



UNIVERSITY *of* MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

White Coat Ceremony Words of Wisdom

*Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene Class of 2022
Doctor of Dental Surgery Class of 2023*

Alumni, Friends, and Family shared their stories, offered advice, or extended their well wishes to the BSDH Class of 2022 and DDS Class of 2023

Reflecting on my time at BCDS and what my life has been since leaving Baltimore. Hoping for the best for this generation.
Jorge R. Angulo, DDS, 1999

Congratulations and welcome to the Dental Profession!
Michael J. Apicella, DDS, 1984

Congratulations! May your next 2 years of school be a great experience. Dentistry is a wonderful profession.
Raoul C. Vanden Bosche, DDS, 1966

Congratulations on reaching this point in your education! As you begin this first year at the University of Maryland Dental Hygiene program I wish you health, happiness, and strength during this challenging journey to becoming an oral health professional at a time when we are needed very badly. Please try to remember that your hard work will pay off and will likely transform you in ways you never imagined. If we remember we provide oral health services to the whole person and not just the teeth and gums and if we treat patients as we would want to be treated, we can't go wrong. I look forward to working with you.
Lisa E. Bress, RDH, 1983

Congratulations on starting (in my opinion) the best chapter of your life! You've chosen a wonderful profession! I just want to let you know to take dental school one step at a time and really enjoy it. You will make some of the best and closest friends that you have in the next few years since the dental DDS community is very close-knit. Enjoy each moment and enjoy the journey. There is no profession better than dentistry and I wish you the very best in the coming years! I'm excited for you and congrats again!
Kevin Chai, DDS, 2015

Enjoy the time you have in dental school. It will make you a better person and clinician but you'll make great friends and memories. Take time to enjoy the small moments as well as the big moments. Be there for each other and push each other forward.
Teebok Daesung Choe, DDS, 2018

"Heart is what separates the good from the great." Put your heart in all you do and it will show through what you achieve!!
James L. Cope, DDS, 1992

Time goes by fast. If you are faithful to your studies, your patients, your family, and the UMSOD, you will have a fulfilling life!
Joseph Davidson, DDS, 1970

Wishing you all the best in your dental education! What an exciting time!
Donald C. Demas, DDS, 1994

Keep your heads up!
Anand Francis, DDS, 2013

Best wishes for a successful future in dentistry. Your degree will bring you an inner smile as you create joy and confidence for your future patients.
Leslie D. Frank, Ph.D., 1979

Welcome to the best profession in the world. Good luck.
Edward R. Gillis, DDS, 1967

Congratulations on completing your first two years of dental school and beginning your clinical journey in dentistry. It is a privilege that patients allow us to treat them and I never take that for granted. Enjoy these next two years and remember it's just the beginning of lifelong learning. Congrats!!
Edward L. Ginsberg, DDS, 1982

To my daughter, Caitlin Moore, and her 2023 classmates, I am so proud of you and your passion to serve humanity. Your determination to succeed during these trying times is impressive. You will survive this. Good luck!
Elizabeth C. Greig-Moore, DDS, 1992

No matter how hard it gets in school or clinic, don't forget to smile! This is the beginning of a wonderful career.
Edna E. Hirsch, DDS, 1982

Congratulations! A well-deserved white coat, you're halfway there. As hard as some days may be, keep pushing. It will pay off in the long run :)
Christine D. Hoang, DDS, 2015

Congratulations and best wishes for a very bright future.
Ralph W. Jacobson, DDS, 1963

Congratulations!! Welcome to a truly rewarding career. I have been so lucky to choose a profession that is rewarding and exciting every day.
Justin W. Kleinman, DMD, 2002

Wishing all of you the best in this wonderful career you have decided to pursue.
Nadim E. Kodsi, DDS, 2002

Felicitations on reaching this milestone. This white coat represents professionalism and your willingness to help others. Use it wisely and with compassion. This is one of the first steps of many in your career in dentistry. Best wishes and congratulations.

Shari C. Kohn, DDS, 1990

Congratulations on this milestone in your career.

Shari C. Kohn, DDS, 1990

Congratulations! Make us proud!

Christine Lathuras, DDS

We wish you the best in the next phase of your dental journey!

Erin M. Lessans, DDS

Best wishes for success in a great profession. Always remember to be kind. This honors George Garbis, DDS 02 for his kindness to me as a patient.

Julia A. Llewellyn, DDS, 1972

I'll never forget my experience at UMSOD. From the minute I stepped through the door on interview day I knew I was in the right place! Best of luck!

Daniela R. Loebel, DDS, 2016

Donning a white coat daily brings me so much pride and gratitude for my time spent at UMSOD- the first dental school! Soak up this moment; you'll never forget it! This is the first step of the rest of your career- enjoy every second, and congratulation!

Daniela R. Loebel, DDS, 2016

BCDS prepared me well for my career.

Joseph H. Lohner, DDS, 1985

Congratulations on your entry into a wonderful, at times challenging and always rewarding profession.

Nicholas Manos, DDS, 1983

As former faculty 2002-2018 and Director of Dental Hygiene 2011-2018, I wish you the best. Having a dental hygiene program within a dental school is the best of the best; you are able to learn in a wonderful environment, have the latest cutting-edge science and research at your disposal within the dental school and the UMB campus. Take advantage of all that UMB and UMSOD have to offer. It is a wonderful place to become a dental hygienist. The dental students and hygiene students are fortunate to be in the 1st dental school in the world. UMSOD proud and UMSOD educated. Higher level, broader perspective. I am a proud alum and proud director. Best wishes on your amazing journey.

