

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

OF THE TOURO COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE  
AT NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE

*Class of 2026*  
*7th Commencement*

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 AT 3:00 P.M.  
THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT PURCHASE COLLEGE  
NEW YORK



# *Mission Statement*

THE MISSION OF THE TOURO COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE AT NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE IS TO GRADUATE OUTSTANDING DENTAL PROFESSIONALS WHO WILL UTILIZE A COMPLEX KNOWLEDGE BASE AND SOPHISTICATED PERCEPTUAL SKILLS TO DELIVER EXCELLENT HEALTH CARE SERVICE WITH INTEGRITY, COMPASSION, AND EMPATHY. THE SCHOOL IS DEDICATED TO CONDUCTING IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL AND CLINICAL RESEARCH, WHILE PROVIDING EXCELLENT DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

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# **ORDER OF PROCESSION**

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**The Mace Bearer**

**The Flags of the United States, the State of New York and Touro University**

**The Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery**

**The Faculty**

**The Grand Marshal**

**The Marshals of the Hooding Ceremony**

**The Administration**

**The Military Representative**

**The Alumni Representative**

**The Presenter of the Candidates**

**The Provost**

**The Executive Vice President**

**The Dean of the Touro College of Dental Medicine**

**The Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer**

**The Commencement Speaker**

**The President of Touro University**

# OFFICERS OF COMMENCEMENT

## **Mace Bearer**

**Hanna Horowitz, DDS**

## **Marshals of the Hooding for the College of Dental Medicine**

**Joseph Browne, DDS**

**Isadore Brody, DDS**

**Jennifer Chan, DDS**

**Gregory Gang, DDS**

**Claudia Lozano, DDS**

**Tina Tran, DDS**

## **Marshals of the Faculty**

**Shahrzad Mirafzali, DDS**

**Doug Sheahan, DDS**

## **Marshals of the Students**

**Maureen Gallagher, DDS**

**Mitchell Koonin, DDS**

**Emily Marchick, DDS**

**Richard Stauber, DDS**

## **Alumni Representative**

**Jesse Halpern, DDS '21**

## FLAG BEARERS

### **United States of America**

**Lydon P. Terrado**

*Class of 2029*

### **State of New York**

**Monica Mourad**

*Class of 2027*

### **Touro University**

**Nisha Parakadavil**

*Class of 2028*

# PROGRAM

## **Processional**

### **Introductions by the Grand Marshal**

**Carla Ann Tornatore, DDS**

*Director of Pediatric Dentistry, Touro College of Dental Medicine*

### **The National Anthem**

**Instrumental**

### **Invocation**

**Rabbi Moshe Krupka, MS**

*Executive Vice President, Touro University*

### **Welcome**

**Ronnie Myers, DDS**

*Dean of the Touro College of Dental Medicine*

### **Recognition of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Inductees**

**Gregory Gang, DDS**

*President, OKU*

### **Student Greetings**

**Emily Angelis**

*President, Class of 2026*

### **Introduction of the Commencement Speaker**

**Aaron Yancoskie, DDS**

*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Touro College of Dental Medicine*

### **Commencement Address**

**Teresa A. Dolan, DDS, MPH**

### **Remarks and Conferring of Degrees**

**Alan Kadish, MD**

*President, Touro University*

### **Presentation of the Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery**

**Ronnie Myers, DDS**

*Dean of the Touro College of Dental Medicine*

### **Introduction of the Candidates**

**Karen Longo, MPH**

*Senior Director of Student Affairs, Touro College of Dental Medicine*

### **Administration of the Dental Oath**

**David J. Katz, DDS., FAGD, FACD**

*Vice Dean, Touro College of Dental Medicine*

### **Commissioning into the United States Navy**

**Mill Etienne, MD '02, MPH, FAAN, FAES**

*Associate Dean for Student Affairs, New York Medical College*

### **Remarks and Charge to the Class of 2025**

**Edward C. Halperin, MD, MA**

*Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer, New York Medical College*

## **Recessional**

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

## **Teresa A. Dolan, DDS, MPH**

**Dr. Teresa (Terri) Dolan is a nationally recognized dental executive, educator, and thought leader with more than 40 years of experience spanning clinical practice, academic leadership, industry, and health policy.**

Dr. Dolan earned her DDS from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and her Master of Public Health from UCLA. She completed postgraduate training in general practice, geriatric dentistry, and dental public health, and holds Diplomate status from the American Board of Dental Public Health.

