

DEAN'S MESSAGE



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to the first 2003 edition of the *Forum*. I am honored to write to you as dean of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery.

My transition to the University of Maryland from Michigan went very smoothly, thanks to the support of Dick Ranney and numerous staff, faculty, and alumni. On January 2, I walked through the doors of Hayden-Harris Hall and immediately sensed an atmosphere of excitement and commitment.

Since that day I have traveled to dental society meetings and study clubs around the state to listen to the perspectives of alumni on dentistry and the educational programs at the Dental School; met with faculty and staff to hear their ideas and concerns; and listened to students (who never hold back what they are thinking!). My plan is to take all of this information and use it to mold a vision for the School as it relates to our Strategic Plan, which was in place before my arrival thanks to the hard work of Senior Associate Dean, Warren Morganstein '69, and many others.

The merger of the two alumni associations last year gives us all hope that the future is bright for the growth of the relationship between the School and its graduates, and we are already seeing the results of that effort. The Annual Fund phonathon made great strides this year thanks to the generosity of our graduates and to the efforts of our annual fund staff, as well as alumni, students, and faculty who volunteered many hours making phone calls.

The future of dental education at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery will rely on the continued support of alumni, the creativity of faculty, the innovation of our research programs, and the excellence of all students who leave these walls as the best oral health professionals they can be. The partnership between the School, its faculty, alumni, staff, and students is key to meeting the future needs of dental education in Maryland.

Regards,

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