



2025

**POSTDOCTORAL  
GRADUATION  
CEREMONY**

*Thursday, May 22, 2025  
Columbia University Irving Medical Center*

# PROGRAM

## **PRESIDING**

**JAMES B. FINE, DMD**

*Professor of Dental Medicine at the Columbia  
University Medical Center  
Senior Associate Dean, Postdoctoral Academic and  
Student Affairs*

*Interim Director, Division of Periodontics*

*Interim Director, Postdoctoral Periodontics Program*

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## **INVOCATION**

**REV. DR. IAN ROTTENBERG**

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## **WELCOME**

**DENNIS A. MITCHELL, DDS, MPH**

*Interim Dean*

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## **REMARKS**

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## **GREETINGS FROM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**THOMAS MAGNANI, DDS '80**

*Assistant Clinical Professor of Dental Medicine*

**PRESENTATION  
OF ALLAN J.  
FORMICOLA  
TEACHING  
AWARD**

**RECIPIENT:**

**JED BEST, DDS**

*Associate Clinical Professor of Dental Medicine*

**PRESENTED BY:**

**LETTY MOSS-SALENTIJN, DDS, PhD**

*Vice Dean, Curricular Innovation and*

*Interprofessional Education*

*Edward V. Zegarelli Professor of Dental Medicine*

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**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES**

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**CLOSING  
REMARKS**

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# Presentation of Certificates and Master of Science Degrees

**SAHNG G. KIM, DDS, MS**

*Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at the  
Columbia University Medical Center  
Director, Postdoctoral Endodontics Program*

## **CERTIFICATE IN ENDODONTICS**

**Antonella Barrios, DDS**

**Michael Sungmin Choi, DDS**

**Andrew Goodwin, DMD**

**Glenna Lee, DDS**

**Damin Park, DMD**

**Zeming Eileen Zheng, DDS**

### **REMARKS:**

**Glenna Lee, DDS and Zeming Eileen Zheng, DDS**  
*Chief Residents, Postdoctoral Endodontics Program*

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**JING CHEN, DDS, PhD**

*Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at the  
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Director, Postdoctoral Orthodontics Program*

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORTHODONTICS**

**Emily Fernandez, DDS**

**Salaar Rehman Khan, DDS**

**Andrew Nardone, DDS**

**Kylie Schlesinger, DMD**

**Michelle Skelton, DDS**

**Alexandra Caitlin Stein, DMD**

**JungEun Denise Yoon, DMD**

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**CERTIFICATE IN  
PERIODONTICS**

**Eman Hefni, BDS, MS, PhD  
Tahina Mukit, DMD  
Sima Tafreshi, DDS**

**MASTER OF  
SCIENCE IN  
PERIODONTICS**

**Andrea Chien, DDS  
Lori Martinez-Rubio, DDS  
Maria Vera Rodriguez, DDS, PhD**

**REMARKS:**

**Lori Martinez-Rubio, DDS**

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**WENCHOU (JAMES) WU, DDS, MS, FACP**

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**MASTER OF  
SCIENCE IN  
PROSTHODONTICS**

**Nnyeko Griffiths, DDS  
Arslan de Lashar, BDS  
Carlos Nicolas Nowik, DMD  
Yael Ellie Rosenski, DMD  
Salar Zeinali Gelabi, DDS**

**REMARKS:**

**Yael Ellie Rosenski, DMD and  
Salar Zeinali Gelabi, DDS**

*Chief Residents, Postdoctoral  
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# NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital Residency Programs

**GREGORY N. BUNZA, DDS, MS**

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## **CERTIFICATE IN GENERAL PRACTICE**

**Eun Jung Emily Choi, DDS**

**Minh-Chau Doan, DDS**

**Miya Eberlein, DDS**

**Paul Espiritu, DMD**

**Kyungjun Thomas Lee, DMD**

**Matthew Tancer, DDS**

## **REMARKS:**

**Minh-Chau Doan, DDS**

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**ELIZABETH PHILIPONE, DMD**

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## **CERTIFICATE IN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY**

**Monica B. Kowalski, DMD**

## **REMARKS:**

**Monica B. Kowalski, DMD**

*Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Residency Program*

**CERTIFICATE IN  
ADVANCED  
EDUCATION IN  
GENERAL  
DENTISTRY**

**VICKY EVANGELIDIS-SAKELLSON, DDS, MPH**

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**Adriana Molina, DDS**

**Manuelissa Mota, DDS**

**Jennifer Nunez, DDS**

**Syed Shoaib Razi, BDS**

**Scarlett Rodriguez, DDS**

**Marfanny Rodriguez Torres, DDS**

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**Thalita Coelho, DMD**

**Yanil Garabito, DDS**

**Lacira Guimaraes, DDS**

**Ali Istarabadi, BDS**

**Valentina Malpica, DDS**

**Manuel Montalvo Fuentes, DDS**

**Francisco Ortega Hammond, DDS**

**Daniel Pastran Duque, DDS**

**Aury Reyes Fernandez, DDS**

**Catherine Romero, DDS**

**Maria Gabriela Tempone, DDS**

**ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY**

**RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

**Jordan Carfino, DDS**

**Kamilya Nur Doksanoglu, DMD**

**Jad El Jabi, DMD**

**Pei Hung Shen, DDS**

**Karyna Shuliak, DDS**

**Arjeet Tipirneni, DMD**

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**REMARKS:**

**Han Wen Yu, DMD**

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**ALIA KOCH, DDS, MD, FACS**

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**CERTIFICATE IN  
ORAL AND  
MAXILLOFACIAL  
SURGERY-MD  
INTEGRATION**

**Justin Fazzolari, DDS, MD**

**Brian Will, DDS, MD**

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**RICHARD K. YOON, DDS**

*Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at the  
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**CERTIFICATE IN  
PEDIATRIC  
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**Anamaria Carrasco, DDS**

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**Hung Quach, DDS**

**Francisco Ramirez, DDS**

**Marissa Rifkin, DDS**

**REMARKS:**

**Marissa Rifkin, DDS**

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