She served as Dean and Professor of the University of Florida College of Dentistry for over a decade, leading the college through significant growth in academic programs, research enterprise, and philanthropic support. She subsequently served as Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer at Dentsply Sirona, one of the world's largest dental companies, where she led global clinical affairs and professional education. Most recently, she served as Chief Dental Officer at Overjet, a pioneering dental artificial intelligence company, where she championed the responsible integration of AI into clinical practice and dental education.

Dr. Dolan is a past president of the American College of Dentists, the Santa Fe Group, and the American Board of Dental Public Health. She has served on numerous national and dental school advisory committees. She has received numerous honors, including the University of Florida President's Medallion and the Shils Fund Innovator Award for Excellence in the Dental Industry. Dr. Dolan is widely recognized as a champion of diversity, women in dentistry, and ethical leadership in the profession.

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**Touro College of Dental Medicine  
Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honorary Society  
Beta Mu Chapter**

Omicron Kappa Upsilon is a national dental honor society founded for the purpose of encouraging scholarship and advancing the ethical standards of the dental profession. Members of Touro College of Dental Medicine's Beta Mu Chapter are elected from the top 20 percent of the graduating class. These outstanding individuals have demonstrated potential for future professional growth and serve as examples among their peers.

**2026 STUDENT INDUCTEES**

<b>Claire Marcel Bottoms</b>	<b>Alyssa Minaev</b>
<b>Gina Marie Cantatore</b>	<b>Alexander Paul Monaco</b>
<b>Ingrid Chen</b>	<b>Daniel Son</b>
<b>Asha Ezzati</b>	<b>Emma Tetelbaum</b>
<b>Courtney Maxine Gilmartin</b>	<b>Melina Theresa Randazzo</b>
<b>Yitzchok Glancz</b>	<b>Valarie Vuong</b>
<b>Kristin Lau</b>	

**2026 FACULTY INDUCTEES**

**Steven H. Cho, DDS**  
*Clinical Associate Professor of Dental Medicine, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

**Robert Weber, DDS**  
*Clinical Assistant Professor of Dental Medicine, Periodontics*

**2026 HONORARY INDUCTEE**

**Rosa Martinez, DDS, FACD, OS**  
*Assistant Clinical Professor, New York Medical College  
Director of Service, Westchester Medical Center  
Site Director, Westchester Medical Center*

# CLASS OF 2026

## DUTCHESS CLINICAL PRACTICE

### **Komal Bansal**

BDS, Adesh University  
MS, New York University  
Private Practice (*Connecticut*)

### **Ian Joseph Burke**

BS, University of South Carolina  
General Practice Residency  
*Englewood Hospital and Medical Center (New Jersey)*

### **Sarah Chicheportiche**

General Practice Residency  
BA, Gratz College  
*Jamaica Hospital Medical Center (New York)*

### **Albar Chowdhury**

BS, The City College of New York, CUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*BronxCare Health System (New York)*

### **Courtney Maxine Gilmartin**

BS, Hofstra University  
General Practice Residency  
*Northwell Health (New York)*

### **Yesllen Godoy**

BA, Purchase College, SUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*Montefiore Medical Center (New York)*

### **Natalie Habaybeh**

BA, Vassar College  
General Practice Residency  
*NYC Health + Hospitals /Bellevue (New York)*

