



Stony Brook
School of Dental Medicine

CONVOCATION

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to the 42nd Commencement Ceremony for the Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2018

Each of you possesses a great gift — the gift of being talented in a world that values your abilities. Along with that gift will come the responsibility and challenge of balancing your promising professional and personal lives. Patients and colleagues will desire your time and attention, but remember that at the end of the day your impact on the world is greatest through the people closest to you. Your professional successes will be sweeter and your disappointments will be easier to bear if you nurture your personal life and value the support of family and friends.



It has been an honor sharing in your life and goals while you pursued graduate education at the Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine. We are proud to include you as part of our professional family and welcome you into the ranks of our alumni. Our time with you truly has been a privilege and a pleasure, and I know you will continue to be successful as you grow in your professional lives.

You have earned a celebration! On behalf of the School of Dental Medicine, I join your family and friends in wishing you success, great personal satisfaction and happiness in your future endeavors. May your greatest expectations be realized.

Congratulations, Class of 2018. Enjoy this day of celebration, and as you go forth please keep us in your hearts as we will keep you in ours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary R. Truhlar". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mary R. Truhlar, DDS, MS

Dean

“ We are young and vibrant,
and we stand for all that is best
about public universities —
we are a home for research and innovation,
a center for learning and scholarship,
a champion of the arts,
a center for outstanding and
compassionate healthcare,
and an engine for economic development
and the creator of a pathway
for upward mobility for
the best and brightest
and most diverse students.”

Samuel L. Stanley Jr., President
Inaugural Address
Stony Brook University, 2009

PLATFORM PARTY

Dolores T. Cannella, PhD
Associate Dean for Education

Latha Chandran, MD, MPH
Distinguished Speaker, Vice Dean, Academic and Faculty Affairs,
Stony Brook University School of Medicine
Miriam and David Donoho Distinguished Teaching Professor

Debra A. Cinotti, DDS
Chair, Department of General Dentistry

Dan C. Colosi, DDS, PhD
Acting Chair, Department of Prosthodontics and Digital Technology

Vincent J. Iacono, DMD
Chair, Department of Periodontology, Director of Advanced Specialty
Education Program in Periodontics, Director of Postdoctoral Education

Charles D. Larsen, DMD, MS
Grand Marshal,
Director, Advanced Specialty Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry

Dimitrios Kilimitzoglou, DDS
President, Suffolk County Dental Society

Allan J. Kucine, DDS
Associate Dean for Information Technology

David Lam, MD, DDS, PhD
Chair, Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Chair, Department of Hospital Dentistry

Lucille London, PhD
Acting Chair, Department of Oral Biology and Pathology

Ann M. Nasti, DMD
Associate Dean for Clinical Education

Wellington Rody Jr., DDS, MS
Chair, Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry

Mary R. Truhlar, DDS, MS
Dean, School of Dental Medicine

Steven M. Zove, DDS
Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

CONVOCATION PROGRAM

PREPROCESSIONAL Stony Brook Brass

PROCESSIONAL "Pomp and Circumstance"

ORDER OF MARCH

Grand Marshal Charles D. Larsen

Distinguished Faculty Lorne Golub, Vincent J. Iacono, H. Barry Waldman

Faculty Marshals Gabriele Conte, Howard Miller, Euane J. Newen, Laurence Wynn

Doctor of Dental Surgery Candidates

Graduate Degree and Certificate Candidates

School of Dental Medicine Faculty

Platform Party

"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER" Alina Tamborini

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY AND WELCOME Mary R. Truhlar

RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER Mary R. Truhlar

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER Latha Chandran

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES Charles D. Larsen

Hooding Ceremony Faculty Marshals

Presentation of Diplomas Mary R. Truhlar

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATE AND ADVANCED

DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTORS Dolores T. Cannella

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES Marcia Simon

**Master's Program in Biomedical Science With a
Concentration in Oral Biology and Pathology** Richard D. Faber

PRESENTATION OF ADVANCED EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES

**Advanced General Dentistry Education Program in
Dental Anesthesiology** Ralph H. Epstein

Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics Thomas W. Manders

**Advanced Specialty Education Program in
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery** Anthony J. Casino

**Advanced Specialty Education Program in
Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics** Richard D. Faber

Advanced Specialty Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry Charles D. Larsen

