



University of Florida College of Dentistry

Class of 2020 Code of Conduct

Preamble. We, the University of Florida College of Dentistry Class of 2020, keenly recognize the deep honor inherent in being chosen to represent this profession, and stand in awe of the sheer human caliber brought forth by our class. Though we encompass an incredible diversity of cultures, religions, and languages, we are united by the common threads of love and deep commitment to service. We strive to uphold moral and professional excellence, and continually challenge and encourage each other as we work diligently to deliver the best quality of care to our future patients. The values below are the honest reflections of our hearts and the guiding forces through which we humbly commit to carry ourselves, both within and beyond the realm of Dentistry, and ultimately leave our mark on society.

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.”

-Winston Churchill

Family & Love. We all come from family bound by blood. Many of us could not have reached this point without them. Recently, we gained an even bigger family; the difference is, we are bound by our shared passion for dentistry. And now, we cannot reach the finish line without one another. We will support, motivate, and uplift each other with love. When we begin our lives as practitioners, we will again gain a family, but of patients and colleagues, and we will continue to show this love.

Health. We owe it to ourselves and our classmates to be healthy so that we may continue to commit ourselves to each other through dental school and beyond. We owe it to our faculty to be healthy so that we may give them our full mental capacity to facilitate a positive and productive learning environment. We owe it to the dental community to provide the highest quality healthcare possible. Most importantly, we strive to inspire others to lead healthy lifestyles.

Integrity & Honesty. To live with integrity is to live in a way that is integrated and wholesome. A life by any other means is frayed and fractured. We have decided to live in a manner that demonstrates complete and honest character in all aspects of our lives. We aim to live transparent and free from reproach. We cherish the ideal of integrity and will readily accept the costs to attain it. We gladly elect ourselves to guard the integrity and respect of our beloved profession.

Personal Growth. We understand that as dental professionals we have a responsibility to practice dentistry to our maximum potential. This will involve constant personal and professional growth, and we are prepared to commit to a lifetime of self-improvement to better serve our patients. We understand that the training we receive is only the beginning of our dental education, which will stretch over our entire career. Dentistry is only a part of who we are, but we must strive to grow in all aspects of our lives to become the best dentists we can be.

Final Statement. We, the family of the University of Florida College of Dentistry Class of 2020, commit ourselves to these core values, and will continue to embody them in every aspect of our lives.

The University of Florida College of Dentistry, Class of 2020