### **Vivian Thao Vi Huynh**

BS, Virginia Commonwealth University  
*Private Practice, Virginia*

### **Elizabeth Kalantarov**

BS, St. Johns University  
Pediatric Dentistry  
*Woodhull Medical Center, New York*

### **Garrett David Jaden Lee**

BS, University of California, San Diego  
Private Practice, *California*

### **Seunghwan Lee**

BS, Cornell University  
Private Practice, *Virginia*

### **Tachei Mangol**

BS, York College, CUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine (New York)*

### **Spencer Thomas Mazzilli**

BS, Boston College  
General Practice Residency  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine (New York)*

### **Megha Mehul Patel**

BA, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
General Practice Residency  
*Maimonides Medical Center (New York)*

### **Melina Theresa Randazzo**

BS, Nova Southeastern University  
General Practice Residency  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine (New York)*

### **Aarshvi Shah**

BDS, AMC Dental College Gujarat University  
MPH, Temple University  
Private Practice (*New Jersey*)

### **Daniel Richard Steiner**

BS, University of Miami  
General Practice Residency  
*Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine (New York)*

### **Raoul Joshua Velazquez**

BS, University of Richmond  
General Practice Residency  
*NYC Health + Hospital/Bellevue (New York)*

### **Elizabeth Caroline Wolosin**

BS, Ursinus College  
General Practice Residency  
*Monmouth Medical Center (New Jersey)*

# CLASS OF 2026

## **Kwadwo Asamoah Ampofo**

BS, Queens University, Canada  
General Practice Residency  
*BronxCare Health System (New York)*

## **Yongjin Byun**

BS, University of the Pacific  
General Practice Residency  
*Jersey City Medical Center (New Jersey)*

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BS, University of Delaware  
Pediatric Dentistry  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine-Tampa (Florida)*

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BS, Florida International University  
General Practice Residency  
*St. Barnabas Hospital (New York)*

## **Ingrid Chen**

BS, University of California, Santa Cruz  
General Practice Residency  
*State University of New York at Stony Brook (New York)*

## **Veean Chen**

BS, University of Toronto  
General Practice Residency  
*New York-Presbyterian/Queens Hospital (New York)*

## **Viviana Beatriz Ferreras**

BA, Lehman College, CUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*BronxCare Health System (New York)*

## **Yitzchok Glancz**

BS, Georgian Court University  
General Practice Residency  
*St. Barnabas Hospital (New York)*

## **Mingzhen He**

BA, Whitman College  
Private Practice (*Pennsylvania*)

## **Daniel Steven Infranco**

BM, Fredonia College, SUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*Yale-New Haven Hospital (Connecticut)*

## **Yunjee Eunice Lee**

BS, University of California, Los Angeles  
General Practice Residency  
*Hackensack UMC Mountainside (New Jersey)*

## **Jack R. Mizrahi**

BS, Yeshiva University  
Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics  
*Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine (New York)*

## **Emmanuel Nazginov**

BA, Queens College, CUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*New York-Presbyterian/Queens Hospital (New York)*

## **Catherine Kim Nguyen**

BS, University of California, Merced  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Programs  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine (California)*

## **Haley Hien Nguyen**

BS, University of California, Los Angeles  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Programs  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine (California)*

## **Katherine Sanchez**

Dentist, Universidad Central de Venezuela  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Programs  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine (Florida)*

## **Alicia Sawyers**

BS, Temple University  
Non-Categorical Internship for OMFS  
*Geisinger Medical Center (Pennsylvania)*

## **Ali Alamgir Shahzada**

BDS, University of Lahore  
Private Practice (*Vermont*)

## **Sophia Xiangjie Sun**

BS, Boston University  
General Practice Residency  
*Wycoff Heights Medical Center (New York)*

## **Emma Tetelbaum**

BS, University of Western Ontario  
Private Practice (*Ontario*)

# CLASS OF 2026

## PUTNAM CLINICAL PRACTICE

### **Sanya Akber**

BA, Geneseo College, SUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*Lehigh Valley Health Network (Pennsylvania)*