Marion C. Manski, RDH, 1988

Congratulations and best of luck!
Steven Markow, DDS, 1986

It's a great life that awaits you!
Clayton S. McCarl, Jr., DDS, 1984

Congratulations! You have been blessed with a great opportunity to make a difference in
countless lives!
Eugene McNinch, DDS, 1999

Congratulations on this achievement. We are very proud of you and your class!
Patricia E. Meehan, DDS, 1993

Best of luck to each and every one of you. You have entered a great profession!!
Charles R. Neach, DDS, 1970

As president of the Alumni Board best of luck in your clinical education and future careers
in the dental and hygiene profession.
Marc G. Nuger, DDS, 1979

Welcome to the clinical portion of your dental education. You should be proud of your
accomplishments. As you begin your clinical education, you have just embarked on a
lifetime of learning and a rewarding career. Hopefully, as your future in the dental field
develops you will have a chance to give back to your profession and your community. The
alumni board is here to assist with any advice or questions we can help you with while in
school or even after you graduate. Best of luck and welcome to all my new colleagues.
Marc G. Nuger, DDS, 1979

Good Luck as you begin your educational journey! Remember that the challenges you face
as a student will ultimately help you in your career.
Rosario T. Palabrica, DDS, 1999

Congratulations on entering the best profession in the world!
Timothy P. Passarello, DDS, 1985

Congratulations, always persevere in your endeavors!
Nutan K. Patel, DDS, 1986

DENTAL STUDENTS What a wonderful profession you have chosen it is truly rewarding
to see patients' eyes light up when you have created a wonderful smile. Keep working hard
to be the best you can be. I salute you and wish you a joyous life in dentistry. Fondly,
Albert L. Pizzi, DDS, 1962

I hope your career in dentistry brings you as much joy and fulfillment and it has for me!!
Congratulations!!
Dr. Judith A. Porter

1987 graduate still enjoying my practice 34 years later. Good luck.
Jeffery K. Rhodes, DDS, 1987

Enjoy the best 4 years of your life! There will be ups and downs but remember that the best
is yet to come in your career!
Joanne Block Rief, DDS, 1986

Congratulations from the class of 1990 to the class of 2022. Advice: Keep your life balanced;
be grateful! Never forget your ergonomics and stay physically fit!
Jennifer Rogers, RDH, 1990

Wishing you all the best as you embark on a very exciting time in your career!
Barbara J. Steinberg, DDS, 1974

Best Wishes as you enter into this new and exciting phase of your dental education!
Nancy C. Tilkin, DDS, 1985

Congratulations & best of luck to all of you as you embark on this very rewarding journey!
Drs. Tuan A. and Linh T. Tran, 1993

When I look back at the years I spent at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery (the name
of UMSOD when I was there), they were some of the best years of my life. At times, this
may seem difficult for each of you to believe but you will make some of the strongest bonds
and best friendships that will last a lifetime!
Bradley A. Trattner, DDS, 1988

We are excited that you are starting this journey. Know that you will learn a lot but there is
also a lot you will not learn in dental school. Ask questions, read a lot, keep an open mind
and enjoy yourself. Treat your patients and employees like family. Provide care not
treatment. It's not what you do but how you do it. And never stop learning. There is always
more you won't know. Surround yourself with people who are more talented than you and
always give back. Good luck on your journey.
Arpana K. Singh-Verma, DDS, 1993

You have chosen a great profession. You will be challenged. The rewards exceed these
challenges. Your skills will allow you to change lives.
Drs. Arpana K. and Devender Verma, 1993

As you participate in this white coat ceremony, I know how excited you much be. Having presented white coats to MANY dental students at the University of Illinois, I've seen it IN PERSON. Dental school will be challenging, but you deserve to be here! Make the most of every day because at graduation your faculty, administration, and fellow University of Maryland alumni will want you to go out into the community and MAKE US PROUD! Congratulations and only the best as you advance through your education!

Robin J. Waner, RDH, 1984

Congratulations and bravo on choosing the best learning establishment to get your dental education! I wish you all the best and remember to keep your Hippocratic oath close to your heart!

Reya C. Weeks, DDS, 2007

Do all that you can to make your work comfortable and enjoyable. A dentist who whistles while (s)he works creates an atmosphere that is inviting and pleasant for patients. Sit in a comfortable position. Ensure you have good lighting (loupes if needed). Connect with your patients. You must take care of the goose who lays the golden eggs. You and your patients will thank you. Best wishes for a satisfying career.

Hillel Y. Well, DDS, 2010

Congratulations!!!

Ms. Janet Wiley

Dentistry is an amazing profession. It is artistic and creative. We develop lasting relationships with our patients.

Robert R. Windsor, DDS, 1979

Dentistry is a truly rewarding profession that is worth every ounce of effort you give it.

Congratulations and enjoy the journey!

Dentonio E. Worrell, DDS, 2004

The Dental School was so good to me, and I loved being a dentist. I want to give back a little of what BCDS/U of Md. gave to me.

David A. Young, DDS, 1962

Best of luck in school and your amazing careers!

Deborah Miller Young, DDS, 2004