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY*

- Attended preclinical courses at Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine.
- Learned how to prepare cavity restorations, various suturing techniques, and local anesthesia administration.

**Volunteer at Stony Brook University of Dental Medicine** 2015 to 2017  
*Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY*

- Shadowed dental students in the fields of general dentistry, periodontics, orthodontics, and pediatrics.

**Latin World Ministries** Summer of 2011, 2012  
*Clinica Betel, Atoyac de Alvarez, Mexico*

- Assisted dental students during root canals, restorations, and extractions.
- Contributed to set- up, break- down, and infection control procedures.
- Assisted with central supply to help dispense materials to dentists and assistants working chairside.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Effect of Sugar Substitutes on the Inhibition of Streptococcus Mutans** Jan 2021 to Jan 2022

*Loma Linda University, CA*

Mentors: Drs. Steve Powell and Clyde Roggenkamp

- Studied the inhibitory properties of sugar substitutes such as xylitol and erythritol on *Streptococcus Mutans*.

**What is the Most Accurate Technique for Recording a Digital Interocclusal Record?** May 2020 to May 2021

*Loma Linda University, CA*

Mentor: Dr. Brian Goodacre

- Designed dental models, scanned the casts using a Trios scanner, poured up casts to compare digital and conventional models, analyzed the data using an analysis software, and ran statistical analysis.
- Presented at Loma Linda's annual homecoming poster competition and placed third place.
- Presented to the research committee at CDA (California Dental Association) Presents 2021

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Teaching Assistant for the Pre-Doctoral Endodontics Lab Course** March 2022-June 2022

*Loma Linda University, CA*

- Assist the professors and endodontic residents in teaching the second-year dental students how to access, clean and shape, and obturate using cold lateral condensation technique.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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- California Dental Association
- Academy of General Dentistry
- American Student Dental Association
- American Association of Endodontists