

# school of dental medicine

Commencement Celebration at Freiburger Field  
Friday, May 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

## Presiding

Kenneth B. Chance Sr., DDS (DEN '79)  
Dean, School of Dental Medicine

Dale A. Baur, DDS (DEN '80)  
Vice Dean

## Marshals

Kristin A. Williams, DDS, MPH  
(DEN '89, MPH '05)

Manish Valiathan, DDS, MSD, MDS  
(DEN '02, MSD '99)

## Address

Pamela Alston, DDS  
President, National Dental  
Association

## Welcome into the Alumni Association

Scott Alperin, DDS (DEN '74)  
President, School of Dental Medicine  
Alumni Association

## Parting Comments

Nivien Masoud  
Senior Class President

Jin Yeop Kim  
Student Council President

## Welcome into the Profession

Kari Cunningham, DMD, (DEN '10,  
DEN '12)  
President, Greater Cleveland Dental  
Association

## Presentation of Convocation Certificates

Kenneth B. Chance Sr., DDS (DEN '79)  
Dean, School of Dental Medicine

## Professional Oath

I pledge myself to the service of humanity, my patients, my community and my profession. I will use my skills to serve all in need, with openness of spirit and without bias. The health and well-being of my patients will be my first consideration. I will hold in confidence all that my patients entrust to me. I will not subordinate the dignity of any person to monetary, scientific or political ends.

I recognize that I have responsibilities to my community to promote its welfare and to speak out against injustice. The high regard of my profession is born of society's trust in its practitioners; I will strive to merit that trust.

I will promote the integrity of my profession with honest and respectful relations with other health professionals. I am indebted to those who have taught me its art and science, and I recognize my responsibility, in turn, to contribute to the education of those who come after me.

I will strive to advance my profession by seeking new knowledge and by reexamining the ideas and practices of the past.

I assume these responsibilities knowing that their fulfillment relies upon my own good health. I ask that my colleagues be attentive to my well-being, as I will be to theirs. I will seek to improve my practice by maintaining my skills and addressing my mistakes.

I take this oath freely and upon my honor.

Based on the Hippocratic Oath, the Prayer of Maimonides and the 1947 Declaration of Geneva.