

Bonds & Bridges




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UT Dental School Alumni and Students Celebrate Good Works and Good Friends




UTSD Alumni
Reception@SmileCon

Life Bites Luncheon
@SmileCon



Class of '72



Lunch and Learn



Founders Dinner



Vendors Fair

INSIDE: Highlights from 2022's Dinner with Friends

Dinner With Friends 2022...

The UTSD Alumni Association Honors Excellence and Service of University of Texas Dental School Graduates

At our annual spotlight event, Dr. Victor Rodriguez (Clear Lake) was named UTSD's 2022 Distinguished Alumnus.

Taking place on the evening of Friday, November 11, at Houston's prestigious Petroleum Club, the 2022 Dinner with Friends event sparkled and showcased the extraordinary efforts of eight outstanding UTSD alumni. Nominees Dr. Scott Coleman (Houston), Dr. Ingrid Duebbert (Pearland), Dr. Robert "Bob" Frazer (Austin), Dr. Iraj Jabbary (Cleveland), Dr. Penn Jackson (San Antonio), Dr. Victor Rodriguez (Clear Lake), Dr. Gary Wesson (Richmond), and Dr. Zeb Poindexter (Houston) were honored.

Dr. David Fray, UTSD AA President, praised alumni for their commendable volunteer initiatives and stressed the importance of assuming mentorship roles for students and new graduates. Heartfelt thanks were extended to Association founders and legacy members.

Dr. Ron Collins, UTSD AA President Elect, presented the invocation prior to dinner. Dr. Anna Munne served as the Master of Ceremonies, and Dr. Jennine Huet, Class of 1993 and the 2021 Distinguished Alumnus, enthusiastically presented the award to her successor.

A silent auction and photo booth for attendees to mark and remember the occasion were featured.

Please be sure to join us in November 2023 as we continue this time-honored tradition!





**Your 2022 Distinguished Alumni of the Year...
Dr. Victor Rodriguez of Clear Lake.**

In Memoriam

1954
Guadalupe Montemayor

1963
Glenn A. Blake
Thomas "Tommy" H. Holmes

1965
Gloria Dawn Sanders

1970
Ronald "Kent" Stobaugh

1972
Jeffrey C. Nieland

1982
Sharon Sue Peterson

1986 (Post Graduate)
Douglas Dean Carver



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2023 Events

January 28, 2023
Class of 2025
UTSD Alumni Association
White Coat Ceremony

February 2023
CE Course
Date and Place TBA

March 2023
Senior Social
Date and Place TBA

Friday, May 5, 2023
UTSD Alumni Reception

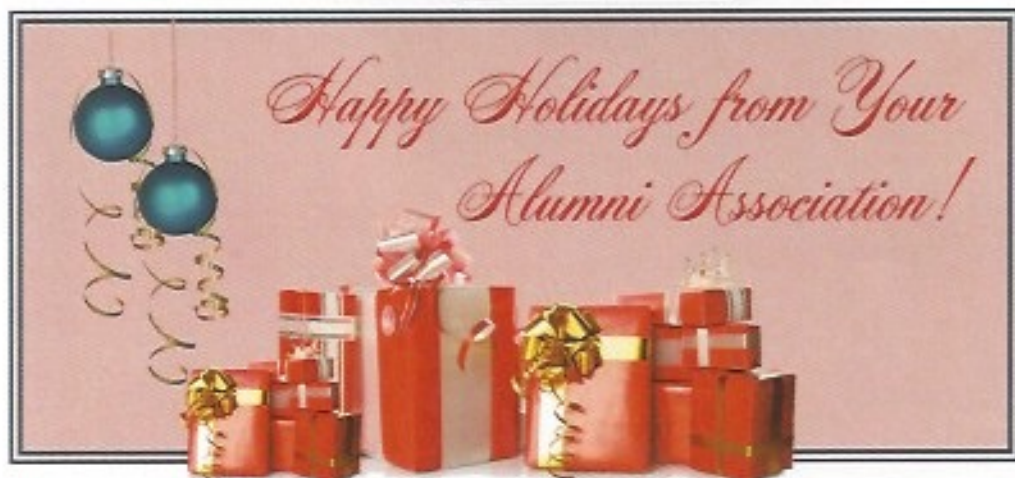
Friday May 2023 10:00 am
Graduation NRG

August 2023 Arena
CE Course
Date and Place TBA

September 22-23, 2023
Lone Star Dental Conference
Texas Dentist of the Year/Texas New Dentist of the Year
Georgetown, Texas

October 5-7, 2023
SmileCon
Orlando, Florida

November 2023
"Dinner with Friends"
Distinguished Alumnus Award



Contact your Alumni Association for Class Reunions in 2023.

Chew on These Fun Facts!



Flossing Is Nothing New

Ancient remains have been found with grooves worn between the teeth, indicating the regular use of floss and toothpicks. It's widely accepted that horse hair was used as floss and also as bristles in the earliest toothbrushes.



Need A Haircut with Your Tooth Extraction?

It was quite common for barbers in the Middle Ages to perform dental treatments. From tooth extraction to dental surgery, barbers would cut their clients' hair and work on their teeth.



DIY Dentistry Is Not a Good Idea

Frightened of going to the dentist, a British woman used a DIY approach and reached for the super glue when she lost a couple of crowns over a period of 10 years. The product's toxicity contributed to severe bone loss. Ultimately, she was fitted with implants as most of her teeth had to be extracted.



The Unique Teeth of the Dragonfish

Residing in the darkest, deepest waters of the north Atlantic Ocean, the Dragonfish feeds mostly on crustaceans and small fish. It relies on its powerful jaws and fang-like teeth—some of which actually grow on its tongue—to catch its prey.

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