

Angela Chiara



2020 ICD-WUDAA Scholarship Program Recipient

Angela Chiara has been a student at the Midwestern University (MWU) Dental Institute in Glendale, Arizona, and expects to graduate with her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 2022. Angela began her formal dental education at MWU in 2018, after working as an office manager in a dental office for six years. It was during this time where she learned so much about the field of dentistry and patient care that she decided to pursue dentistry as a career.

Angela serves on the Professional Development committee of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA). In this role, she enjoys teaching classmates the basic principles of managing a dental office such as how to develop efficient office systems, train and motivate teams, and talk to patients about treatment. Having graduated previously with her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Master of Arts in Spanish Language, Angela took the initiative to develop both basic and advanced dental Spanish classes to assist her classmates in treating the Spanish-speaking populations in Arizona. She is also involved in the Political Advocacy arm of ASDA. She has experience lobbying state and national senators and representatives, educating them on the issues surrounding dentistry and encouraging changes that will benefit both patients and dentists.



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Patrick Donnelly



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Patrick Donnelly is a current dental student at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Dental Medicine, expecting to graduate in 2021. Aside from his dental education responsibilities, Patrick also serves on the executive board for his school's American Student Dental Association (ASDA) chapter as the legislative liaison. Patrick previously earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Scranton, a doctoral degree in chemistry from Princeton University, and completed a

postdoctoral fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery on a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) T32 Fellowship; all of which was accomplished before beginning dental school. Patrick has published 14 peer-reviewed manuscripts, more than 20 conference abstracts and has been issued one patent by the U.S. Patent Office. While in dental school, he has continued to do research and won first place in the Clinical Science and Public Health Student Competition for Advancing Dental Research and its Application (SCADA) at the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) conferences in 2019 and 2020. Patrick aspires to one day be a clinician-scientist and teach at a dental school.



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Rebecca Gollub



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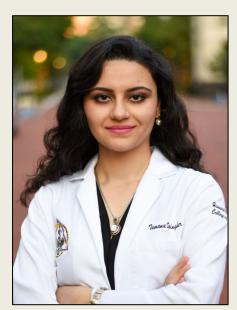
Rebecca Gollub is a recent graduate of the Boston
University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine
and is currently continuing her dental education at the
University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine
and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia where she
aspires to earn a certificate in Pediatric Dentistry.
Through her education at Boston University, Rebecca
received Summa Cum Laude distinction and was
selected as a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon

National Dental Honor Society. She also gained hands-on international dentistry experience in major cities such Tokyo, Japan, and Bangkok, Thailand, as part of an International Exchange Program with the Tokyo Medical and Dental University and Chulalongkorn University, and participated an International Elective Externship to Coclé, Panama, where she helped to provide dental care to more than 500 patients over the course of four days. Rebecca credits her attendance at a dental school that prides itself on digital dentistry as the primary reason she was able to learn cutting edge dental techniques including placing and restoring implants. Prior to attending dental school, Rebecca was enrolled at Dartmouth College as a neuroscience major and continues to remain involved with the college as an Alumni Councilor and an Admissions Ambassador. She is passionate about pediatric dentistry and looks forward to a career in this field.



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Tamana Spingher



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Tamana Spingher is enrolled at Howard University
College of Dentistry in Washington D.C. and expects to
graduate in 2023 with her Doctor of Dental Surgery
Degree. She is a future two-time Howard University
graduate as she received her Dental Hygiene Certificate
in 2017. After working in private practice for two years,
Tamana decided to excel her dental career by returning
to school to ultimately become a dentist. During her
dental hygiene career, she had the innate desire for

professional growth due to the increased amount in oral health disparities. Although the first year of dental school was demanding, she has continued to work twice a month as a dental hygienist as she is the primary provider for her family. Tamana's family is from Kabul, Afghanistan, and she is the oldest of four siblings. In 1992, her family fled the war-torn country and resided in Pakistan. In the year 2000, her father brought her family to the United States. She studied hard and rose to the top of her dental hygiene class, served as class president and was a recipient of the Board of Trustees scholarship award. Upon graduation, she plans to serve as a general dentist in the community and ideally would like to return to Howard University as a part-time faculty member. Tamana looks forward to this journey of becoming a contributing member in the dental community.