

Presidential Commencement Remarks
University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Masonic Auditorium, San Francisco, California
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Christopher Callahan
President

Thank you, Dean Nadershahi.

Let me add my congratulations to this extraordinary Class of 2023.

Many of you faced unprecedented challenges during your early time here at the Dugoni School, as the world battled the global pandemic.

But you not only persevered, but you thrived.

You truly embody the spirit, energy, caring, compassion, and creativity so needed today in the health care fields that you are entering.

We know you will make your communities better and healthier places to live, work, and grow in the years and decades to come.

Congratulations to all of our Dugoni School graduates – and to their supportive families and friends who are with us today.

I also want to congratulate your extraordinary faculty here at the Dugoni School, master teachers and mentors all, who have prepared you so well for your careers.

And, finally, I would like to take a moment to recognize our very special leader of the Dugoni School. Dean Nadershahi is not just a superb leader of our world-class school – which is the crown jewel of University of the Pacific – but a national and global leader in health care education. He continues to build upon the amazing foundation created by our late friend and colleague, Dean Art Dugoni.

Thank you, Dean Nadershahi, for your tremendous leadership, and for all you do for our students, faculty, staff, and communities.