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White Coat Ceremony

*Bachelor of Science - Dental Hygiene
Doctor of Dental Surgery*

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Guest Speaker

Andrew Swiatowicz, DDS '10, FAGD

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Professional Oath

Upon being admitted to the profession of dentistry/dental hygiene, I pledge myself to the service of humanity: my patients, my community, and my profession. The health and well-being of my patients will be my first consideration; I will uphold the highest standards of care for my patients and hold in confidence all they entrust to me. I will promote the welfare of my community by speaking out against injustice and providing unbiased service to those in need. I will strive to merit the trust that society has placed in my profession, faithfully observe its principles of ethics and integrity, maintain the highest standards of personal and professional behavior, and encourage my colleagues to do the same. I am indebted to my teachers, and I pledge to improve my skills through a commitment to continuous learning. I promise to maintain my own well-being and assist my colleagues to do the same. I take this oath freely and upon my honor.

About UMSOD

Established as the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1840, the University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD) is the world's first dental college. Founded by Horace H. Hayden and Chapin A. Harris, the school was influential in establishing dentistry as a respected profession.

One of six professional schools and an interdisciplinary Graduate School on the University of Maryland, Baltimore's 71-acre campus, UMSOD is part of a thriving academic health center that combines groundbreaking biomedical research and exceptional patient care. The School of Dentistry is Maryland's predominant provider of comprehensive and emergency oral health services.

As awareness of the inextricable link between oral health and overall wellness increases, the School of Dentistry is uniquely positioned to improve, shape, and advance our profession and the health care landscape through comprehensive education, research, and service programs.

Through its top-tier educators, practitioners, clinicians, researchers, UMSOD offers exceptional educational programs. Each year, its graduates join a wide network of professionals of more than 8,000 living graduates working in oral health professions.

Guest Speaker



Andrew Swiatowicz, DDS, FAGD

Dr. Swiatowicz operates two distinct practices in Wilmington, Del. The first is dedicated to treating sleep breathing disorders in children and adults; the second is a general restorative practice dedicated to patients who have intellectual disabilities or are medically compromised.

By working closely with the state to form a comprehensive oral health program, Dr. Swiatowicz was instrumental in the development of Delaware's new adult dental Medicaid initiative. With the creation of this program, more than 100,000 previously underserved residents now have access to dental care.

A believer in lifelong education, Dr. Swiatowicz earned a fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry in 2015. He also is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine and a member of the American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, and American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

Dr. Swiatowicz lives with his husband, Brandon Ambrosino, in Newark, Del.

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