### **Alison Ben-Mayor**

BS, University of Rochester  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Programs  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine (New York)*

### **Amy Victoria Blaise**

BS, Stony Brook University, SUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*Harlem Hospital Center (New York)*

### **Claire Marcel Bottoms**

BS, University of Houston  
Private Practice (*Texas*)

### **Alan Lawrence Buks**

BS, University of California, Davis  
Private Practice (*California*)

### **Paul Chun**

BS, University of the Pacific  
Private Practice (*California*)

### **Colette J. Deppe**

BS, University of Scranton  
General Practice Residency  
*St. Barnabas Hospital (New York)*

### **Alaa Elhewairis**

BDS, University of Sharjah  
General Practice Residency  
*University of Rochester Eastman Institute for Oral Health (New York)*

### **Wei Lin Guan**

BA, University of Virginia  
General Practice Residency  
*New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University (New York)*

### **Jose Manuel Guevara**

BS, University of Connecticut  
General Practice Residency  
*Montefiore Medical Center (New York)*

### **Anton Tawfiq Kiryako**

BS, Montclair State University  
Private Practice (*New Jersey*)

### **Daniella Kohler**

BAS, Queens College, CUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*New York-Presbyterian/Queens Hospital (New York)*

### **Abraham M. Leiser**

BS, Touro College  
General Practice Residency  
*Hackensack University Medical Center (New Jersey)*

### **Shabbir Juzar Motiwalla**

BS, Illinois State University  
General Practice Residency  
*One Brooklyn Health (New York)*

### **Amy Noble**

BS, Touro College  
General Practice Residency  
*NYMC - Open Door (New York)*

### **Evangelia Elias Pelidis**

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General Practice Residency  
*Hackensack University Medical Center (New Jersey)*

### **Daniel Son**

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Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery  
*Geisinger Medical Center (Pennsylvania)*

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*Westchester Medical Center/Open Door (New York)*

### **Linda Wang**

BS, College of Staten Island, CUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*VA-Brooklyn Health Care System (New York)*

### **Michelle Zhang**

BS, Georgia Southern University  
General Practice Residency  
*Harlem Hospital Center (New York)*

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## ROCKLAND CLINICAL PRACTICE

### **Marya Celina Manalo Aherrera**

BS, Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
General Practice Residency  
*Jacobi Medical Center (New York)*

### **David Arkalov**

BA, Yeshiva University  
General Practice Residency  
*New York-Presbyterian/Queens Hospital (New York)*

### **Christine Beshay**

BAS, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Private Practice (*New Jersey*)

### **Parth Dipak Dave**

BS, East Carolina University  
General Practice Residency  
*Veterans Medical Center (New York)*

### **Karim Elmansoury**

BA, University of Arkansas  
Private Practice (*Connecticut*)

### **Shainu George**

BA, Brooklyn College, CUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*Nassau University Medical Center (New York)*

### **Yihao Jiang**

BS, University of California, Davis  
Private Practice (*California*)

### **Ryan Kim**

BA, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Private Practice (*Virginia*)

### **Lani Lin Lee**

BS, Stony Brook University, SUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*NYC H+H/Metropolitan (New York)*

### **Jason M. Lumerman**

BS, Binghamton University, SUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*Northwell Health, North Shore University Hospital/  
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### **Aalisha Amir Maknoja**

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General Practice Residency  
*BronxCare Health System (New York)*

### **Dovid Mallayev**

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General Practice Residency  
*Jamaica Hospital Medical Center (New York)*

### **David N. Mieli**

BBA, Touro College  
General Practice Residency  
*SBH Health System, Bronx (New York)*

### **Anna Rachel Mirovski**

BAS, University of Virginia  
Prosthodontics Residency  
*University of Illinois Chicago (Illinois)*

### **Ismail Mur**

BA, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Private Practice (*New Jersey*)

