

**Special Speakers Schedule for Winter Quarter 2024 (Updated 02/21/2024)**  
**Presented to you by the UCSD Pre-Dental Society and UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project**

— Mon Jan 8 – UCSD Winter Quarter 2024 Begins —

**1. Thu Jan 11 – 1<sup>st</sup> GBM of Winter Quarter**

**Topics:** Join us for our first general body meeting of the quarter where we'll talk about the Pre-Dental Society, all the opportunities we offer, including how you can become a volunteer for the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinics, and learn firsthand what dentistry is all about! We will also go over upcoming events and updates.

**Where/When:** Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM

— Mon Jan 15–Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday —

**2. Thu Jan 18 – William Harman, M.A., Ph.D., Associate Dean, Admissions & Student Affairs, Rachel Novak, Ph.D., Assistant Dean, Admissions & Student Affairs, Dr. Duane Winden, M.S., Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs, Jonathan Fairbanks, D.D.S., Assistant Dean, Clinical Affairs, Roseman University, College of Dental Medicine, and GBM**

**Topics:** Join us as Deans from the Roseman College of Dental Medicine present “Secrets of the Admissions Committee”. They will speak about their career paths within dentistry and their school’s unique educational model and philosophy. Roseman is only the second 3-year dental school in the country. Dr. Harman and his colleagues will also talk about the transition to a 3-year dental school and their model of education. After, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

**Where/When:** Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM

**3. Sat Jan 20 – OSHA and California Law Training**

**Topics: (Mandatory for Managers, Department Heads, Clinic Volunteers, and people wanting new positions)** Join us for our annual training event from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM. OSHA Certification is required to volunteer in our clinics and participate in humanitarian trips or leadership positions. Cost is \$35 before Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> and will increase afterwards. After the course, we will have a Department Head Interest Meeting for members seeking leadership positions! Email [osha@ucsdps.org](mailto:osha@ucsdps.org) to sign-up.

**Where/When:** Zoom Meeting at 7:00 AM

**4. Thu Jan 25 – David Eshom, D.D.S., Cosmetic Dentist, and GBM**

**Topics:** Join us as we welcome Dr. David Eshom, a nationally recognized cosmetic dentist, to speak to our group. He will be talking about modern cosmetic dentistry. He will also bring a resident in cosmetic dentistry and his son, a recent dental school grad and former PDS member, who will each present a case. Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

**Where/When:** Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM

**5. Thu Feb 1 – Tim S. Smith, D.D.S., O.M.F.S., “Surgical and Orthodontic Treatment of Dentofacial Deformities”, and GBM**

**Topics:** Dr. Smith is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and served 20 years in the U.S. Navy. He presently holds hospital staff appointments and practices in a private oral maxillofacial surgery practice. He will discuss several aspects of oral surgery and treating dentofacial deformities as well as present some interesting clinical case studies. Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

**Where/When:** Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM

**6. Thu Feb 8 – Mustafa Badi, Associate Dean for Admissions and Faculty Affairs, Associate Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology, Temple University, Kornberg School of Dentistry, and GBM**

**Topics:** Dr. Badi will present “Beyond the X-rays: Navigating Dentistry with an Associate Dean and Oral & Maxillofacial Radiologist.” He will provide an overview of the opportunities available in dentistry and Temple’s dental school, and discuss what dental schools, including Temple University, are looking for in applicants. He will also share tips and strategies for enhancing your application so it stands out from others. Before, we will go over upcoming events.

**Where/When:** Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM

**7. Thu Feb 15 – Steven J. Anderson, Author, Management Consultant, Motivational Speaker, Entrepreneur, and GBM**

**Topics:** Steven J. Anderson is an internationally known business strategist, entrepreneur, philanthropist, author and motivational speaker. His mission is to energize growth and action in people’s lives. He has developed systems of success for business as well as individuals. He is also co-founder of the Smiles for Life Foundation, which has raised and donated nearly \$50 million to children’s charitable projects around the world. He is a very motivational and down to earth speaker. After, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

**Where/When:** Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM

— Mon Feb 19–Presidents’ Day Holiday —

**8. Thu Feb 22 – Charmaine Ng, D.M.D., Chief Chair of Dentistry, Alameda Health System, and GBM**

**Topics:** Dr. Charmaine Ng is the Chief Chair of Dentistry for Alameda Health System (AHS). She is a PDS alum who currently is responsible for all adult dental services at Highland Hospital in Oakland, and also runs its General Practice Residency (GPR) program. Dr. Ng will present “So You Graduated Dental School... What Now?”, where she will discuss important training opportunities after dental school that you should start thinking about now. After, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

**Where/When:** Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM

**9. Thu Feb 29 – Donna Kritz-Silverstein, Ph.D., Professor and Assistant Dean for Teaching Programs, Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health; Professor, Department of Family Medicine; Director, Student-Run Free Clinic Project & Pre-Dental Society, UC San Diego, “Writing Your Personal Statement”**

**Topics:** Dr. Donna Kritz-Silverstein has taught a course on Scientific Writing for doctoral students as well as numerous classes on writing for almost 25 years. She will be discussing personal statements for dental and other professional school applications, and tips to improve writing. This is not to be missed if you are thinking of applying in the next year or two. Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

**Where/When:** Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM

**10. Thu Mar 7 – Mert Aksu, D.D.S., J.D., M.H.S.A., Dean, David Fischer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Detroit Mercy, School of Dentistry, and GBM**

**Topics:** Join us as we hear from UDM School of Dentistry Dean, Dr. Mert Aksu, who has generously allowed us to have the UDM Externship. He will discuss his journey in dentistry and related fields, as well as the School of Dentistry. Dr. David Fischer, Professor of Immunology, will provide an update on COVID-19, RSV, and other emerging public health issues. GBM to follow.

**Where/When:** Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM

**11. Thu Mar 14 – PDS Panel, Timeline for Applying to Dental School, and GBM**

**Topics:** A panel of PDS members recently admitted to dental school will discuss how you can be a successful applicant. Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

**Where/When:** Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM

— Sat-Sat Mar 16-23 – UCSD Final Exams —

— Sat Mar 23 – UCSD Winter Quarter 2024 Ends —

**General Body Meetings on Zoom every Thursday at 6:00 PM: [Log on at uhealth.zoom.us/j/89579516652](https://uhealth.zoom.us/j/89579516652)**

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