

July 2021

Dear Class of 2021 Graduates:

I want to let you know how proud I am to have had the opportunity to share in your life and goals while you were enrolled at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. It was, indeed, a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your Dean and share in your growth during this remarkable time in our history. The faculty and staff of the Dugoni School are also proud to have you as part of our family and welcome you into the ranks of our incredible alumni family. We all look forward to watching you grow in your personal and professional lives.

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Our DDS, IDS, Hygiene, and Residency classes have all been a part of history based on excellence and commitment to our values. You are resilient and dedicated. It was inspiring to see you adapt and stay positive as your education and the world changed during the COVID-19 pandemic. With all that has been going on, you have all created a legacy of excellence and paved the way for yourselves and all the students and residents who will follow you at the Dugoni School of Dentistry. I am so proud of each of you and the leaders you will be for our profession and school. I hope the challenge coin is a reminder of how your commitment to leadership, excellence, and innovation allowed you to persevere through this pandemic.

Please click [here](#) to view pictures taken at commencement, pdfs of the presentations made during commencement, and [video](#) of the full commencement ceremony.

Please click [here](#) to view the Virtual Awards Ceremony for Class of 2021 DDS, IDS, and DH students.

On behalf of the entire Dugoni School family, I wish you success, great personal satisfaction, and happiness in your future endeavors. May your greatest expectations be fulfilled, and may you have all that you can imagine. Please keep in touch and let me hear from you often. I look forward to seeing you at future alumni events and celebrating your achievements.

Thank you for being a resilient and passionate class!

Sincerely,



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