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Mavis Luma Chenyi



2024 ICD-WUDAA Scholarship Recipient

Mavis Luma Chenyi is a current third year dental student at Texas Tech University Health Science Center in EL Paso, TX. She is concurrently pursuing an MPH through UT Health Houston. She also serves as the Vice President of Diversity in Dentistry Mentorship, a nationwide program that seeks to bring future dental students and dental professionals into one community, to provide

encouragement and offer guidance.

Despite her demanding schedule, Luma is also a mother to three boys. Her dedication to public health is evident in her pursuing of an MPH with a focus on addressing health disparities. On campus, Luma is a member of several organizations, where she hopes to foster a collaborative and supportive academic environment. Luma is embarking on her dental career after working in Health IT for several years.

Luma aims to pursue residency in oral surgery. She is driven by a desire to make a significant contribution in both the field of dentistry and public health, addressing inequalities and improving access to quality oral healthcare.



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Ji Heon Chung



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Ji Heon (Jeanie) Chung was born in South Korea and is currently a fourth-year Doctor of Dental Surgery Candidate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry.

In 2022, as a second-year dental student, she was part of the inaugural clinical team for the SMILE Mobile Dental Clinic at UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC's first mobile

dentistry clinic. She continued her leadership as the head clinic coordinator in 2023, as part of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship. She has also contributed to expanding the clinic through the achievements of the ICD USA Section Foundation General Grant as well as the NCDS Foundation Endowment Fund along with her co-Schweitzer fellow.

She will be graduating in May 2025 as a second time-tar heel, as she graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in the Fall of 2020. She is passionate about volunteering and coordinating free dental clinics, working as a mentor for college and high school students through her church, and serving as a pre-dental student liaison through the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) two-time pre-dental chair. Jeanie also has been a TA for the past four semesters through UNC and thoroughly enjoys giving back in any way she can.



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Megan Davis



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Megan Davis is from Shreveport, Louisiana, and graduated from Louisiana State University, where she studied Biological Sciences until the Spring of 2020. Upon graduation, Megan worked toward a Master of Science in Medical Sciences at Mississippi College, which she completed in the fall of 2021. During this time, she took special interest in courses such as Human Gross Anatomy and Medical Physiology, while also working with faculty on testing anxiety levels in pre health professionals and its effect on examination performance and active recall. Megan is now in her third year of dental school at Louisiana State University Health Science Center School of Dentistry and is excited to begin regularly treating patients in the clinic. Aside from clinic work, Megan has also found a great passion for advocacy and public health; she currently serves as the ASDA Louisiana Chapter Advocacy Chairman, ASDA's National Council on Advocacy Legislative Coordinator, and Louisiana Dental Association's Council on New Dentists Student Liaison. She hopes to continue her advocacy work as she moves forward in her career and inspires fellow students and colleagues to advocate for their patients and the profession.



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Jean Carlos Ferman



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Jeancarlos Ferman is currently a fourth year (D25) Doctor of Dental Medicine candidate at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts. Jeancarlos earned two Bachelor of Science degrees in Polymer & Color Chemistry and Biological Sciences: Human Biology, with a minor in Nutrition, from North Carolina State University in 2021. One of his proudest achievements at NC State was

co-creating F1RST, an organization dedicated to providing community and resources to first-generation and low-income students.

At Tufts Dental, Jeancarlos is deeply involved in a variety of student organizations. He is the president of the Hispanic Student Dental Association (HSDA), where he works to foster community and highlight the richness of this community. Additionally, he is an active member of Special Smiles, the Global Health Student Association (GHSA), and the American Association of Pediatric Dentists (AAPD).

Jeancarlos has a passion for community service, frequently volunteering at events such as community clean-ups, oral health education sessions, and tutoring local middle and high school students in math and science. In his free time, Jeancarlos enjoys running, going to the movies, and traveling.



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Lillian Gordon



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Lillian Gordon is a third-year student at Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Originally from Nashville, TN, Lillian received a Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences, with minors in History and Chemistry from The University of Mississippi - Ole Miss. She hopes to pursue her residency training in oral surgery and patient care, engaging global leaders in healthcare policy to mitigate

the overwhelming disparities in healthcare access.

Lillian was recently selected as a Global Grant Scholar to pursue a Masters in Global Health Policy at London School of Economics. Her experience with global healthcare systems started during three months in medical facilities in Da Lat, Vietnam and Chiang Mai, Thailand through a grant from The Freeman Foundation. She has worked with Jane Goodall community action programs in Tanzania to improve environmental conservation, and assisted as a medical steritech in Sydney, Australia through the COVID-19 pandemic. After graduation, Lillian worked as an outdoor guide on a dude ranch in Montana and lived in Maui, Hawaii, where she completed her advanced scuba certification.



