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Newsletter 2025*

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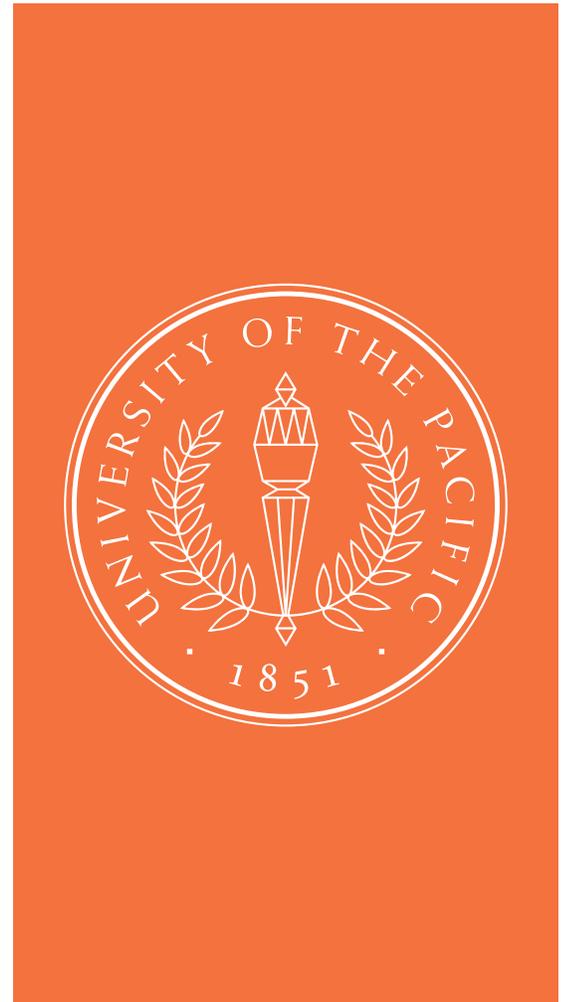
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Happy 2025

Welcome 2026!

Just in time! The OKU Delta Delta Chapter cabinet is up and available for viewing! After months of planning and determining design and location, the OKU cabinet is now present and visible for many passing through. As students and visitors enter into the classroom on the first floor, this cabinet displays the journal dating back to the early 1900's, the official stole, and key worn by members. During quarterly meetings, OKU Delta Delta Officers disclose to the first year dental students the history of OKU and thankfully we now have a cabinet featuring these timeless traditions.





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Inaugural OKU Golf Tournament!

The OKU Delta Delta Chapter organized an inaugural golf tournament fundraiser at TPC Harding Park Golf course in San Francisco in April. The event had 10 teams (40 players) participating in a team scramble tournament. The funds raised from the event were used to offset the costs of the OKU convocation dinner.

Each player was given a sleeve of golf balls each stamped with the OKU symbol, golf tees, golf towel, and raffle tickets in gratitude for their participation in joining the fundraiser.



Tee Time

Vendors contributing to the tournament were companies willing to sponsor a group of students or donate prizes for raffle. Prizes ranged from a variety of experiences to items to try and win. Players consisted of faculty, students, and OKU Delta Delta members, alumni, and families.



Thank You For Your Support!

OKU would like to thank the following for their support in helping make this event an excellent success! Heffernan Financial, Bien Air, Oakhurst Country Club, Blue Oak Oral Surgery and Dental Implant Center, Dr. Ned Nix, Dr Peter Liu, UOP Dugoni Kids in the Clinic, Straumann, Dr. Blake Kitamura of Oral Surgery Hawaii, Grelyn of Maui LLC / Grelyn of North Shore / Grelyn of Hawaii INC McDonald's of Maui, Dr. Nader Nadershahi and the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, and Jeanne White with TPC Harding Park Golf Course!



Pictured: Immediate Past President, Dr. Dave Lam and Interim Dean and Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Elisa Chavez



Vendors contributed towards assigned prize challenges, such as closest to the pin and longest drive. After nine holes of play, players returned for dinner and raffle. What appeared like a foggy day in the bay, ended with a successful tournament with sunshine and smiles.

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Team Iatrogenics



Team Bien Air



Team DDS 2027 i - *Tournament Winners!!*



Team DDS 2027 ii



Team Birdie Extractors



Team Bag2WongTaya



Team Woo Chan-G Clan

*Teams not pictured:
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Annual OKU Excellence Day - May 2025

The annual OKU Excellence Day took place on May 7 and showcased the work and accomplishments of the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry students and residents. This event which began in 1998 was created and launched by OKU Delta Delta Chapter as Excellence Day. One of the goals is to honor student contributions in research, clinical care and community health services. The program began with a keynote presentation by Dr. Armand Bedrossian titled “Digital Dreams vs Analog Realities - What Have We Learned with Digital Evolution.”

