

Special Speaker Schedule for Fall Quarter 2025 (10/21/2025) | Presented to you by the Pre-Dental Society at UC San Diego

Thur Sep 25 – UCSD Fall Quarter 2025 Instruction Begins

1. **Thu Sep 25 – 1st General Body Meeting of Fall Quarter (Week 0)**

Topics: Join us for our first general body meeting of the quarter where PDS members who attended an externship at the University of Detroit Mercy will talk about the Pre-Dental Society, and how you can become a volunteer for the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinics and see firsthand what dentistry is all about! We will also go over the upcoming events and updates.

Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM

2. **Thu Oct 2 – Craig Yarborough, D.D.S., M.B.A., Associate Dean for Institutional Advancement, Director of Center for Success, University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, and GBM**

Topics: Dr. Craig Yarborough discusses UoP's unique educational program and current events affecting both education and the practice of dentistry. Dr. Yarborough has been very involved in organized dentistry, private practice, and political leadership in dentistry. Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM

3. **Thu Oct 9 – Desmond Gallagher D.D.S., M.A., Dean, Scott Edwards, M.Ed., M.B.A., Director of Admissions, A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health (ASDOH)**

Topics: Dr. Desmond Gallagher's career spans academic leadership, military dentistry, anesthesiology, and he now serves as the Dean of ASDOH. He will be joined by Director of Admissions, Mr. Scott Edwards. Together, they will talk about ASDOH and all its opportunities. Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM

4. **Thu Oct 16 – 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 Dental Clinic Project & Pre-Dental Society, UC San Diego, and GBM**

Topics: Join us as Dr. Kritz-Silverstein gives a presentation on interviewing skills. She has helped hundreds of students sharpen their interviewing skills and prepare themselves for interviews. These skills are useful for all those applying to dental, medical, and other professional schools! Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM

5. **Thu Oct 23 – Richard Sawaya, D.D.S., Periodontist, and GBM**

Topics: Join us Dr. Richard Sawaya, a practicing periodontist, presents "Periodontics Uncovered: An Introduction to Periodontal Surgery and the Role of the Periodontist". He will discuss periodontal disease, explore surgical techniques, and share interesting case studies! Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM

6. **Thu Oct 30 – Dennis Abbott, D.D.S., Assistant Dean of Integrated Biomedical & Clinical Sciences, Chair of Admissions Committee, College of Dental Medicine, Kansas City University, and GBM**

Topics: Join us as we hear from Dr. Abbott, who will present "Getting to Know Kansas City University College of Dental Medicine." He will discuss the admissions process and all the opportunities the school has to offer. After, we will go over upcoming events and updates. **Note: Speaker will start at 6:15 PM.**

Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM

7. **Thu Nov 6 – Nancy Starr, R.D.H., M.P.H., Health Planning and Programs Specialist, County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, and GBM**

Topics: For years Ms. Starr, a registered dental hygienist, trained PDS students to be dental health ambassadors and educate others about oral health and prevention. As part of "Dental Health Ambassador Training: Toothbrushing and Beyond" she will provide important information on oral health as part of total health, dental disease processes, oral hygiene, nutrition basics, oral health literacy, and equity.

Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Thu Nov 11 – Veteran's Day Holiday

8. **Thu Nov 13 – Sussi Yamaguchi, D.D.S., Clinical Director, Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project & Pre-Dental Society, UC San Diego, and GBM**

Topics: Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi will discuss the basics of dentistry in a lecture called "Dentistry 101 and Other Clinic Related Topics". She will provide an overview of dentistry and highlight the types of cases that students can learn to assist with in clinic sessions. She will also review the needlestick protocol, which is essential for all clinic volunteers to understand. Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM

9. **Thu Nov 20 – Robert Handysides, D.D.S., Dean, Loma Linda University, School of Dentistry**

Topics: Dr. Handysides is Dean of the Loma Linda University, School of Dentistry, as well as an endodontist. Join us as he presents "Loma Linda School of Dentistry Comes to You". He will be talking about Loma Linda's admissions, programs, and strategic changes planned for the next few years. Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates.

Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Thur-Fri Nov 27-28 – Thanksgiving Holiday

11. **Thu Dec 4 – PDS Holiday Potluck, and GBM**

Topics: More information TBD!

Where/When: In person gathering @ 6:00 PM

Sat-Sat Dec 6-13 – UCSD Finals Week

Sat Dec 13 – UCSD Fall Quarter 2025 Ends

Mon Jan 5 – UCSD Winter Quarter 2026 Instruction Begins

13. **Thu Jan 8 – 1st GBM of Winter Quarter**

Topics: Join us for our first general body meeting of the quarter where PDS members who attended an externship at the University of Detroit Mercy will talk about the Pre-Dental Society, and how you can become a volunteer for the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinics and see firsthand what dentistry is all about! We will also go over upcoming events and updates.

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14. **Thu Jan 15 – Speaker TBD, and GBM**

Topics: Join us for our general body meeting where we'll go over upcoming events and updates.

Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM

15. **Thu Jan 22 – Speaker TBD, and GBM**

Topics: Join us for our general body meeting where we'll go over upcoming events and updates.

Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM

16. **Sat Jan 31 – 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. 1st and will increase after. After the course, we will have a Department Head Interest Meeting for members seeking leadership positions!

Where/When: Zoom Meeting at 7:00 AM

General Body Meetings on Zoom every Thursday at 6:00 PM: Log on at uchealth.zoom.us/j/89579516652

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