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Rashad Jaymes



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Rashad Jaymes is a current dental student at Howard University College of Dentistry (Class of 2026). He earned his B.S. in Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of California, Merced in 2020. He would like to sincerely thank the ICD WUDAA committee for selecting him for this

scholarship. He is grateful and humbled to receive

the support. He is determined to realize his vision for health equity and health literacy by continuing to seek opportunities for growth. He believes that his experiences have specifically prepared him to alleviate oral health disparities through education and mentorship.

In his spare time, he is an avid golfer and loves teaching his friends how to play. He also enjoys riding his bike with his classmates in an unofficial bike club. They have almost reached their goal for this year, 100 miles in one ride!



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Kiarash Mahmoodidizaji



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In 2014, Kiarash moved from Iran to Canada, a transition that marked the beginning of a transformative journey. Driven by a passion for healthcare, he enrolled in the Bachelor of Health Sciences program at York University. This academic journey was both challenging and rewarding, solidifying his desire to make a

meaningful impact in the field of dentistry.

Following his undergraduate studies, Kiarash was accepted into Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine. This opportunity has been instrumental in shaping his professional path and has provided him with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in the dental field.

Outside of academic and professional pursuits, he finds relief in nature. During his free time, you can often find him hiking or biking, activities that allow him to reconnect with the natural world and maintain a balanced lifestyle.

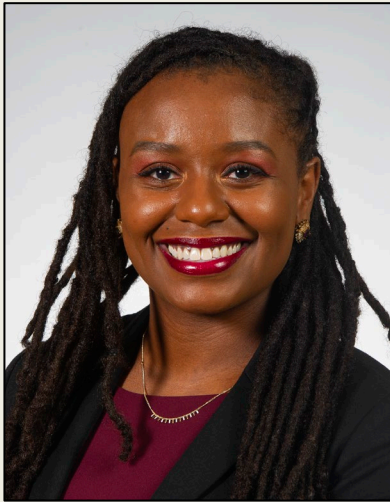
His journey thus far has been marked by resilience, determination, and a commitment to making a positive impact. He looks forward to continuing this journey and contributing to the field of dentistry in meaningful ways.



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LaQuze Lee Manuel



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LaQuze Manuel is a student at Texas A&M University School of Dentistry and expects to graduate with her Doctor of Dental Surgery in 2025. She was born and raised in Muskogee, Oklahoma, a small town about two hours northeast of Oklahoma City. In 2016, she earned her bachelor's in business management at the University of Oklahoma.

Carefully considering her options, she strategically planned her entry into the dental field. She completed another Bachelors, this time in Biology, as well as a post-baccalaureate program to strengthen her academic foundation. These factors paved her way to acceptance to dental school.

When she is not busy studying for school, her favorite thing to do is take family trips to the pool with her husband and 10-month-old daughter. In her free time, she volunteers at a dental clinic for victims of family violence. After dental school, she plans to pursue a residency in dental anesthesiology, where her ultimate goal is to provide a safe space for patients to improve their oral health.



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Abigail Musgrave



2024 ICD-WUDAA Scholarship Recipient

Abby Musgrave is currently a third-year dental student at Ohio State University. She also attended Ohio State University for her undergraduate career, earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Studio Art. She is a first-generation Doctor of Dental Surgery Candidate.

Abby is involved in various organizations. She serves on the executive board for the Special Care Dentistry Association, Smiles for Schools, and the American Student Dental Association. She spends much of her free time volunteering in elementary schools, at free dental clinics, and at various regional and state Special Olympics. Abby has also written for her ASDA district newsletter and participates in research in both pediatrics and orthodontics.

Abby has firsthand experience dealing with barriers to access to care. She has particular interest in advocacy efforts both for patients and student providers. By attending Lobby Day and Day at the Statehouse, Abby is already making an impact in these efforts.

Outside of school, Abby works on the weekends as a server at a local distillery. She also volunteers for the local dog shelter and serves as a mentor for youth in the foster system. Abby enjoys walking her own dog, a German Shepherd named Papaya, after long days in clinic.



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Celeste Anhthy Nguyen



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Celeste Nguyen is a current third year at the UCLA School of Dentistry. Previously, she graduated from UCLA in 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. During her time at UCLA in 2019, she developed a strong interest in pursuing a career in dentistry through

volunteering at Care Harbor, a large health fair for individuals who struggle to afford healthcare. She continues to develop her passion through community service at a local non-profit dental organization and intends to continue community service throughout her dental career.

