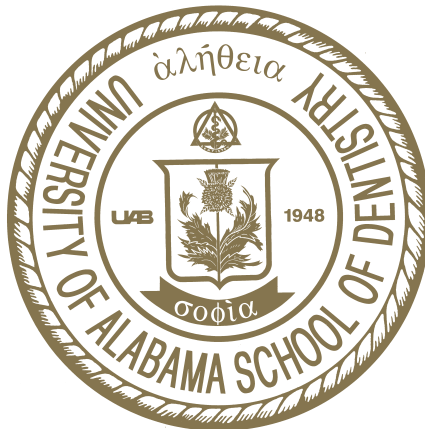


# *Commencement*

*The University of  
Alabama School of Dentistry  
at  
The University of  
Alabama at Birmingham*



*Bartow Arena  
Saturday, June 5, 2021 12:00 PM*



*The faculty of the School of Dentistry  
takes the opportunity of the*

## **Commencement Ceremony**

*to acknowledge and congratulate our  
students and wish all graduates  
fulfillment and happiness in the  
profession of dentistry.*

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

## Processional

*Te Deum by Charpentier*

## Welcome & Introductions

*Russell S. Taichman, D.M.D., D.M.Sc.*

*Dean*

## National Anthem

*Mark Abere, D.M.D.*

*Class of 2019*

## Greetings from the School of Dentistry

### Alumni Association

*Benjamin B. Ingram, D.M.D.*

*President-Elect of the Alumni Association*

## Lister Hill Lecture

*Zack D. Studstill, D.M.D., M.Ed.*

*Executive Director of the Alabama Dental Association*

## Class of 2020 President's Message

*Bhakti Kiranbhai Desai, D.M.D.*

## Class of 2021 President's Message

*Karter Michael Smith*

## Special Awards Presentation

*American Student Dental Association (ASDA) Award of Excellence*

*Alabama Dental Association (ALDA) Student Leadership Award*

*International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award*

*International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award*

*Joseph F. Volker Award*

*OKU Inductees*

*Maninder Kaur, B.D.S., M.P.H., M.S., Assistant Professor*

## **Dean's Medal Presentation**

*Russell S. Taichman, D.M.D., D.M.Sc.*  
*Dean*

## **Presentation of Graduates**

*Class of 2020*

*Class of 2021*

*Carly Timmons McKenzie, Ph.D.,*  
*Associate Professor and Assistant Dean for Admissions*

*Peng-Ru Liu, D.D.S., M.S., D.M.D.,*  
*Professor and Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs*

*Ken R. Tilashalski, D.M.D.,*  
*Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

## **The Dentist's Pledge**

*Dentist Honor Code*

*Edward H. Bradford, Jr., D.D.S., M.P.H.*  
*Associate Professor*

## **Congratulations & Final Message to Graduates**

*Russell S. Taichman, D.M.D., D.M.Sc.*  
*Dean*

## **Recessional**

*Rondeau by Mouret*

*Please remain standing until after the recessional.*

## **Marshal for the Faculty**

*Amjad Javed, M.Sc., Ph.D.,*  
*Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Research*

## **Marshal for the 2020 Graduates**

*Janice Jackson, D.M.D.,*  
*Professor and Chair of Pediatric Dentistry*

## **Marshals for the 2021 Graduates**

*Edward H. Bradford, Jr., D.D.S., M.P.H.,*  
*Associate Professor*

*Maninder Kaur, B.D.S., M.P.H., M.S.,*  
*Assistant Professor*

# ***LISTER HILL LECTURESHIP***

Approximately half a century ago, the Century Club of the UAB School of Dentistry inaugurated the 'Lister Hill Lecture' series. The Century Club was a group of dedicated alumni and friends who through their generosity, desired to perpetuate the legacy of Senator Lister Hill's many contributions to the sponsorship of monumental legislation in the United States Senate.

Senator Hill's leadership provided funds that enabled thousands of medical professionals to have better training, millions of dollars to be spent for the construction of needed health research facilities, a National Library of Medicine to be created, and countless saved lives due to his dedication to the cause of health research.

Dr. Joseph F. Volker, then President of the University of Alabama at Birmingham and first Dean of the School of Dentistry presented the first address in 1970. Today, the address is supported by the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association and is celebrated as one of the highlights of the school's annual Commencement ceremony. This year, we are privileged to have as the Lister Hill Lecturer,

**Zack D. Studstill, D.M.D., M.Ed.**  
**Executive Director of the Alabama Dental Association**

After earning his D.M.D. from University of Alabama School of Dentistry and M.Ed. in Counseling from Auburn University, Dr. Zack Studstill practiced dentistry in Montgomery for more than 45 years. As a licensed counselor and dentist, Dr. Studstill used his unique experience also to serve a large church's family counseling program. In 2011, he was appointed Executive Director of the Alabama Dental Association and continues in that position today.

