

**Presidential Commencement Remarks
University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Masonic Auditorium, San Francisco, California
June 19, 2022**

**Christopher Callahan
President**

Thank you, Dean Nadershahi, and congratulations to all of our graduates today.

You have faced unprecedented challenges over the past two years, yet you have not only persevered, but you have thrived. You embody the spirit, energy, caring, compassion, and creativity so needed today in the healthcare 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 the decades to come.

Congratulations to all of our Dugoni School graduates here today, Class of 2020 and 2022, and to their supportive families and friends who are joining us today. I also want to add my personal congratulations to our extraordinary faculty at the Dugoni School, master teachers and mentors all, who have prepared you so well for your careers.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to recognize our very special Dugoni School leader. Dean Nadershahi is not just a superb leader of our world class School of Dentistry, the crown jewel of University of the Pacific, but a national and global leader in healthcare 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, alumni, and communities.