### **Loan Hoang Kieu Pham**

BS, North Carolina State University  
Private Practice (*California*)

### **John Anthony Satriale**

BS, Wake Forest University  
Private Practice (*Virginia*)

### **Shayan Shahid**

BS, Purchase College, SUNY  
Private Practice (*Missouri*)

### **Jamie Madison Zaffos**

BS, Stony Brook University, SUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*Northwell Health (New York)*

# CLASS OF 2026

## SULLIVAN CLINICAL PRACTICE

### **Moshe Amitai Brum**

BA, Yeshiva University  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Programs  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine - Spring Valley (New York)*

### **Joanne Zhiyan Cheng**

HBS, University of Toronto  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Programs  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine - Brooklyn (New York)*

### **Esther Jung Min Chu**

BA, University of Southern California  
Private Practice (*California*)

### **Yosef Gedailovich**

BS, Brooklyn College, CUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*Maimonides Medical Center (New York)*

### **Aliza B. Gettenberg**

BA, Barnard College  
General Practice Residency  
*New York-Presbyterian/Queens Hospital (New York)*

### **Maykol Lazaro Lacorte**

DDS, Universidad Iberoamericana de Santo Domingo  
General Practice Residency  
*St. Joseph's University Medical Center (New Jersey)*

### **Kristin Lau**

BS, Stony Brook University  
General Practice Residency  
*Northwell Health, North Shore University Hospital/ LIJMC (New York)*

### **Ross David Liechtung**

BAS, Syracuse University  
General Practice Residency  
*St. Barnabas Hospital (New York)*

### **Yitong Liu**

BS, Geneseo College, SUNY  
Pediatric Dentistry  
*Woodhull Medical Center (New York)*

### **Deepak Raj Manoharan**

BS, University of California, Irvine  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Programs  
*VA-Hudson Valley VA Health Care System (New York)*

### **Daniela Bat-Sheva Marom**

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General Practice Residency  
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### **Alyssa Minaev**

BS, Stony Brook University, SUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*New York-Presbyterian/Queens Hospital (New York)*

### **Hollis Leo Pei\***

BS, University of California, San Diego  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Programs  
*U.S. Navy (Virginia)*

### **Rabeeh Rajab**

BS, University of Detroit Mercy  
Private Practice (*Michigan*)

### **Dharina Deepak Rathod**

BA, University at Buffalo, SUNY  
Pediatric Dentistry  
*University at Buffalo (New York)*

### **Fatemeh Salimifar**

BS, University of California, Riverside  
Private Practice (*California*)

### **Jeffrey Samuel Shamayev**

BS, St. John's University  
General Practice Residency  
*NYC Health+Hospitals/Queens (New York)*

### **Benjamin D. Theodore**

BA, New York University  
Private Practice

### **Valarie Vuong**

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Private Practice (*California*)

\*Armed Forces Inductee

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## WESTCHESTER CLINICAL PRACTICE

### **Emily Juliet Angelis**

BS, University of Florida  
Pediatric Dentistry  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine (New York)*

### **Esther Abigail Antelis**

BS, Empire State University  
General Practice Residency  
*Jamaica Hospital Medical Center (New York)*

### **Emil Zahi Aqeel**

BS, Fordham University  
General Practice Residency  
*Montefiore Medical Center (New York)*

### **Dan Avshalomov**

BS, Touro College  
General Practice Residency  
*BronxCare Health System (New York)*

### **Samson Balakhani**

BS, Touro College  
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery  
*Kings County Hospital Center (New York)*

### **Janelle Fabico Dulin**

BS, University of Georgia  
Private Practice (*Georgia*)

### **Michael El-Hachem**

BA, University of Connecticut  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Programs  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine - Codman - Boston (Massachusetts)*

### **Asha Ezzati**

BA, University of California, Berkeley  
Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics  
*Hudson Regional Hospital - CTOR Academy (New Jersey)*

