

PIERRE FAUCHARD ACADEMY: CANADIAN MID-TERM REPORT, 2024

The Canadian Section has been working hard to attract and retain Fellows.

Canada will be hosting two Awards and Installation events. An English ceremony will occur on Friday March 8th, in Vancouver, British Columbia, in conjunction with the Canadian Dental Association's Annual Convention. A French ceremony will occur in Montreal, Quebec, in association with the Journées Dentaires Internationales Quebec (JDIQ) Convention. Currently we have 12 additional Canadian Fellows being inducted in New Orleans.





FRIDAY MARCH 8th, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Drs. Trista Felty and Kristy Chu, the Co-Chairs of the British Columbia Section, have organized a world class event, at the Pan Pacific Hotel. New Inductees and Award Recipients will be piped in to the grand ballroom, where Fellows will enjoy a full service lunch, wine and a panoramic views of Stanley Park and the beautiful port. Sixteen new Fellows will be inducted. The Distinguished Dentist Citation will be presented to Dr. David Lim. Ms. Alison Hall and Ms. Lane Shupe will be presented Honourary Fellowship, recognizing their amazing contributions to dentistry through the Thompson Okanagan Dental Society. The Ontario Dental Association's CEO, Mr. Frank Bevilacqua; British Columbia Dental Association Executive Director, Ms. Jocelyn Johnston; Manitoba Dental Association Executive Director, Mr. Rafi Mohammed; Alberta Dental Association Executive Director Ms. Sandi Kossey and Nova Scotia Dental Association Executive Director, Mr. Steve Jennex, will receive Awards of Merit for their collaborative work, submitting technical papers to the Federal Government, assisting in the creation of a National Dental Plan.



Pan Pacific Hotel
Vancouver, British Columbia

The Pierre Fauchard Academy

**PFA Installation & Awards Luncheon
Friday March 8, 2024
Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia**

Introduction

Dr. Lisa Bentley, Canadian PFA Trustee

Invocation

Dr. Lesli Hapak, ON Chair

Lunch Service

Pierre Fauchard Academy
**Distinguished Dentist Citation Award to
Dr. David Lim**

Presented by Dr. Lisa Bentley and Dr. Kristy Chu, BC Chair

Pierre Fauchard Academy
**Honorary Fellowship Award to
Ms. Alison Hall & Ms. Lane Shupe
Presented by Dr. Kristy Chu**

Pierre Fauchard Academy
Award of Merit

**Jocelyn Johnson, Frank Bevilacqua, Rafi Mohammed, Sandi Kossey, & Steve Jennex
Presented by Dr. Heather Carr, CDA President and Dr. Lesli Hapak**

Installation of the 2024 Canadian PFA Fellows

**PFA Student Scholarships
Presented by Dr. Nancy Auyeung, Western Province Chair**

**Save a Smile Donation, received by Dr. Angelique Leung
Presented by Dr. Kristy Chu**

Thank you for supporting our partner charity, Save a Smile!



SUNDAY MAY 26th, Montreal, Quebec

Quebec Chair, Dr. Sam Sgro, will be hosting a lovely afternoon soiree, on the rooftop terrace of the Hotel Place d'Armes

Located in the heart of Old Montreal, the Hotel Place d'Armes is opposite the breathtaking Notre-Dame Basilica and is housed in four stunning 19th-century neoclassical buildings.

The French ceremony will induct new Fellows and present awards.



MEDIA MENTIONS: PFA CANADA



Top row: (L. to r.) Mohammed Alabdoulsalam, Dalhousie University; Sofia Papadakos, Laval University; Rachel Brunswick, Western University; Shubleen Sidhu, University of Manitoba; Juan Buitrago, University of Saskatchewan; Michelle Cwintal, McGill University
Bottom row: (L. to r.) Dr. Benoit Soucy, CDA Chief Knowledge Officer; Dr. Lisa Bentley, Canadian Trustee, Pierre Fauchard Academy; Alison Looper, University of Montreal, Rose (Ru Jing) Zhou, University of British Columbia; Sharmin Kadkhodayan, University of Alberta; Rima Azaizeh, CDA Advocacy and Governance Associate.

