



Southern Illinois University
School of Dental Medicine

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Personal Statement

I am a family-oriented practitioner who enjoys treating adults and children on a daily basis. I value my patients not simply as clients but as human beings who require respect, compassion, and the utmost attention. It is my goal to make every patient feel as if they are the most important patient I am seeing on any given day. The result of the respectful and trusting relationship I have formed with my patients at SIU and in private practice has allowed me to cultivate open discussions of treatment options allowing my patients to make the most informed decision regarding their oral health. I believe that oral health and hygiene are important for people of all ages and backgrounds and I encourage my patients to improve their oral hygiene. I enjoy providing my patients with not only the common restorative and preventative procedures but also cutting-edge cosmetic and implant-related treatments. As a dental professional I represent the entire dental profession and have an obligation not only to my patients, but also to the community as a whole. By continuing my education throughout the years and advocating for my patients on local and national levels I can continue to offer my patients the excellent quality of care they truly deserve.

Education

2003-2006, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

B.S., Biological Sciences, Medical Sciences

Minor in Chemistry

2006-Present, Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine

Employment

2001-2005 Ottawa Dental Laboratory, Ottawa IL

Shipping and Receiving Technician

Part-time employment involving receipt, sterilization, and evaluation of lab prescriptions from general dentists. Primary tasks included reading lab prescriptions and determining the type of prosthetic requested by the general dentist. This information was then entered into the computer system and the case was sent to the appropriate section of the laboratory for completion. Skills involved sterilization, computer usage, confidentiality, communication with dentists, and time management.



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2004-2006 SIUE Chemistry Department

Peer-Lead Team Learning Supervisor

As part of the general chemistry curriculum mandatory peer-led 'workshops' were held weekly. As a leader of these workshops I worked directly with freshman students teaching and evaluating workshop assignments. I was also the supervisor of ten workshop leaders ensuring that they were prepared for the lesson to be taught each week. Skills involved teaching, grading, computer use, problem solving, scheduling, conflict resolution, and team building.

Volunteering

Give Kids a Smile, SIU School of Dental Medicine, 2003-2005, 2010

Assistant at ADA sponsored event providing free oral hygiene instruction to under-served children. Provided comprehensive dental treatment to children in 2010.

Oral Cancer Screenings, various locations, 2008-2010

Provided free oral cancer screenings to senior citizens at various senior centers in Southern Illinois. Referred patients with suspect lesions to the appropriate facility for follow-up evaluation.

Health Fairs, various locations, 2008-2010

Provided oral hygiene instructions and answered questions about dental care at several schools and public health fairs. Provided education to the public regarding the effects of tobacco on oral health.

Ronald McDonald House, St. Louis, MO, 2010

Prepared and delivered food to the Ronald McDonald House with other members of my dental fraternity for the families staying there while a family member was being hospitalized.

Fundraising

Helped to organize a 'trivia night' to raise money for the Oasis Women's Shelter in Alton, IL and the Smile Train (provides surgery to repair cleft lip and palate in children).

Elected Positions



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Rush Committee, Xi Psi Phi Fraternity (5/2008-5/2009)

ASDA Representative (2006-2009), President (2010)

- Elected to serve as class representative to the American Student Dental Association
- Organized a vendor fair for the SIU Dental School Research Day in order to raise money for student travel expenses.
- Organized several fundraisers to benefit dental student travel expenses and social activities for dental students.
- Created and edited the SIU Dental School's first ever student newsletter, "The Extraction Distraction"
- Organized numerous "lunch and learn" seminars for SIU dental students, as well as, organizing two "Pizza and Politics" presentations with Congressman David Miller.
- Registered fellow ASDA Representatives for leadership conferences.
- Attended four regional ASDA meetings to learn about changes in licensure, board examinations, ethics in dentistry, and curriculum.
- Attended three national ASDA Annual Sessions where I helped advocate for dental students and the profession by participating as a voting member of the House of Representatives.
- Attended two National Dental Student Lobby Day meetings in Washington, D.C. where I met with Congressman and Senators to support dental-friendly legislation.

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Awards and Recognition

SIUE Dean's List; All six semesters

2004 SIUE Rising Sophomore Award recipient; given to one sophomore student for academic excellence, community involvement, and volunteerism.

2006 SIUE Chancellors Award for Academic Excellence

Summa Cum Laude, SIUE 2006

2010 American College of Dentists 'Outstanding Student Leader Award'; presented to one student from each of the two Illinois Dental Schools for scholastic performance, exceptional



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leadership, ethical and compassionate patient care, and potential to impact the profession of dentistry in the future

2010 ASDA Leadership Award

Cum Laude, SIU-SDM 2010

Professional Organizations

American Student Dental Association

American Dental Association

Illinois State Dental Society

Illinois Valley Dental Association

American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC)

Illinois Dental Political Action Committee (Dent-IL-PAC)

Academy of General Dentistry

Interests/Activities

Golf, Baseball, Football, Hockey, Guitar, Beekeeping, Running, Reading, Music

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