

Concorde Career Colleges Named 2023 School of the Year by California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools

Longstanding Partner Pacific Dental Services Receives Employer of the Year Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan., Oct. 17, 2023 /PRNewswire/ -- [Concorde Career Colleges](#) was awarded the [California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools](#) (CAPPS) highest award at the association's annual conference on Oct. 4, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine in San Diego, Calif. The college was named School of the Year, and its longtime corporate partner and Concorde scholarship sponsor [Pacific Dental Services](#) (PDS) received the Employer of the Year award.

Concorde is the healthcare division of [Universal Technical Institute, Inc.](#) (UTI). Concorde's California campuses in [Garden Grove](#), [North Hollywood](#), [San Bernardino](#), and [San Diego](#) offer career-focused hands-on healthcare programs in dental hygiene, medical assisting, nursing, physical therapist assisting, respiratory therapy, and more. Concorde has helped train students for over 60 years. Concorde is proud to work with some of the region's innovative healthcare providers like Pacific Dental Services to provide students with the training and hands-on skills needed to help prepare them for careers in healthcare.

"The CAPPS School of the Year award celebrates Concorde's excellence in student outcomes, and the hard work and dedication by our faculty and staff in support of our students," commented Kevin Prehn, Concorde chief operating officer. "I am incredibly proud of the impact that Concorde has made in helping prepare California students for careers across the wide range of healthcare disciplines. The CAPPS award further emphasizes our commitment to the students, employers, and communities we serve in preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals. I also am excited to see our longtime employer partner, PDS, named Employer of the Year. Through our partnership with PDS and other healthcare providers, we will continue to change lives and address the nation's healthcare skills gap."

The Concorde partnership with Pacific Dental Services, dating to 2008, helps prepare students to achieve careers as dental professionals and to deliver clinical excellence to the communities they serve. [The Pacific Dental Services Foundation](#) proudly offers the [Dr. Carolyn Ghazal Dental Assistant Scholarship](#), aimed at molding passionate, servant-hearted dental assistant leaders. The scholarship provides need-based financial aid, mentorship, and on-the-job training.

"Concorde and Pacific Dental Services share an unwavering passion for teaching and training the dental professionals of tomorrow," added Rose Olague, PDS director of dental assistant programs and school relations. "The college's faculty, staff, and leadership continually exhibit the high level of integrity and creativity needed to work in partnership to help drive successful student outcomes and employment upon graduation. We are honored to be awarded CAPPS 2023 Employer of the Year."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has projected demand nationally for [dental assistants](#) and [dental hygienists](#), estimating the 10-year job growth outlook for both at 7 percent, faster than the average for all occupations.¹

About Concorde Career College

Concorde Career College, the healthcare division of Universal Technical Institute, operates 17 healthcare focused campuses across eight states under the brands Concorde Career College and Concorde Career Institute, prepares America's next generation of health care and dental professionals for rewarding careers. The Concorde blended education model combines online coursework with in-person lab classes and clinical settings. Concorde's 25 student-focused academic programs and personalized support prepares graduates for in-demand careers in nursing, dental, respiratory, diagnostic, and other healthcare roles. Concorde schools are accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and the Council on Occupational Education (COE). For more information, visit www.concorde.edu.

About Universal Technical Institute, Inc.

Universal Technical Institute was founded in 1965 and is a leading workforce solutions provider of transportation, skilled trades and healthcare education programs, whose mission is to serve students, partners, and communities by providing quality education and support services for in-demand careers across a number of highly skilled fields. The Company is comprised of two divisions: UTI and Concorde Career Colleges. UTI operates 16 campuses located in 9 states and offers a wide range of transportation and skilled trades technical training programs under brands such as UTI, MIAT College of Technology, Motorcycle Mechanics Institute, Marine Mechanics Institute, and NASCAR Technical Institute. Concorde Career Colleges operates across 17 campuses in 8 states, offering programs in the Allied Health, Dental, Nursing, Patient Care, and Diagnostic fields. For more information, visit www.uti.edu or www.concorde.edu, or visit us on LinkedIn at @Universal Technical Institute and @Concorde Career Colleges or on Twitter @news_UTI or @ConcordeCareer.

About Pacific Dental Services

Pacific Dental Services® (PDS) is one of the country's leading dental and medical support organizations, empowering clinicians with supported autonomy to deliver comprehensive patient care. PDS provides administrative and business operations support, highly skilled staff, and ongoing training and education to help healthcare providers succeed. PDS incorporates the most advanced, proven technologies with best practices and procedures to ensure high-quality care and is a leading advocate for the integration of dental and medical care to improve whole-person health. Since its foundation in 1994, PDS has grown to support over 4,500 clinicians (dentists, dental hygienists, physicians, and nurse practitioners) in nearly 1,000 practices across 24 states and continues to expand. To learn more, visit pacificdentalservices.com.

¹ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the number of Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants to grow 7% between 2022 and 2023. See <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-hygienists.htm> and <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dental-assistants.htm>, viewed Oct. 11, 2023. Concorde is an educational institution and cannot guarantee employment or salary.

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