Awards and prizes are presented annually at the Graduate Alumni Association banquet honoring the graduating classes. A detailed description of each award, including selection criteria, is available in the Office of Academic Affairs.

Scholarship

Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity award
Dean’s Valedictorian awards (DDS, IDS)
Dean’s Salutatorian awards (DDS, IDS)
Dean’s Award (third highest GPA)
Excellence in Anatomy award
Excellence in Biochemistry award
Excellence in General Pathology award
Excellence in Implants award
Excellence in Microbiology award
Excellence in Oral Diagnosis award
Excellence in Oral Surgery award
Inesi Award in Physiology
OKU Clinical Excellence awards
Phi Kappa Phi

Leadership, Professionalism, Scholarship, and Service

Abelson Endowment award
Academy of General Dentistry award
Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, Bay Area Alumni award
American College of Dentists, Northern California Section award
American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence
Community Service award
California Dental Association award
Delta Dental Plan of California Student Leadership award
Deric Desmarteau Endowment award
Kevin Campbell Alumni Association Service award
F. Gene and Rosemary Dixon IDS Endowment award
CHIPS Editor award
Pierre Fauchard Academy awards
William W.Y. Goon/OKU award
International College of Dentists Student Leadership award
San Francisco Dental Society Ethics award
Charles, Charles Jr. and Joe Sweet Scholarship awards (for pediatric dentistry)
Frederick T. West Leadership award
Herbert K. Yee Scholarship award

Outstanding Performance

Academy of Osseointegration award
Advanced Education in General Dentistry Outstanding Resident award
Eric B. Bystrom Memorial award
Academy of Operative Dentistry award
American Academy of Implant Dentistry award
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology award
American Academy of Oral Medicine award
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology award
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology award
American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry award
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry award
American Academy of Periodontology award
American Association of Endodontics award

Graduation Honors

Upon recommendation of the Student Academic Performance and Promotion Committee, students who complete the didactic, clinical, and national board requirements for graduation and whose academic record qualifies them for election to Tau Kappa Omega are graduated with honors. Those who complete graduation requirements and whose record qualifies them for election to Omicron Kappa Upsilon are graduated with high honors. The valedictorian is graduated with highest honors.

Honor Societies

Phi Kappa Phi
Each year DDS and IDS students who demonstrate the highest academic achievement are inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, a national multi-disciplinary honor society.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon
The Delta Delta chapter of the national dental honor fraternity, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, was organized at the dental school in 1934. Its purpose is to encourage scholarship and to advance ethical standards of the dental profession. Membership is limited to twelve percent of the graduating DDS and IDS classes, selected by a faculty vote on the basis of scholarship and character.

Tau Kappa Omega
In 1927, the Alpha Chapter of an undergraduate honor society, Tau Kappa Omega, was organized for promotion of honor and service to the school. Students are elected to the fraternity on the basis of ideals and scholarship.