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- We have developed a partnership with A.R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet School in Augusta GA.
- In collaboration with A.R. Johnson, Tomeka Porter Few, RDH, instruction has been offered to students to prepare them for dental professions.
- This school is less than one mile from GRU, which makes it ideal for their students to attend rotations through our clinics.
- Upon completion of the program, students receive certification as dental assistants, but the primary goal is to familiarize them with the dental and dental hygiene professions so they will consider them in their future.

# Health Science Career Cluster Essentials of Dental Science

Students receive initial exposure to dental health science technical skills applicable to all dental health occupations.



# Courses Taken in High School

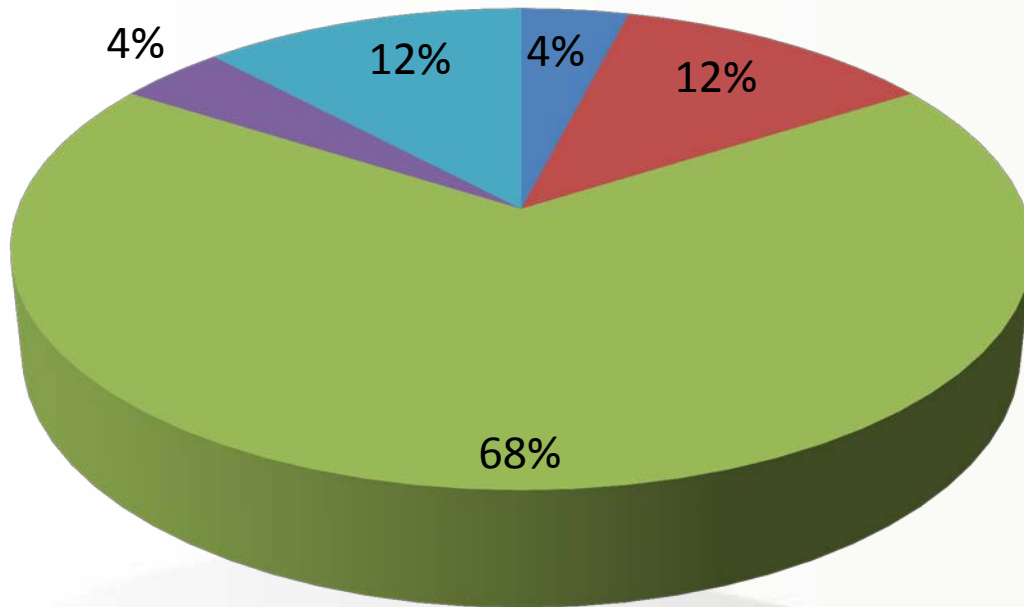
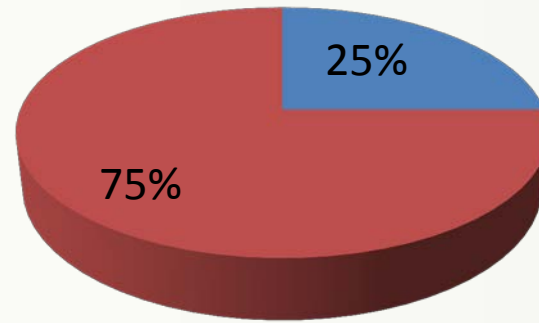
- Introduction to Healthcare Science Technology
- Essentials of Dental Science
- Health Science Career Cluster Dental Science II



