

Special Speakers Schedule for Spring Quarter 2026 (Updated 05/07/2026)
Presented to you by the Pre-Dental Society and UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project

Mon Mar 30 – UCSD Spring Quarter 2026 Instruction Begins

1. **Thu Apr 2 – Melanie Parker, D.D.S., Orthodontist, Past President, San Diego County Dental Society, and GBM**
Topics: Dr. Melanie Parker is an orthodontist in private practice and PDS volunteer. She will be speaking on clinical orthodontics and her experience with dentistry on zoo animals. This is an exciting lecture, not to be missed! Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates
Where/When: Zoom Meeting at 6:00 PM
 2. **Thu Apr 9 – Erick Sato, D.D.S., Endodontist, Free Dental Clinics Volunteer, and GBM**
Topics: Dr. Erick Sato, an endodontist and former UCSD Pre-Dental Society member, is currently a volunteer in the Free Dental Clinics. He will discuss his journey through dental school, doing a GPR, and an endodontic residency. He will also discuss the science and techniques behind endodontics. Dr. Sato will be expanding upon his previous lectures making this of interest to all new and returning members!
Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM
 3. **Thu Apr 16 – Steven Chang, Ph.D., M.Sc, Director of Admissions, David Fischer, Ph.D., Director of Biomedical Sciences, Assistant Professor, University of Detroit Mercy, School of Dentistry, and GBM**
Topics: Join us as Dr. Steven Chang discusses UDM and their mission, the admissions process, and all the opportunities the school has to offer. Dr. David Fischer, an expert in immunology and virology, will also provide an update on emerging illnesses. **Note:** GBM will take place after special speakers.
Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM
 4. **Tue Apr 21 – 67th Annual Military Dental Symposium, and GBM**
Topics: A limited number of students who were accepted to dental school or are applying this year will be invited to attend this event, featuring an expert lecture, table clinics, and networking. More details TBD.
Where/When: Coronado Yacht Club
 5. **Thu Apr 23 – Greg Marchese, D.M.D., Lance Attiq, D.M.D., and GBM**
Topics: Join us Dr. Marchese and Dr. Attiq present “From Diagnostics to Dollars–How to Leverage Your Practice Management Systems to Work For You”. They will discuss the Curve software, why records are important, and front and back office communications. Those who currently volunteer or plan to in the future are required to attend. Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates.
Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM
 6. **Thu Apr 30 – UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project 30th Anniversary Celebration (no GBM)**
Topics: Join us as we celebrate 30 years of the Student-Run Free Clinic Project (in lieu of our regular Zoom GBM).
Where/When: TBD
 7. **Thu May 7 – Jason Brady, D.M.D., Dental Anesthesiologist, CDA Preparation, and GBM**
Topics: Dental Anesthesiology is one of the newest specialties in dentistry. Dr. Jason Brady is a former PDS member who is a dental anesthesiologist. He will be talking about this specialty, his career path and cases he has had, as well as demonstrating some of the technology he uses. After Dr. Brady’s presentation, we will go over some tips on how to present yourself at CDA Anaheim and go over any questions you may have for the convention! Note, CDA attendees are required to attend!
Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM
 8. **Thu May 14 – Burke Soffe, D.M.D., M.S.Ed., Founding Dean, Jennifer Daniels, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions, Lyon College School of Dental Medicine, and GBM**
Topics: Lyon’s School of Dental Medicine is the newest dental school in the country. Join us as Drs. Soffe and Daniels present “Three Years. Dedicated Support. Lifelong Success, Lyon College School of Dental Medicine”. Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates.
Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM
 9. **Thu May 14–Sat May 16 – CDA Presents the Art and Science of Dentistry Convention**
Topics: Join us in Anaheim for the California Dental Association Presents Annual Convention in-person! Discover the exhibit hall, network with CA dental schools and more! Contact events@ucsdps.org for more information.
Where/When: Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA
 10. **Thu May 21 – Pre-Dental Student Panel, and GBM**
Topics: A panel of PDS members recently admitted of dental school will discuss how you can be a successful applicant. Before, we will go over upcoming events and updates
Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- Mon May 25 – Memorial Day*
11. **Thu May 28 – Margarita Diaz, M.P.A., C.P.C., Assistant Director of Admissions, Touro College of Dental Medicine, and GBM**
Topics: Join us as we hear from Margarita Diaz from Touro. She will go over Touro’s program and philosophy, the admissions process, and all the opportunities it has to offer students. **Note:** GBM will take place after special speakers.
Where/When: Zoom Meeting @ 6:00 PM
 12. **Thu Jun 4 – PDS End of Year Celebration**
Topics: Join PDS members, faculty, and volunteer dentists as we celebrate the end of the year, recognize our members’ hard work, and enjoy great food and company! Contact eventsteam@ucsdps.org for more information.
Where/When: Patterson Office, San Diego, CA, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Sat-Fri Jun 6-12 – UCSD Final Exams

Fri Jun 12 – UCSD Spring Quarter 2026 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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