Canadian Dental Students Showcased at CDA/Dentsply Sirona Student Clinician Research Program

CDA and Dentsply Sirona organize an annual national student clinician research program, inviting student representatives from all Canadian dental schools to present results of their research.

For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, the CDA/Dentsply Sirona Student Clinician Research Program event was held as an in-person event, taking place June 17 during the Alberta Wellness Submit in Calgary, Alberta.

This national student research competition, which has been running since 1971, invites undergraduate dental students, selected by their respective faculty deans, to present and discuss their research with a panel of qualified judges and other conference attendees.

The first place winner of this year's event was Sofia Papadakos of Laval University and Mohammed Alabdoulsalam of Dalhousie University was runner-up.

The panel of judges for the competition were Dr. Benoit Soucy, CDA Chief Knowledge Officer, Dr. Mitch Taillon, CDA Past-President, and Col Jean-Pierre Picard, Deputy Director General Health Services—Clinical Services and Chief Dental Office/Director Dental Services, Canadian Forces Health Services.

"Judging the CDA/Dentsply Sirona program participants' presentations is always a pleasure, because the research is always of the highest quality," says Dr. Soucy. "This year was exceptional because all of the student researchers could have been eligible to win. The topics were relevant, the content was solid and the presentations were all high quality. The difference between the candidates was small but real, and both Sofia and Mohammed fully deserved their rankings," he says.

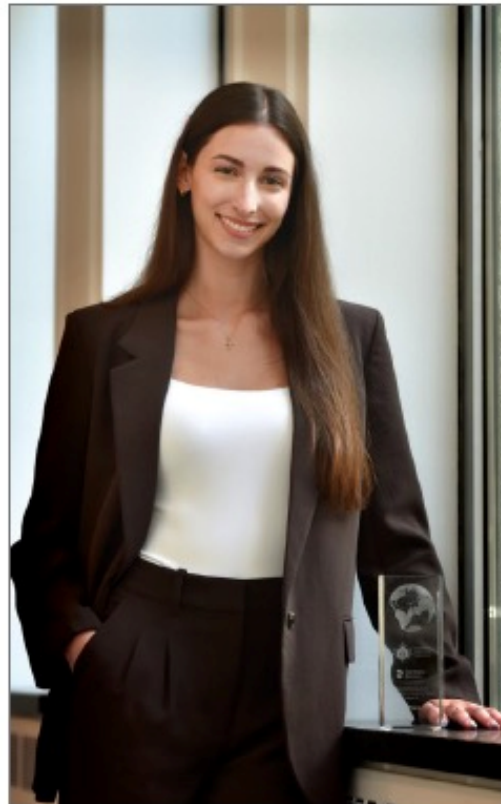
1st prize: Sofia Papadakos, Laval University

Sofia Papadakos (DDS 2024) earned the top prize for her research on Rapamycin, a new drug for the treatment of oral cancer. Papadakos is a third-year dental student at Laval University and since her first year has been conducting research on alternative treatments for oral cancer under the supervision of Dr. Abdelhabib Semlali.

"I would like to thank Dr. Semlali, who has always supported me and has attended every conference where I've presented our research," she says. "Sharing our results and the new advancements from these projects is truly gratifying. I would also like to thank my faculty for nominating me to represent Laval University," says Papadakos.



(L. to r.): Dr. Soucy; Sofia Papadakos; Dr. Pretti Kartic, Senior Manager, Professional Affairs and Clinical Education, Dentsply Sirona Canada; Dr. Mitch Taillon, CDA Past-President.



"I was privileged to attend the event and learn about the interesting projects my fellow nominees have been working on," says Papadakos. "There is incredible research being done across Canada, allowing us to progress in our field and provide the best care for our patients," she says.

