

April 28, 2024

Dear Class of 2028 & Class of 2027 Students in the Advanced Standing Program for International Dental Graduates (ASPIDG),

Congratulations and welcome to Schulich Dentistry!

Our names are Stella Peng and Kamyar Sartipi and we are the presidents of the University of Western Ontario Dental Student Society (UWODSS) Mentorship Program. On behalf of the Mentorship Committee, we would like to congratulate you on your incredible success and welcome you to the Schulich Dentistry family! Your hard work, commitment, and passion for dentistry have played a crucial role in guiding you thus far. Like many achievements in life, it would not be possible without the help of a dedicated support team. The Mentorship Program was designed with this in mind.

This student-led program aims to support students throughout their dental education by connecting you with upper year students. Dental school can be challenging, but our hope is that our program can help facilitate a strong sense of community across all four classes and create a memorable journey for everyone. Lower year mentees will be matched with upper year mentors who have kindly committed their time for the upcoming school year to help ease your transition into dental school.

If you would like to be matched with a mentor, please fill out the <u>First Year Mentee Application Form</u> by **August 31st** so that we can create the best matches for you and your classmates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Stella Peng (mpeng26@uwo.ca) or Kamyar Sartipi (ksartipi2025@dents.uwo.ca). The Mentorship Program committee looks forward to meeting you and helping to make your transition to life as a dental student smooth and fun!

Again, congratulations and welcome to the Schulich Dentistry family!

The UWODSS Mentorship Committee