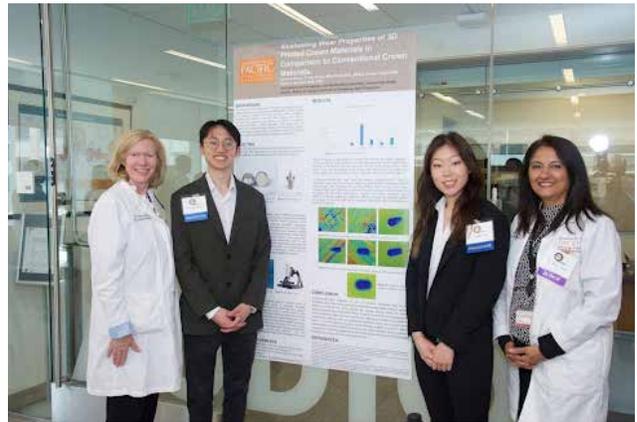
After the insightful and innovative keynote speaker, over 90 poster presentations were displayed from students and residents. The Department of Audiology and School of Health Sciences also contributed to the day as guests ventured around to view the various works. The topics amongst the presenters varied from restorative dentistry, removable prosthodontics, oral diagnosis and treatment planning, educational research, resident orthodontics, resident endodontics, first year pre-clinical, first year literature review of audiology. Over forty faculty volunteered to serve as judges and additional sponsors contributed to the overall success and planning of the event. Dr. Ruth Rauca '25 was presented with the Dr. Henry A. Sutro Award for Best Oral Rehabilitation Design: Design and Excellence of Execution.



Pictured L-R: Dr. Nader Nadershahi, Keynote Speaker Dr. Armand Bedrossian, and Dr. Edmund Bedrossian



Pictured L-R: Dr. Bernadette Alvear Fa (President Elect), Dr. Ken Louie (President), and Dr. Lisa Itaya (Previous Past President)



Pictured L-R: Dr. Ruth Rauca, winner of the Dr. Henry A. Sutro Award for Best Oral Rehabilitation Design: Design and Excellence of Execution, and Dr. Yoonsun (Sunny) Jang

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General Business meeting | May 1, 2025

The General Business meeting held in early May shared updates with members from AY '24-25. Dr. Dave Lam, Immediate Past President shared information from the 2025 ADEA Supreme Chapter meeting in National Harbor, MD. Members in attendance voted on the faculty inductee, the honorary member, and solidified the incoming Vice President for AY '25-'26, Dr. Joy Magtanong-Madrid.



Pictured: Prof. Lory Laughter, Dr. Lisa Harpeneau, Dr. William Lundergan



Pictured: Dr. Elisa Chavez, Dr. Nader Nadershahi, Dr. Craig Yarborough



Pictured: Ms. Karita Zimmerman, Mr Jordan Bartlett



Pictured: Dr. Darren Cox and Dr. Dave Lam



Member Spotlight

Dr. Jesse West Manton



Dr. Jesse West Manton, currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is our OKU Delta Delta member spotlight. As the current Anesthesiology Internship Director, Dr. Manton graduated from University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in 2014 and completed his Master of Science: Dentistry-Perioperative Medical Emergency Management from the Ohio State in August in 2019. He then became a Diplomate with the American Dental Board of Anesthesiology in 2020, and then returned to his alma mater to teach with the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Some of his recent accomplishments include being elected to be a Director at Large by the general assembly at the 2025 Annual Scientific Session for the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists. Additionally, Dr. Manton's vision for anesthesia services and his dedication to developing them to this point, were critical to the vision for the ASC (ambulatory surgery center) services that will be available as a result of the recent award from the California Health Facility Financing Authority (CHFFA) to the Dugoni School. As one of the grant recipients, UOP Dugoni SF campus will use the state budget funds, successfully advocated for by CDA, to develop or expand roughly 124 dental operatories, surgery suites and other facilities to serve patients with special health care needs.

For more info on CHFFA via State Treasurer's Office
<https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/news/releases/2025/11.pdf>



OKU Convocation/ Graduation - June 2025

OKU Delta Delta Chapter Convocation was held on June 14, 2025 at the Olympic Club in San Francisco. Seventeen members of the DDS and three from IDS classes of 2025 were inducted during convocation celebrations. Faculty inductee was presented to Dr. Ariane Terlet '86 and Honorary Inductee was Dr. John Kim '03.

Families and inductees celebrated the history of OKU and its purpose as the national dental honor society, formally inducted new members, and presented former Dean Nader Nadershahi with an

Excellence in Leadership Award. The award symbolized his vision towards encouraging excellence in education and developing opportunities for students and faculty to respond to the needs of our dental community.

Graduation celebrations were the following day at The Masonic in San Francisco for students receiving degrees in Dentistry and Dental Hygiene. Residents also were awarded certificates in Endodontics and Orthodontics. Families, friends, Dugoni faculty, staff, and administration attended to celebrate the new classes of 2025.



Pictured: Faculty and staff in attendance for convocation



Pictured: Inductees reciting the oath during convocation with immediate past President Dr. Dave Lam

2025 OKU Inductees

HONORARY - Dr. John Kim - Alumni Foundation Board President

FACULTY - Dr. Ariene Terlet

IDS - Keerat Kuckreja | Kunal Sethi | Yoonsun Jang

DDS - Aaron Levy | Aidan Flynn | Astin Lequang | Audrey Eller | Brianna Wolfe

Calvin Vuong | Cindy Chung | Colby Vuong | Emily Shu | Jasmine Kuo

Ji Eun (Jinnie) Kim | Laura Kelly | Minkook (Noah) Kim | Nicolette Alvandian

Ruth Rauca | Samantha Rovno | Zaizhen (Zander) Xu





OKU Delta Delta Officers with former Dean Nader Nadershahi



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