Highly respected by colleagues in the dental profession, Dr. Studstill has been very active in organized dentistry throughout his career. In addition to serving the School of Dentistry as an Ethics Seminar Leader, he has been president of the Second District Dental Society and the Alabama Dental Association and served as a board member and legislative chair of the Alabama Academy of General Dentistry. On the national stage, he has also served as Trustee for the American Dental Association, as well as its National Vice President, among many other local, state and national leadership positions.

In addition to several publications and presentations, Dr. Studstill is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists, as well as the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He has received the Pierre Fauchard Academy Alabama Dentist of the Year and the Most Excellent Fellow Award from the Alabama Dental Association, as well as the Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Fuller Award from the UAB School of Dentistry. In addition to receiving an ADA Presidential Citation he will be inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame in September of this year.

# *Special Honors*

## **OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON**

Omicron Kappa Upsilon is the national honorary dental fraternity. Students are elected to membership on the basis of scholarship and professional stature.

### **D4 Alumni Members**

Joshua David Byrd  
Nicholas Caylen Conley  
Sydney Page Harnden Larsen  
Mary Elizabeth Massey  
Kathryn Parker Riley  
Brigitte Barnes Trego  
Jacob Troy Wolkow

### **IDP Alumni Member**

Bhumika Patel

# ***2021 Awards***

## **Academy of General Dentistry Student Award**

William Gates Clokey & Jacob Troy Wolkow

## **Academy of Operative Dentistry**

Kathryn Parker Riley

## **Academy of Osseointegration**

Colby Trenton Bradford

## **Alumni Award for Leadership**

Karter Michael Smith

## **The American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry**

Ayah Alkhatib

## **The American Academy of Implant Dentistry**

Holton Jackson Deatherage

## **American Academy of Oral Medicine**

William Gates Clokey

## **American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology**

**(Leonard Robinson Award)**

Ivan Borysyk

## **American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology**

Sydney Nicole Lundy

## **American Academy of Orofacial Pain Outstanding**

**Senior Student Award**

Nikole My-Huyen Pham

## **American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry**

Alex McCreary Ward



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

**American Association of Endodontics**  
Kathryn Parker Riley

**American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial  
Surgeons/Dental Implant Student Award**  
Joshua David Byrd

**American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial  
Surgeons Dental Student Award/OMS & Anesthesiology**  
Holton Jackson Deatherage