Papadakos is in the midst of a 3-month internship in France and came back to Calgary specially to attend the event. "It was all very well planned, with social events that gave us the chance to network with dentists as well as having some time to attend the interesting talks and presentations that were on offer at the Alberta Wellness Summit," she says.

"When my name was announced as the winner, I felt so honoured and proud for myself, for Dr. Semlali and for Laval University."

2nd prize: Mohammed Alabdoulsalam, Dalhousie University

Mohammed Alabdoulsalam (DDS 2024) received second prize for his research on the outcomes of condylar fractures using transparotid or submandibular approaches. Alabdoulsalam completed his undergraduate degree in chemistry and went on to dental school at Dalhousie where he was drawn to the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery field. He hopes to pursue a career in that discipline.

"The event was a great experience," says Alabdoulsalam. "The group of students were really nice, and it felt like we knew each other well before the conference. It was a great to be included as part of a larger dental conference," he says.

"Receiving an award was an honour, as there was a very strong group of fellow presenters at the event. I'd like to thank my supervisor, Dr. James Brady for his support, guidance, and advice along the way," says Alabdoulsalam. "I'd also like to thank Dr. Leigha Rock and Dr. Violet D'Souza for their assistance throughout the research study. Finally, I would like to thank the Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (CAOMS) as this study would not be possible without its funding and support."



Dr. Lisa Bentley, Canadian Trustee, Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA), presenting Mohammed Alabdoulsalam with his \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the PFA.

The winning student researchers were announced during an award ceremony sponsored and hosted by Dentsply Sirona, who generously provide the 1st and 2nd place prize winnings of \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively.

Since its inception, CDA and Dentsply Sirona have worked together to help motivate and recognize bright young minds to investigate new approaches to a wide array of oral health concerns. The program's aim is to "stimulate ideas, to improve communication and most of all, to increase student involvement in the advancement of the dental profession."


During the Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA) luncheon, Dr. Lisa Bentley, Canadian Trustee, PFA, presented a \$1,000 scholarship to each participating student of the research program. The Pierre Fauchard Academy, through its Oral Health Foundation, have been generously supporting the student research program for many years and are an instrumental part of the success of this event!

Our ODA

PFA Canadian Awards

Pierre Fauchard Academy Canadian Awards

On June 16, 2023, five new Fellows from Ontario were installed into the Pierre Fauchard Academy, an honorary dental service organization whose mission is to recognize and develop outstanding leadership in our profession, internationally.

In addition, PFA awarded 10 \$1,000 scholarships to the students who participated in the CDA/Dentsply Clinical Research competition. PFA Canada also made a \$10,000 donation to the Alberta Dental Foundation, a wonderful initiative that improves access to dental care. 



Back row, from left to right: Fellow Dr. Maneesh Jain, Fellow Dr. David Brown, Honorary Fellow Frank Bevilacqua, Fellow Dr. Jonathan Mayer, Ontario Co-Chair Dr. Brock Nicolucci, new Fellow Dr. Jean-Pierre Picard, new Fellow Dr. Shammick Kotecha, Fellow Dr. Vic Lantis and Fellow Dr. Paul Romanson.
Front row: Honorary Fellow Dr. Aaron Burry, new Fellow Dr. Anca Bordeianu, Fellow Dr. Karen Lederer, Ontario Co-Chair Dr. Lesli Hapak, Canadian Trustee Dr. Lisa Bentley, Fellow Dr. Donna Brode, new Fellow Dr. Nada Tabbara and new Fellow Dr. Christy Nicolucci.



