PROFESSIONAL AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Social, fraternal, and professional organization memberships are open to all students in the doctoral program. Opportunities to establish associations that will endure throughout graduates’ lifetimes are described in the groups. Navigate using the tabs above.

Associated Student Body
The Associated Student Body of the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry is composed of all students enrolled in the doctoral program. Business affairs of the organization are conducted by the Student Executive Council which consists of the elected student body officers, the president and vice president of each class, and elected representatives to selected agencies of organized dentistry. Any student may meet with the Student Executive Council, but only duly elected officers may vote on issues under consideration. Students are represented on the following school committees: Curriculum; Faculty Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure; Student Appeals; Ethics; Museum; Postgraduate Studies; Safety; Store; Student Clinic Advisory; Infection Control; Clinical Quality Assurance; and Academic Advisory.

Student Research Group
The Student Research Group (SRG) works to enhance the research culture at the Dental School by supporting collaboration between students and faculty members in current research projects. The goal of SRG is to promote the advancement of dental research and evidence-based practice.

The SRG is a chapter of the National Student Research Group (NSRG)/American Association for Dental Research (AADR) and the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). Group members are encouraged to participate in various school events, attend the NSRG meeting and the annual AADR/IADR meeting. A member of the student group also represents Pacific each year at the ADA-sponsored Annual Dental Student Conference on Research in the Washington DC area.

SCOPE (Student Community Outreach for Public Education) Organization
The Student Community Outreach for Public Education program (SCOPE) is a student-directed, peer-mentoring organization at the School of Dentistry which provides professional development projects focused on community oral health. Created in 1994 by students and a faculty mentor, SCOPE’s mission is to provide leadership development and engage students and faculty in volunteer oral health projects directed toward community needs. Today, SCOPE exemplifies several of the school’s strategic directives, including utilization of public health science and implementation of the best clinical preventive practices.

Clinical extramural externships form one component of the Community Health SCOPE programs. Externships and SCOPE provide the major components of Pacific’s Community-Campus Partnership Programs (CCPP). This partnership engages Dugoni students’ oral health community projects in collaborations with the health needs of community agencies.

Inter-professional projects, leadership development, and evidence-based best practices form the foundation of CCPP and SCOPE programs. SCOPE student officers take an active role in designing, leading, and evaluating health projects such as screenings, prevention services, group presentations and educational sessions for children, families and senior citizens in the Bay Area. SCOPE officers strive to sponsor inter-professional projects with audiology, pharmacy, nursing, physical therapy and physician assistant students and schools.

National Dental Fraternities
Two chapters of national dental fraternities are active at the School of Dentistry: Alpha Omega and Delta Sigma Delta.

School of Dentistry Alumni Association
The Alumni Association of the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, has five membership categories:

1. Alumni Members — all graduates of the dental school, including dental hygienists and post-doctoral program graduates;
2. Associate Members — dentists and hygienists who graduated from other schools and who join the Association;
3. Dugoni School Family Members — non-dentists who are valued members of our community;
4. Life Members - Alumni Members who have attained their 50th graduation anniversary and who have been active dues-paying members for 30 years, or who were designated this distinction prior to 1976; and
5. Honorary Members - non-Alumni Members and non-Associate Members who are recipients of the Medallion of Distinction.

The Alumni Association’s mission is to engage and inspire its members in meaningful relationships with students, the School of Dentistry and with each other for life. The purpose of the Association is to promote the welfare of the School, the graduates of the School and the profession of dentistry. The excellent reputation of our school and its unequaled physical facilities are the direct result of the loyalty and active support of its alumni and the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association sponsors, or co-sponsors, many educational and social events throughout the year for alumni and students, and additionally supports students at events such as the city softball league and golf, basketball, and softball tournaments.

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**Dugoni School Foundation**

The Dugoni School Foundation is a group of volunteers working closely with the Dean and the development team to promote philanthropy at the School of Dentistry. The mission of the Foundation is to ensure that the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry has the resources it needs to realize its visions and goals.

The Foundation shares the school's commitment to excellence and measures success by the joy it brings to donors, by the funds it raises, by the fundraising programs it initiates, and by the continuing recruitment and retention of new, effective board members.

**American Student Dental Association (ASDA)**

All University of the Pacific dental students are members of ASDA and, concurrently, student members of the American Dental Association with all the rights and privileges of such membership. Benefits are detailed in publications distributed by these organizations.

**California Dental Association (CDA)**

University of the Pacific dental students were the first in California to avail themselves of the student membership category offered by the California Dental Association. Modest annual dues provide each student...
member with CDA publications, access to CDA meetings without charge, and other benefits.

**American Dental Education Association (ADEA)**

All enrolled predoctoral students are members of ADEA.

The Council of Students is one of several councils of ADEA. The school's elected representatives to the council participate in the ADEA annual session and regional meetings. The Council of Students has an administrative board consisting of a vice president who serves on the ADEA executive committee, and a chair, vice chair, secretary, and member-at-large. The council elects several student delegates who have full voting privileges in the ADEA House of Delegates.