**American Association of Orthodontics**  
Bhumika Patel

**American Association of Public Health Dentistry**  
Abena Agyeiwaa Lamptey

**American College of Dentists**  
Bhumika Patel

**American College of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (D3)**  
Timothy Kreger

**American College of Prosthodontics Undergraduate Award  
(Palmi Mollier Merit)**  
Selena Nguyen Ma

**American Dental Society of Anesthesiology**  
Elisabeth Malone Cantrell

**Birmingham District Dental Society Award**  
Kiara Garcia Cabrera

**2021 Eleanor J. Bushee Senior Dental Award (AAWD)**  
Danielle Ho

**Pierre Fauchard Academy Oral Health Foundation Student  
Scholarship (D3)**

Nia Taylor

**Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award**

Bhumika Patel

**International Congress of Oral Implantologist  
Predoctoral Student Achievement Award**

Joshua David Byrd

**Dr. Chau Ngoc Lam Scholarship Award (D3)**

Ana Ospina

**William Lionell McCracken Memorial Award**

Mary Elizabeth Massey

**OKU Kramer Award of Excellence (D3)**

Katie Powers

**Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics**

Steven Robert Sheibley

**Quintessence Award for Research Achievement**

Golnaz Emami-Naeini

**Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement & Restorative  
Dentistry**

Selena Nguyen Ma

**Leon Schneyer Award**

Cassidy Sloan Boudreau

Joshua David Byrd

Sydney Page Harnden Larsen

Mary Elizabeth Massey

Kathryn Parker Riley

Lauren Taylor Rothwell

Brigitte Barnes Trego

Jacob Troy Wolkow

**Society for Color and Appearance in Dentistry**

Kiara Garcia Cabrera

**The Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics**

Kathryn Parker Riley

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

Viviana Carolina Sepúlveda

**Whip-Mix Hanau Best of the Best Prosthodontics Award**

Bhumika Patel

# *Doctors of Dental Medicine Class of 2021*

Shenouda Abdelshahed .....	Cairo, Egypt
Morgan Quarles Abraham .....	Naples, FL
Brandon Scott Albritton .....	Huntsville, AL
Ayah Alkhatib .....	Carmel, Indiana
Moe Atra .....	Baghdad, Iraq
Ivan Borysyk .....	Odesa, Ukraine
Cassidy Sloan Boudreau .....	Montgomery, AL
Colby Trenton Bradford .....	Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Joshua David Byrd .....	Clinton, NC
Elisabeth Malone Cantrell .....	Birmingham, AL
Zachary Michael Carter .....	Tampa, FL
Van Thi Hai Che .....	Orlando, FL
William Gates Clokey .....	Gadsden, AL
Samuel Woodfin Coleman .....	Wetumpka, AL
Nicholas Caylen Conley .....	Albertville, AL
Holton Jackson Deatherage .....	Birmingham, AL
Ogden Shropshire Deaton, Jr. ....	Birmingham, AL
John Davis Diaz .....	Tuscaloosa, AL
Margaret Kathleen Eason .....	Birmingham, AL
Golnaz Emami Naeini .....	Isfahan, Iran
Kiara Garcia Cabrera .....	Miami, FL
Paul Bryan Gundian .....	Orlando, FL
Kelsey Marie Gwin .....	Orlando, FL
John Marshall Hartzog .....	Auburn, AL
Danielle Ho .....	Blacksburg, VA
Gail Marie Hoffman .....	Houston, TX

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Zachary Aaron Holcomb.....	Cumming, GA
Daniel Kai-Jei Huang.....	Clarksville, TN
Keaton Wallace Hughes.....	Canton, GA
Payne Daniel Jennings.....	Tallassee, AL
Farah Feroz Jiwani.....	Hoover, AL
Aileen Jong.....	Palatine, IL
Hannah Mackenzie Kidd.....	Niceville, FL
Abena Agyeiwaa Lamptey.....	Birmingham, AL
Kara Danielle Lankford.....	Oneonta, AL
Sydney Page Harnden Larsen.....	Huntsville, AL
Sydney Nicole Lundy.....	Lutz, FL
Selena Nguyen Ma.....	Tupelo, MS
Mary Elizabeth Massey.....	Montgomery, AL
Laith Matalaka.....	Birmingham, AL
Cory Davis McLeary.....	Florence, AL
Sherryhan Malik Mehboob.....	Karachi, Pakistan
Austin Taylor Mitchell.....	Gadsden, AL
Wizarathussain Mohammed.....	Chicago, IL
Zarish Mubarik.....	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Makayla Nicole Nixon.....	Boaz, AL
Bhumika Patel.....	Gujarat, India
Mona Patel.....	Montgomery, AL
Mukti Patel.....	Surat, Gujarat, India
Twisha Patel.....	Ahmedabad, India
Lacy Renee Petersen.....	Ocala, FL
Khanh Mai Pham.....	Vietnam

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Nikole My-Huyen Pham .....	Mobile, AL
Ally Kristen Pritchett .....	Athens, AL
Carson Alexander Pruitt .....	Birmingham, AL
Richard Alexander Rampi .....	Orlando, FL
Valerie Reyes .....	Dominican Republic
Kathryn Parker Riley .....	Charlotte, NC
John Simeon Roberson .....	Birmingham, AL
Anna Marie Ronderos .....	Springville, AL
Lauren Taylor Rothwell .....	Anniston, AL
Viviana Carolina Sepúlveda .....	Lake Worth, FL
Steven Robert Sheibley .....	Madison, AL
Brett Johnathan Silvers .....	Orlando, FL
Grayson Blair Sittason .....	Hartselle, AL
Karter Michael Smith .....	Huntsville, AL
Olivia Raksriaksorn Sorrell .....	Maylene, AL
Kilian Michael Stingle .....	Winter Garden, FL
Christopher Stender Swicord .....	Birmingham, AL
Ronald Chase Taylor .....	Mobile, AL
Lamar Alan Thompson III .....	Dothan, AL
Ahu Topkara .....	Konya, Turkey
Brigitte Barnes Trego .....	Monroe, LA
Ankur Kumar Tyagi .....	Brampton, Canada
Fiorella Valdespino .....	Dallas, TX
Alex McCreary Ward .....	Andalusia, AL
Ashley Sarita Weaver .....	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Jacob Troy Wolkow .....	Birmingham, AL
Keira Le Yang .....	Alpharetta, GA