Ms. Tomeka Porter Few  
GRU DH Adjunct Faculty

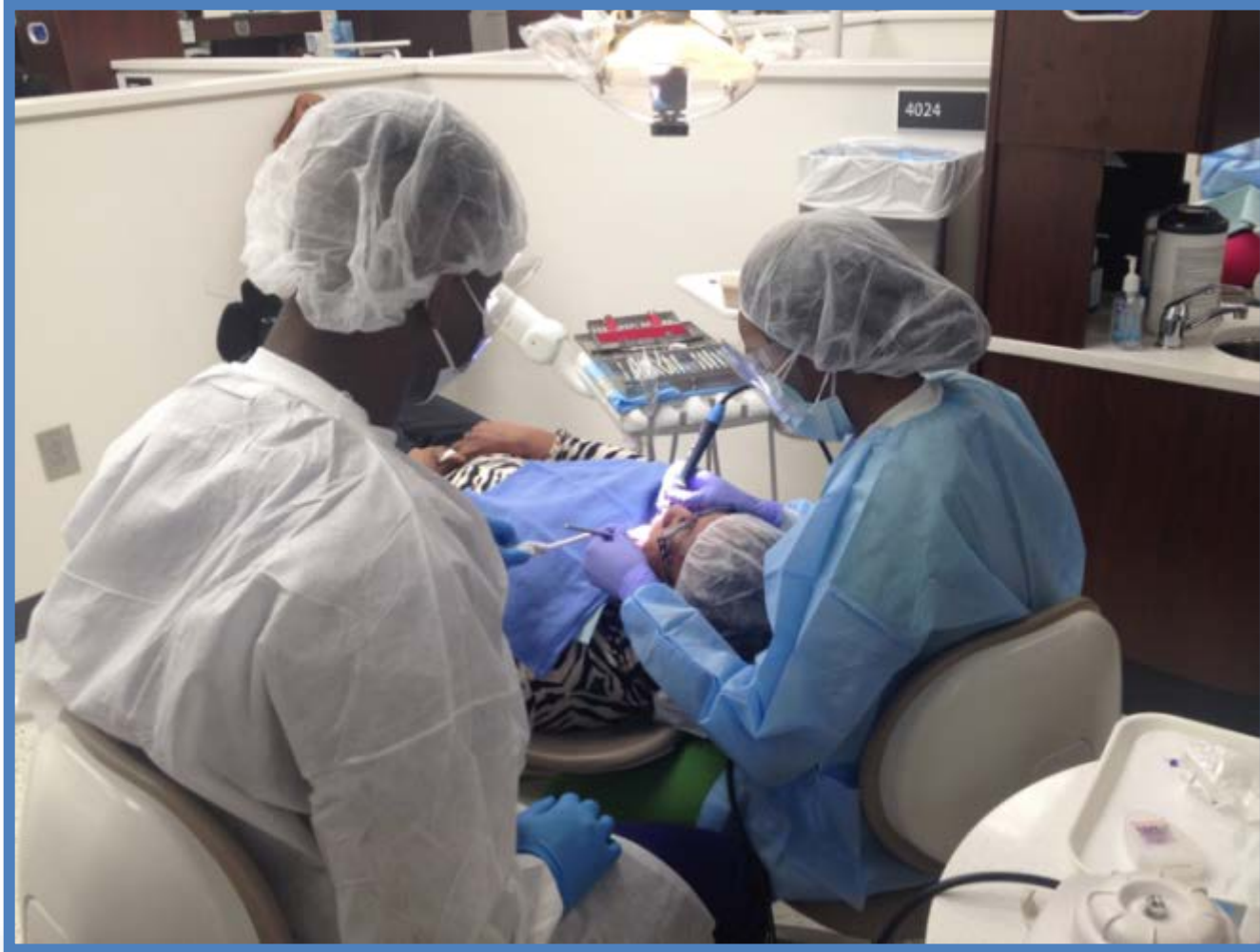
# 24 students Fall 2014 and Spring 2015

MALES FEMALES



- Caucasian Female 1
- Caucasian Males 3
- African American Females 17
- Hispanic Male 1
- African American Males 3

By observing our students, they learn employability, communication, critical thinking and problem solving skills



This program offers learning opportunities that touch on integrity, honesty, accountability, punctuality, time management, and respect for diversity.