### **Flora Alba Inoa**

BA, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
General Practice Residency  
*Montefiore Medical Center (New York)*

### **Zeba M. Khan**

BS, University of South Florida  
Private Practice (*Florida*)

### **Ghazal Khashayar**

BS, University of California, Santa Cruz  
Private Practice (*California*)

### **Doyean Lee**

BS, University of California, Davis  
General Practice Residency  
*New York-Presbyterian/ Brooklyn Methodist Hospital (New York)*

### **Moon Lee**

BSA, The University of Texas, Austin  
General Practice Residency  
*Hartford Hospital (Connecticut)*

### **Rongshan Liu**

BA, New York University  
Private Practice (*Washington*)

### **Alexander Paul Monaco**

BS, Geneseo College, SUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital (New York)*

### **Carly Monteagudo**

BS, University at Buffalo, SUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*Rochester General Hospital (New York)*

### **Benjamin Nasimov**

BS, Touro College  
Private Practice (*Connecticut*)

### **Yuxiang Pan**

BS, University at Buffalo, SUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*New York-Presbyterian/Queens Hospital (New York)*

### **Andrew Duraid Sahawneh**

BS, Stony Brook University, SUNY  
General Practice Residency  
*Woodhull Medical Center (New York)*

## ADVANCED STANDING

### **Komal Bansal**

BDS, Adesh University  
Private Practice (*Connecticut*)

### **Alaa Elhewairis**

BDS, University of Sharjah  
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Oral Health (New York)*

### **Maykol Lazaro Lacorte**

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General Practice Residency  
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### **Katherine Sanchez**

Dentist, Universidad Central de Venezuela  
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Programs  
*NYU Langone Dental Medicine (Florida)*

### **Aarshvi Shah**

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MPH, Temple University  
Private Practice (*New Jersey*)

### **Ali Alamgir Shahzada**

BDS, University of Lahore  
Private Practice (*Vermont*)

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## LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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**American Student Dental Association (ASDA) Award of Excellence**  
**Andrew Duraid Sahawneh**

**International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award - USA Section**  
**Kwadwo Asamoah Ampofo**

**Dr. Jeanne C. Sinkford Student Leadership Award**  
**Dharina Deepak Rathod**

**Touro College of Dental Medicine Rabbi Lander Humanitarian Award**  
**Dan Avshalomov**

**New York Academy of Dentistry Annual Student Ethics and Professionalism Award**  
**Kwadwo Asamoah Ampofo**

**TCDM Alumni Association Legacy Award**  
**Aliza B. Gettenberg**

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**Touro College of Dental Medicine Clinical Excellence and Professionalism Award**  
**Daniel Richard Steiner**  
**Alexander Paul Monaco**  
**Christine Beshay**  
**Emma Tetelbaum**  
**Evangelia Elias Pelidis**  
**Deepak Raj Manoharan**

**Marc Rosenblum Award for Excellence in Operative Dentistry**  
**Aarshvi Shah**  
**Flora Alba Inoa**  
**Dovid Mallayev**  
**Dharina Deepak Rathod**  
**Yitzchok Glancz**  
**Paul Chun**

**The American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Student Award of Merit**  
**Courtney Maxine Gilmartin**