In her free time, she has recently started to enjoy pickleball, tennis and trying new foods with her friends.



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Indira Placide



2024 ICD-WUDAA Scholarship Recipient

From the young age of seven, Indira's visits to the general dentist were always marked by positive experiences, fostering a deep and lasting passion for dentistry. As she grew older, it became increasingly clear to her that her home country of Saint Lucia faced significant challenges in dental care, including a lack of knowledge and limited access to dental services. This

realization ignited her determination to pursue a career in dentistry, despite the financial and personal obstacles she encountered along the way.

Today, as a proud 3rd-year dental student at Howard University College of Dentistry, Indira is eager to apply the knowledge and skills she has acquired over the past two years to real-world clinical settings and community outreach. Her academic journey has been driven by her commitment to enhancing dental health and addressing the needs of underserved populations.

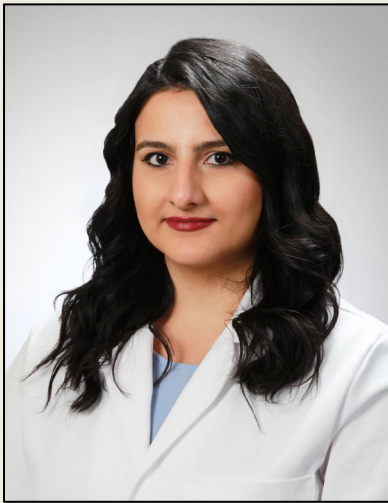
Beyond academics, she is passionate about cycling, dental research, and community service. These interests not only enrich her personal life but also reinforce her dedication to improving oral health and making a positive impact in society.



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Mahsa Sadri



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Mahsa Sadri is currently attending Roseman University College of Dental Medicine and her expected graduation is in April 2026. She graduated with a bachelor's in chemistry from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Mahsa is from Tehran, Iran and is a first-generation college student. She and her family immigrated to the United States in 2011. Her childhood

dream was to become a dentist and she is grateful to be able to pursue her passion. She has been a dental assistant for about 6 years in a private practice prior to dental school that has helped her in preparing for dental school tremendously. She stays very active in dental school by being a part of different organizations. She has served as a committee member at ASDA. Mahsa is currently serving as the treasurer of NSRG (National Student Research Group) for her second year in a row, and has been involved with many research projects, and has attended the IADR/AADOCR research conference in Louisiana earlier this year. She has also founded the Middle Eastern Dental Association (MEDA) organization at Roseman University. Apart from studying, she loves traveling and experiencing other cultures and food. She also enjoys playing pickleball and snowboarding during the winter.



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Tyler Stevens



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Tyler Stevens was born and raised in southern Idaho. These beautiful natural landscapes contributed to his love of the outdoors.

Receiving a high-quality education has also been an important part of his life. When he returned from his volunteer mission, he attended Utah State University.

He shadowed several dentists who were examples of what he wanted his work and family life to look like in the future. For that reason, he decided he wanted to become a dentist and began working hard to prepare for dental school. Tyler graduated *summa cum laude* with a degree in Biology and minors in Chemistry and Business and was thrilled to be accepted into the dental program at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

He is currently in his fourth year of dental school. One of the main highlights of being a dental student has been volunteering his time outside of the school clinic to serve members of the refugee community and help them receive the dental care they need. Outside of school, he enjoys hiking and biking with his wife as they explore South Texas. After graduation in 2025, he plans to complete a three-year periodontics residency.



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Ji Hun Yang



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Ji Hun Yang is currently a dental student at the University of Maryland, School of Dentistry (UMSOD). John is currently pursuing his clinical and academic education as a D3 student. In 2022, he received his B.S. degree with honors in Biology from the George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and received his certification in dental assisting from the Medical Education and Training Campus, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

John is currently serving as the Vice President of University of Maryland, Baltimore, University Student Government Association. He is currently the treasurer for UMSOD's student government association, while also serving as a student interviewer at the Office of Admissions at UMSOD. He is also on the sponsorship committee of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA). John enlisted in the United States Air Force as a dental technician in 2020. He has since been commissioned as an officer to attend dental school at UMSOD. He is currently serving as the president of the Tau Sigma military dental honor society at UMSOD. In his spare time, John is passionate about cooking and inventing new recipes. He enjoys volunteering, joining various student organizations in their endeavors to improve oral education in Baltimore, MD.