



Dear DDS Class of 2028,

Congratulations! You've made it! It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Schulich Dentistry community. Here, you will develop as a clinician, patient educator, and professional. You will embody and represent Schulich Dentistry's mission statement, "To Be of Service" and "To Be the Best". You will forge friendships to last a lifetime as you become integral members of this community. I commend you for all your hard work and dedication in reaching this point.

Your dental school journey will challenge you in many ways, but it will also bring numerous victories and lessons. The University of Western Ontario's Dental Student Society (UWODSS) knows you are up to the task and will stand alongside you on this journey, eager to help make your dental school experience the best it can be. Your classmates will be your biggest asset, as they understand exactly what you are going through on a daily basis. With this in mind, I encourage you to participate in Orientation Week (O-Week), a fantastic way to get to know your classmates and start building these friendships. The Class of 2027 is already well underway in planning exciting programming for O-Week, and you will have the opportunity to meet them and other upper years during this time.

Please take a moment to scroll through the UWODSS website (<https://www.uwodss.com>) to learn more about what it can offer you and how to get involved. You can also find us on Instagram (@UWODSS). Shortly after beginning your first term in September, you will elect a class president to be your representative on the UWODSS council. This classmate will represent your interests and advocate for them to the student body and faculty. If this is something that interests you, please give some thought as to what unique values you can bring to our council that would benefit your fellow classmates.

Your time at Schulich Dentistry will fly by, please make the most of it! If you have any questions or concerns, send me an email at jbeniwal@uwo.ca. I am looking forward to working with you to make your dental student experience the best it can possibly be!

Sincerely,

Jaskaran Singh Beniwal

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