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Congratulations on being accepted into Schulich Dentistry at Western University. Whether you are joining the DDS Class of 2028 or you are entering the DDS Class of 2027 from the Advanced Standing Program for International Dental Graduates, this exciting new journey is a clear result of your hard work, dedication, and commitment. We are pleased to welcome you into the profession by offering you a student membership in the Ontario Dental Association (ODA).

For more than 150 years, the ODA has been providing dentists with support, knowledge and advocacy. We know how important it is to be connected to others within the profession and look forward to providing the support and tools you need as you make your way through dental school and on to a rewarding and successful career.

You'll find enclosed an ODA student membership brochure that outlines some of the benefits and services available to our student members, including access to clinical and practical information in our Ontario Dentist journal; exclusive savings and discounts on travel, office and health services; and free educational and networking opportunities.

One of the most popular student member benefits is on page 5, the no-cost Dental Student Insurance Program. Sponsored by CDSPI, this program includes life, accident, and disability insurance, as well as \$15,000 in coverage for the loss and or damage of your dental hand tools.

Plus, you will be eligible to attend, at no additional cost, a CPR and First Aid Training course. The date(s) and times for the training will be confirmed in the fall by the faculty.

Sign up and enjoy the value of ODA membership. Please feel free to contact me for further information at rzisko@oda.ca or by calling 416-922-3900 (or toll-free at 1-800-387-1393), ext. 3318.

I look forward to seeing you at an ODA event throughout the year and wish you the very best in your studies!

Sincerely,

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**ODA Coordinator, Student Services**