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Welcome, readers of the *ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools*:

As the voice of dental education, the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) has annually released the *Official Guide to Dental Schools* for nearly 50 years. We invite you to take a look at this resource, which offers the most comprehensive and authoritative information on dental education in North America. ADEA recognizes it is used primarily by those interested in exploring a career in dentistry and those in a position to advise them. I am pleased that ADEA can assist these very important groups in developing future dental professionals.

I offer heartfelt encouragement to those interested in pursuing a career in dentistry. Reading this guide is one step you can take toward learning about all the profession can offer. Personally, the practice of dentistry has stimulated my scientific and intellectual inquisitiveness and desire to give back to others. And as a former dental faculty member, I know that dental school can be a transformative experience. Dental students' intelligence, quest for knowledge, and discipline leads them to exceed their academic expectations and to develop new research interests and projects that help improve the oral health of their communities. After graduation, new dentists find their degrees give them many options in the dental profession and the ability to enter dentistry with confidence. As you embark upon the application process, I wish you the best!

For those of you advising students interested in the health professions, this book will be a useful tool. It is designed to help you provide information on careers in dentistry as well as stimulate your advisees' curiosity about the field. This year the Guide presents an updated section on financial aid that shows the range of options that can make a dental education an affordable investment. Finally, dentistry is a dynamic profession, open to women and men from all backgrounds, cultures, races, and ethnicities who have the desire and intellect to pursue the education. Thank you for making dentistry an option for the wide variety of those who value your guidance.

Over five years ago, ADEA opened its membership to students at U.S. and Canadian dental schools at no charge, significantly raising the number of student members. The increase in membership has bolstered the community, enhancing member networking opportunities and resources available to members. I invite entering dental students to consider joining. ADEA is committed to upholding and improving the already high quality of dental education, and looks forward to assisting each entering class.



Best Wishes,

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