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James Parker Alison .....	Birmingham, AL
Aesha Amin .....	Vadodara, India
Jaclyn Elizabeth Bates .....	Birmingham, AL
Aneesa L. Bone .....	Jackson, TN
Kevin Patrick Bryant, Jr. ....	Chattanooga, TN
R. Martin Bryant III .....	Anderson, SC
Kaitlin Jane Byerly .....	Hoover, AL
Lauren Brooke Cabaniss .....	Florence, AL
William David Catanzaro .....	Gadsden, AL
Angel Chen .....	Johns Creek, GA
Bhrita Parikh Chokshi .....	Ahmedabad, India
Shequori K. Clyde .....	Albany, GA
Nolin Wilson Connell .....	Muscle Shoals, AL
David Gabriel Cordaro* .....	Augusta, GA
Rachelle Leigh Cucca .....	Jupiter, FL
Brielle Lynn Daverede .....	Gulf Shores, AL
Austin Tyler Davis .....	Tuscaloosa, AL
Raymond Edward Dawkins II .....	Montgomery, AL
<i>Recipient of dual DMD/MBA degree</i>	
Bhakti Kiranbhai Desai* .....	Birmingham, AL
Lisa Calloway Djernes .....	Fort Oglethorpe, GA
Alexander Kyle Hale .....	Ashville, AL
Michael Thomas Hanley .....	Hamilton, GA
Forrest Hunter Harris .....	Montgomery, AL
Natalia Fredericka Hauber .....	Palm Harbor, FL
Paige Elizabeth Holbrook .....	Atlanta, GA
Kai Huang .....	Orlando, FL

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Cody Allen Hughes .....	Andalusia, AL
Nancy Elizabeth Hughes .....	Enterprise, AL
Ishita Taneja Johal .....	Mumbai, India
Anusha Joseph .....	Kerala, India
Connor Patton Kelley .....	Enterprise, AL
Adriana Chaves Kelton .....	San Jose, Costa Rica
Athena Samantha Kenny .....	Miramar, FL
Chelsea Nicole Killingsworth .....	Fayette, AL
Paul Bogeun Kim .....	Montgomery, AL
Vishnupriya Kurukundu .....	Andhra Pradesh, India
Cory Satterfield Kuyk .....	Greenville, SC
Daniel Benjamin Kuyk .....	Birmingham, AL
Virginia Hamilton Behlen Lucas.....	Mobile, AL
Marikit Tongo Magkalas .....	Manila, Phillippines
Wilkerson Key Mahone .....	Dothan, AL
Gilbert Austin Meadows .....	Montgomery, AL
Sanjna Mehta .....	Mumbai, India
Lauren Katherine Miele .....	Madison, AL
Shannon Theresa Morey .....	Huntsville, AL
Nikhila Nemmarugommula .....	Telangana, India
Joseph Benjamin Newman .....	Roswell, GA
Nhu-An Vu Nguyen .....	Madison, AL
Dhara Bharatkumar Patel .....	Ahmedabad, India
Neel Hasit Patel .....	Moody, AL
Nency Patel .....	Ahmedabad, India
Kyle Penland .....	Lake Helen, FL



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Daniel A. Petersen .....Madison, AL  
Elizabeth Anne Beasley Pickering ..... Eufaula, AL  
Sarah Khrystine Prine .....Citronelle, AL  
Amanda Marie Przekora ..... Tuscaloosa, AL  
Hayden Kendrick Rathel ..... Huntsville, AL  
Jia Rao ..... Zhijiang, China  
Emily Marie Roig ..... Melbourne, FL  
Ariosto Rosado ..... Altamonte Springs, FL  
Tanya Siham Saikaly .....Saint Augustine, FL  
Heba Ann Sarhan\* ..... New Orleans, LA  
Umama Hammad Sayed .....Islamabad, Pakistan  
Meeshal Shah ..... Hyderabad, Pakistan  
Noopur A. Shah ..... Ahmedabad, India  
Caroline Maddox Spruiell .....Gadsden, AL  
Robert Shannon Matthews Spruiell ..... Boaz, AL  
Brandon Craig Veach ..... Montgomery, AL  
Claire Cantrell Walker .....Tuscaloosa, AL  
Matthew Tyler Wall ..... Huntsville, AL  
Ivy Elizabeth Watts ..... Hope Hull, AL  
Casey Ryan Williams ..... Jupiter, FL  
Kandis Carter Williams\* .....Gonzales, LA  
Skyler Hugh Williams ..... Gentry, AR  
Keli Alexa Wright ..... Redlands, CA  
Patrick Oliver Young ..... Johns Creek, GA  
*Recipient of dual DMD/MBA degree*

\*In attendance

# **The Dentist's Pledge**

## ***Dentist Honor Code***

As evidence of the esteem with which I hold my chosen profession, and with full appreciation of my responsibilities to my fellow man implied and expressed by my degree in dentistry, I do hereby willingly pledge:

That I will execute to the best of my ability the theory and practice of dentistry so that I may do honor to myself and my profession;

That I will faithfully observe the principles of ethics as set forth by the profession;

That, to the best of my ability I will endeavor to improve myself through continuing education by whatever means available, so that I may keep abreast of the advances in the science and techniques of dentistry for the betterment of my patient.

All this I accept with pride in my profession and with humility at the magnitude of the work to be done.

Sidney B. Finn, A.B., D.M.D., M.S.