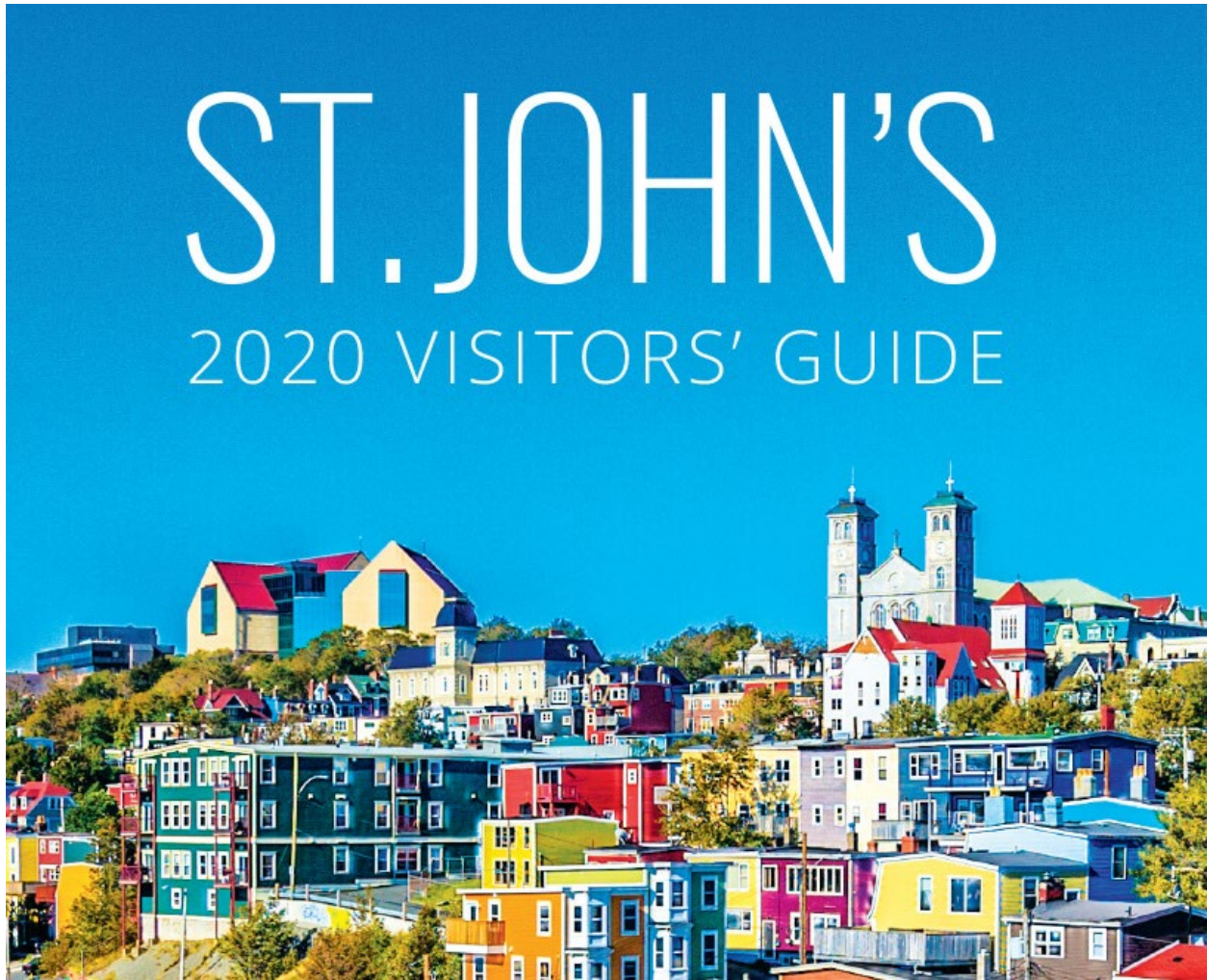
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SAVE THE DATE



PFA Canada will be hosting our 2025 Installation and Awards Luncheon in St. John's Newfoundland in August, in conjunction with the Canadian Dental Association's Annual Convention. St. John's is the oldest and most easterly city in North America and the capital of Newfoundland and Labrador. 500 years young, St John's is a rare destination full of character and charisma, with a contemporary and sophisticated edge. Looking forward to joining our hostess, Atlantic Provinces Trustee Dr. Linda Blakey for incredible time

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