**Academy of General Dentistry: Future Leader in General Dentistry Award**  
**Kwadwo Asamoah Ampofo**

# AWARDS

**Dr. Jay Rubin Award for Care & Compassionate Dentistry**

**Garrett David Jaden Lee**

**Touro College of Dental Medicine Award for Excellence in Orthodontics**

**Claire Marcel Bottoms**

**American Association of Orthodontics Academic Excellence Award**

**Emma Tetelbaum**

**NYSAE: Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Endodontics Award**

**Aarshvi Shah**

**The American Association of Endodontists Award**

**Dovid Mallayev**

**Jay Goldsmith Award for Excellence in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**

**Benjamin Nasimov**

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Student Award**

**Alessandro Tesolin**

**New York State Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Outstanding Student Award**

**Alessandro Tesolin**

**ACOMS: William H. Bell Award for Predoctoral Achievement in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**

**Daniel Son**

**Academy of Laser Dentistry Student Award**

**Daniella Kohler**

**Touro College of Dental Medicine Excellence in Digital Dentistry**

**David N. Mieli**

**The Academy of Operative Dentistry Student Award**

**Yitzchok Glancz**

**The American Academy of Periodontology Dental Student Award  
for Achievement in Periodontology**

**Valarie Vuong**

**The American Prosthodontics Society Student of Merit Award**

**Anna Rachel Mirovski**

**ICOI Student Achievement Award**

**Yihao Jiang**

# AWARDS

**American Academy of Orofacial Pain Outstanding Senior Award**

**Aliza B. Gettenberg**

**American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Horace Wells Senior Award**

**Daniel Son**

**Touro College of Dental Medicine for Excellence in Pathology**

**Elizabeth Kalantarov**

**The American Academy of Oral Medicine Certificate of Merit**

**Spencer Thomas Mazzilli**

**American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Dental Student Award**

**Emma Tetelbaum**

**The American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Achievement Award**

**Yitong Liu**

**Touro College of Dental Medicine Award for Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry**

**Flora Alba Inoa**

**AAPD Certificate of Merit Predoctoral Student Award**

**Gina Marie Cantatore**

**The Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award**

**Veean Chen**

**American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) Dental Student Recognition Award for  
Achievement in Community Dentistry and Dental Public Health**

**Aarshvi Shah**

**U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Dental Award of Excellence**

**Hollis Leo Pei**

**Dental Lifeline: Brian D. Stone Memorial Award**

**Dan Avshalomov**

**Touro College of Dental Medicine Award for Excellence in Research**

**Linda Wang**

# TRADITION OF ACADEMIC ATTIRE & THE MACE

The tradition of academic regalia is as old as organized learning. Academic attire had its origins in the medieval universities of Europe, particularly Oxford and Cambridge, where students and faculty donned clerical gowns because of the two universities' close connection with the church. Worn every day, the gowns not only identified academic disciplines but also provided warmth in poorly heated buildings. While the early code of academic attire dates back to the days of Henry VIII, it wasn't until the late 19th century when specific colors were assigned to each discipline.

At American colleges and universities today, formal academic attire consists of three elements: the cap, the gown and the hood. The velvet academic tam distinguishes those holding a doctoral degree while others wear a black mortarboard. The tassel should be either black or the color of the academic discipline. A black tassel indicates a master's degree and gold signifies the doctorate.

The bachelor's gown, designed to be worn closed, may be recognized by its pointed sleeves. The master's gown has somewhat longer, oblong-shaped sleeves, which are worn open at the wrist. The robe for the doctorate has bell-shaped sleeves, designed with fasteners so they may be worn open or closed. The gowns for the bachelor's and master's degrees are not trimmed, whereas the gown for the doctorate degree is trimmed down the front with black velvet and on the sleeves with three velvet bars. These velvet trimmings may correspond with the color of the graduate's academic discipline. Gowns being adorned today by Touro College of Dental Medicine graduates are made of recycled materials, including post-consumer plastic bottles to reduce the environmental impact of everyday life.

The hood is the most colorful feature of academic attire. The colors in the satin lining are those approved and authorized by the college or university where the degree was earned. The length of the hood and width of its velvet border indicate the level of degree held, while the color of the border indicates the degree earned. The hooding ceremony signifies a scholarly personal achievement. Graduated members (senior leaders, faculty, and special hooders) of the profession place the hood on the student as a symbol of their passage from student status to graduate status.

The official colors of the fields of learning that may be represented in the academic procession are listed below. For the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree, dark blue is used regardless of the field of specialization.

