



Investing in the Oral Health of the Commonwealth:

VCU School of Dentistry

VCU School of Dentistry At a Glance

- Only dental school & one of two B.S. in Dental Hygiene programs in Virginia
- Virginia's largest adult Medicaid dental care provider (~60,000 visits)
- Majority in-state students (66%)
- ~95% pass rate on clinical boards for D.D.S. & D.H. students, among the highest in the nation
- Approximately 100,000 annual patient visits
- #16 (of 72) among U.S. dental schools in National Institutes of Health research funding with \$6M+ annually
- Nation-leading digital dentistry program
- 14 service learning sites across Virginia, many in safety net clinics and rural areas



Our Statewide Reach

- Each year, **8-10%** of our dental students hail from Southwest Virginia
- In the last five years, Mission of Mercy events in Wise, Grundy, Martinsville and Abingdon have provided care to **3,455 patients**
- **Half of our 14 Service Learning sites are located in rural communities**, including Danville, Lynchburg, Bedford, Roanoke, Martinsville, the Northern Neck and the Eastern Shore. A number of our alumni have returned to work in these clinics and area practices
- Hosted the National Rural Health Association's **first-ever Rural Oral Health Luncheon** in 2023
- Host an annual **Dental Explorers pathway program** in collaboration with Mountain Empire Community College in Wise, VA



Existing Facilities are Obsolete and Noncompetitive



Current facilities present risks to students and patients and represent nearly \$80M in deferred maintenance

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Dental schools across the country have invested heavily in their facilities in recent years



UIC's clinic



UNMC's simulation lab



Accepting its first class this fall, Workman School of Dental Medicine will be North Carolina's third dental school

Immense Benefits to the Commonwealth



- Enhanced clinical care and education benefits **all** residents
- Increased clinical ability to serve vulnerable populations
- Competitive in recruiting the best students and faculty
- Addressing workforce challenges such as dental hygiene and distribution of dentists
- Technology and innovation driving the future of patient care and research
- Enhanced collaborations with community partners and VCU Health
- Promotes sustainability in dental education

We Change Lives



April 20th, 2022
A thank you to VCU Dental School.
I felt I must send a special thank you to student: Colin Smith and student Ulad Shukruta and their sweet little instructor. (I'm so sorry I can't remember your name.) I really appreciate everything you all did for me to be able to get my dentures!
I've got a fully handicap daughter who's an adult now and don't have a car so I've never been able to take time to care for me. you all worked around my daughter's nurse's schedule so I could come.
You just don't know how wonderful it is to smile now and talk. I feel more complete as a person and woman. You all were always so nice and polite and really cared about helping me. I will sorely miss your smiles and kindness.
May God bless you wherever He leads you. May God bless your sweet instructor too! Thank you VCU Dental. Cynthia House

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