Advanced Specialty Education Program in Periodontics Vincent J. Iacono

Advanced Specialty Education Program in Prosthodontics Tanya Somohano

GRADUATE SPEAKER Sean A. Eccles

HIPPOCRATIC OATH Mary R. Truhlar

CLOSING REMARKS Mary R. Truhlar

STONY BROOK ALMA MATER Alina Tamborini

RECESSIONAL

CANDIDATES

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Paul John Addamo

BS (Adelphi University) 2014

Monica Ashok

(University of Maryland, College Park)
2013

Jamila Javidalikhan Balooch

BS (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)
2014

Amanda Etwaria Brijlall

BS (St. John's University) 2014

Samantha Alexandria Cheung

BA (Brown University) 2014
Cum laude

Jenna Brooke Chimon

BS (University of Florida) 2014
Cum laude

Johanna Theresa Clifford

BS (Case Western Reserve University)
2014
Distinction in Research

Pablo Alexander De La Cruz

BS (University at Albany,
State University of New York) 2014

Sean Alexander Eccles

BS (Ramapo College) 2014
Cum laude

Houssam Guido El Hassan

BA (Rutgers University) 2014

David Elsharouny

BS (Stony Brook University) 2013

Ziwei Gao

BS (University at Albany,
State University of New York) 2012

Rebecca Elizabeth Geller

BA (Colgate University) 2014

Alexis Rae Gertler

BS (Binghamton University) 2014

Jessica Morgan Grenfell

BA (Hunter College, The City University
of New York) 2005

Fariya Islam

BA (New York University) 2014

Jared R. Jacobskind

BS (Stony Brook University) 2010
MBA (Stony Brook University) 2018

Nabamita Kanjilal

BS (Stony Brook University) 2013

Aliza D. Kaye

BA (Queens College, The City University
of New York) 2013
Distinction in Research

Daniella Renee Kirshner

BA (Yeshiva University) 2012
Distinction in Research

Oksana Kroshna

BS (Stony Brook University) 2013
Magna cum laude

CANDIDATES

Igor Lantsberg

BS (Adelphi University) 2014
Magna cum laude

Sean T. Lee

BA (Dartmouth College) 2011
Distinction in Research

Samir S. Lillaney

BS (Binghamton University) 2012
MBS (Rutgers University) 2014

Alexis Morgan Lippe

BS (Stony Brook University) 2014

Anthony Joseph Longo

BS (University at Buffalo,
State University of New York) 2009

Jill Markowitz Schechter

BS (Cornell University) 2012
MPH (Stony Brook University) 2018
Cum laude

Ethan Moskovic

BA (Queens College, The City University
of New York) 2014

Sonia Motwani

BS (Stony Brook University) 2014

Omar Hasan Nijem

BS (Cornell University) 2013

Kaitlin Mary Nowling

BS (Stony Brook University) 2013

Conor Elizabeth O'Brien

BS (Binghamton University) 2014
MPH (Stony Brook University) 2018

Helen Ong

BS (Cornell University) 2013

Christopher Dabin Pae

BA (Fordham University) 2013

Ivan Pak

BS (Stony Brook University) 2014

Stephanie Blair Sager

BS (Brandeis University) 2014

Max Brent Sanacore

BS (Syracuse University) 2012

Jimmy Shak

BS (Carnegie Mellon University) 2013

Lucas Wade Shapiro

BS (Washington University in St. Louis)
2014
Distinction in Research

Michael Jonathan Theiss

BS (University of Miami) 2014

Bailey Kate Weightman

BS (University at Buffalo,
State University of New York) 2014

Michael Zachary Winter

BS (University at Buffalo,
State University of New York) 2014
Distinction in Research
Summa cum laude

Yosef Zayrov

BS (St. John's University) 2013

CANDIDATES

GRADUATE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE, CONCENTRATION IN ORAL BIOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY

Rita Anne Jones

DMD (University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine) 2015

Gautam Matta

DDS (New York University College of Dentistry) 2015

Sonam Sheth

DMD (University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine) 2015

CERTIFICATE

ADVANCED GENERAL DENTISTRY EDUCATION PROGRAM IN DENTAL ANESTHESIOLOGY

Jonathan Patrick Bacon

DDS (University of Maryland School of Dentistry) 2011

Tyler Clark Tomkinson

DMD (Western University College of Dental Medicine) 2014

Hasan Syed Zia

DDS (University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine) 2015

ADVANCED SPECIALTY EDUCATION PROGRAM IN ENDODONTICS

Ali Mehrabian

DDS (Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine) 2014

Spencer Andrew Svetcov

DDS (New York University College of Dentistry) 2015

ADVANCED SPECIALTY EDUCATION PROGRAM IN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Vishaal Mani Agrawal

DDS (University of California, Los Angeles School of Dentistry) 2012
MD (Stony Brook University School of Medicine) 2016

Brian Russell Carkner

DDS (Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine) 2012
MD (Stony Brook University School of Medicine) 2016

Vasilios A. Kostakis

DDS (Columbia University College of Dental Medicine) 2014

CANDIDATES

ADVANCED SPECIALTY EDUCATION PROGRAM IN ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS

Rita Anne Jones

DMD (University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine) 2015

Gautam Matta

DDS (New York University College of Dentistry) 2015

Sonam Sheth

DMD (University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine) 2015

ADVANCED SPECIALTY EDUCATION PROGRAM IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Anusuya Krishnan Bharadwaj

DMD (Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine) 2016

Kafi Charles

DMD (University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine) 2015

Kelly A. Krekel

DDS (Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine) 2016

Young H. Son

DMD (University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine) 2015

Chelsea Milan Townes

DDS (Columbia University College of Dental Medicine) 2016
MPH (Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health) 2016

ADVANCED SPECIALTY EDUCATION PROGRAM IN PERIODONTICS

Sylvia Enid Arsuaga-Cruet

DMD (University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine) 2013

James Patrick Iovino

DDS (Harvard School of Dental Medicine) 2013

Zev Lazarus

DMD (Harvard School of Dental Medicine) 2015

ADVANCED SPECIALTY EDUCATION PROGRAM IN PROSTHODONTICS

Taylor Jean Manalili

DDS (Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine) 2015

Patricia Hackett Swanson

DDS (University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine) 2015

HIPPOCRATIC OATH

I do solemnly vow, to that which I value and hold most dear:

That I will honor the Profession of Dentistry, be just and generous to its members, and help sustain them in their service to humanity;

That just as I have learned from those who preceded me, so will I instruct those who follow me in the science and the art of Dentistry;

That I will recognize the limits of my knowledge and pursue lifelong learning to better care for patients and to prevent illness;

That I will seek the counsel of others when they are more expert so as to fulfill my obligation to those who are entrusted to my care;

That I will not withdraw from my patients in their time of need;

That I will lead my life and practice my art with integrity and honor, using my power wisely;

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of my patients that is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep in confidence;

That I will maintain this sacred trust, holding myself far aloof from wrong, from corrupting, from the tempting of others to vice;

That above all else I will serve the highest interests of my patients through the practice of my science and my art;

That I will be an advocate for patients in need and strive for justice in the care of patients.

I now turn to my calling, promising to preserve its finest traditions, with the reward of a long experience in the joy of healing.

I make this vow freely and upon my honor.

— WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL COLLEGE'S HIPPOCRATIC OATH (2005),
MODIFIED FOR DENTISTRY

STONY BROOK ALMA MATER

"SANDY SHORE"

Sandy shore
Meeting the Northern sea
Ancient ground where newborn dreams arise
Scarlet, gray
Under azure skies
The morning of a lifetime lies in Stony Brook —
Raise a grateful cheer for Stony Brook.

Youthful joys
Youthful folly, too
Ancient wisdom seen through youthful eyes
Lifelong friends
Bound by youthful ties
The morning of a lifetime lies in Stony Brook —
Raise a grateful cheer for Stony Brook!

Music: Peter Winkler

Lyrics: Winston Clark

Special thanks to the donors and volunteers who contributed to today's recognition and celebration of our 2018 graduates. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.



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