○ <b>Arts, Humanities:</b> White	● <b>Library Science:</b> Lemon Yellow	● <b>Public Health:</b> Salmon Pink
● <b>Business:</b> Light Brown	● <b>Medicine:</b> Green	● <b>Science:</b> Goldenrod
● <b>Dentistry:</b> Lilac	● <b>Pharmacy:</b> Olive Green	● <b>Social Work:</b> Peach
● <b>Economics:</b> Copper	● <b>Physical Therapy:</b> Teal	● <b>Theology:</b> Divinity Scarlet
● <b>Education:</b> Light Blue	● <b>Psychology:</b> Dark Blue	● <b>Veterinary Science:</b> Gray
● <b>Law:</b> Purple	● <b>Public Administration:</b> Peacock Blue	

The use of the mace in formal collegial processions dates from thousands of years ago. In medieval times, the mace was used as a weapon of war or was borne by a royal bodyguard to precede the king in processions. By the 1500s, maces lost their warlike appearance and, decorated with jewels and precious metals, were used more for ceremonial functions.

The ceremonial mace, usually about four feet in length, survives today as a symbol of authority. Notable instances of its use are found in the sessions of the British House of Commons, where it is placed on the treasury table, and in the sessions of the United States House of Representatives, where it is placed to the right of the Speaker.

In 1985, to commemorate the 125th anniversary of New York Medical College, Honorable and Mrs. Emil Mosbacher commissioned Tiffany & Co. to create a new mace for the College. The mace was made from walnut wood that was removed from the building, located at the corner of Third Avenue and 20th Street in Manhattan, in which the College was originally housed in 1860. The mace is 42 inches long and contains silver engravings of the College seal on two sides. On the other two sides are William Cullen Bryant, the founder of the College (originally known as the Homeopathic Medical College of the State of New York in the City of New York), and Samuel Hahnemann, the father of homeopathic medicine.

# TOURO COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE OATH

I PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT  
THE PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES GIVEN TO ME TODAY AS A DENTIST  
AND DEDICATE MYSELF TO PROVIDE CARE TO THOSE IN NEED.

I PLEDGE MY UTMOST EFFORT TO ACQUIRE THE  
KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIOR REQUIRED  
FOR THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, EMBRACING OPPORTUNITIES  
TO LEARN FROM PATIENTS, TEACHERS, AND COLLEAGUES.

I WILL SEEK NEW KNOWLEDGE AND TEACH WHAT I HAVE LEARNED.

I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE MY LIMITATIONS AND MY MISTAKES  
SO THAT I MAY LEARN FROM THEM.

I WILL RESPECT ALL PATIENTS AS INDIVIDUALS,  
WITHOUT REGARD TO GENDER, RACE, NATIONAL ORIGIN,  
RELIGION, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

I WILL EMBRACE THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF THE DENTAL PROFESSION  
AND PLEDGE TO CONDUCT MYSELF ACCORDINGLY  
IN ALL OF MY INTERACTIONS.

I WILL ALWAYS PLACE THE NEEDS OF MY PATIENTS ABOVE MY OWN.

I WILL USE MY SKILLS TO CARE FOR ALL IN NEED,  
WITHOUT BIAS AND WITH OPENNESS OF SPIRIT.

I WILL STRIVE TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING. EVEN UNDER DURESS,  
I WILL NOT USE MY KNOWLEDGE OR SKILLS AGAINST HUMANITY.

TO UPHOLD THESE RESPONSIBILITIES,  
I WILL MAINTAIN MY OWN WELL-BEING  
AND THE WELL-BEING OF THOSE CLOSE TO ME.

I AM COMMITTED TO MAKE MYSELF A TRUSTWORTHY DENTIST  
WHO WILL PRACTICE DENTISTRY WITH EXCELLENCE, INTEGRITY,  
AND DEVOTION TO MY PATIENT.

I COMMIT MYSELF TO A LIFE THAT WILL BRING HONOR TO MY PROFESSION.

I MAKE THESE PROMISES SOLEMNLY, FREELY, AND UPON MY HONOR.