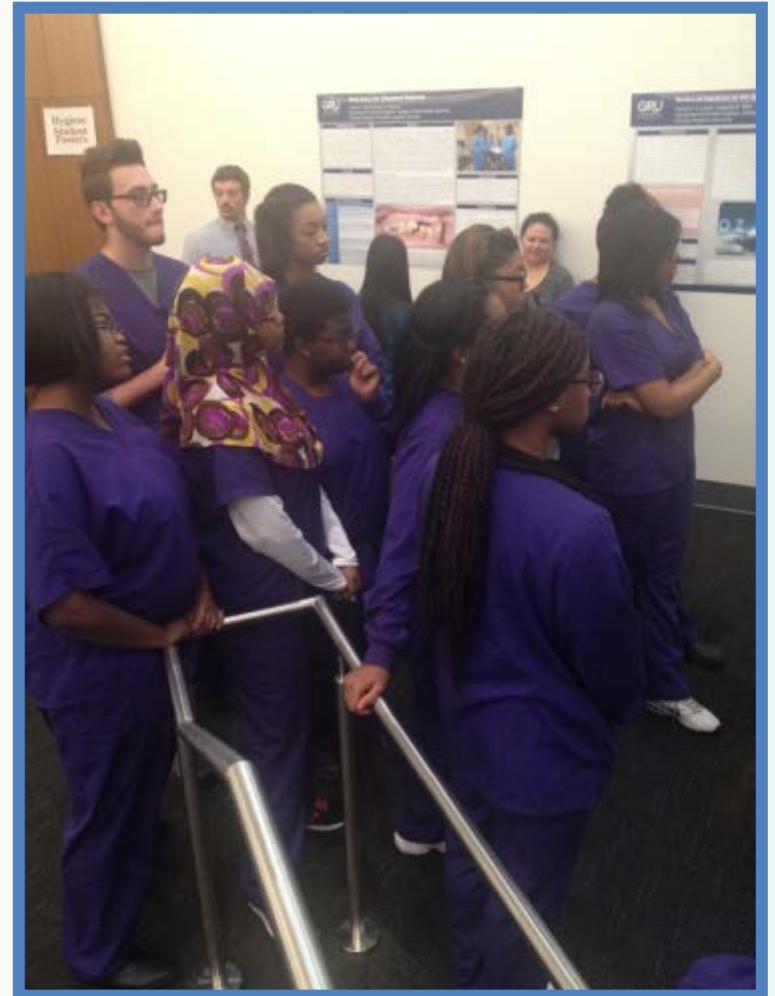


Students also learn how to present a professional image through appearance, behavior, and language





# Participating students are exposed to dental and dental hygiene research



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### Best Care for Strained Patients

Joseph A. Jell & Elizabeth M. Ripstein  
Department of General Psychiatry, College of Adult Health Sciences  
Georgia Regents University, Augusta, Georgia



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### Review of Guidelines on the Application of Ozone in Dentistry

Richard C. Lynch, Amanda M. Mills  
Department of Dental Hygiene, College of Adult Health Sciences  
Georgia Regents University



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### Neuroscience in Dentistry

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High School students explore the various employment options and career growth potential in dentistry and learn about:

- anatomy and physiology,
- dental charting,
- office procedures,
- chair-side assisting,
- tooth morphology



# Follow Up - Research Project

DH Faculty plans for research and continued mentoring

Research protocol underway to obtain permission to follow up with participating students to learn about their future career choices

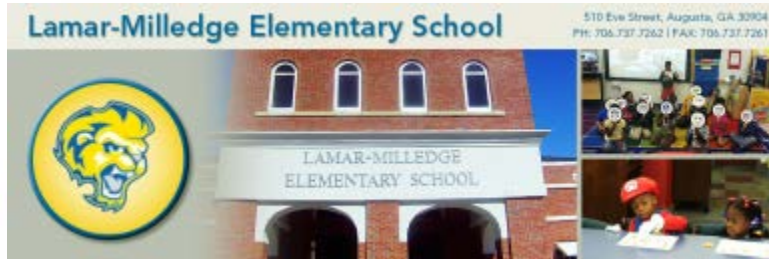
- Annual surveys
- Advising and mentoring
- Additional opportunities for shadowing



GRU Dental Hygiene Program will strengthen partnership with this High School in search for additional opportunities for collaboration.

# Partnership with the Richmond County Health Department

- Ongoing/continuous collaboration
- Target a new Elementary School each year
- Education to all students in the classroom
- Trailer - DH treatment, sealants and fluoride varnish

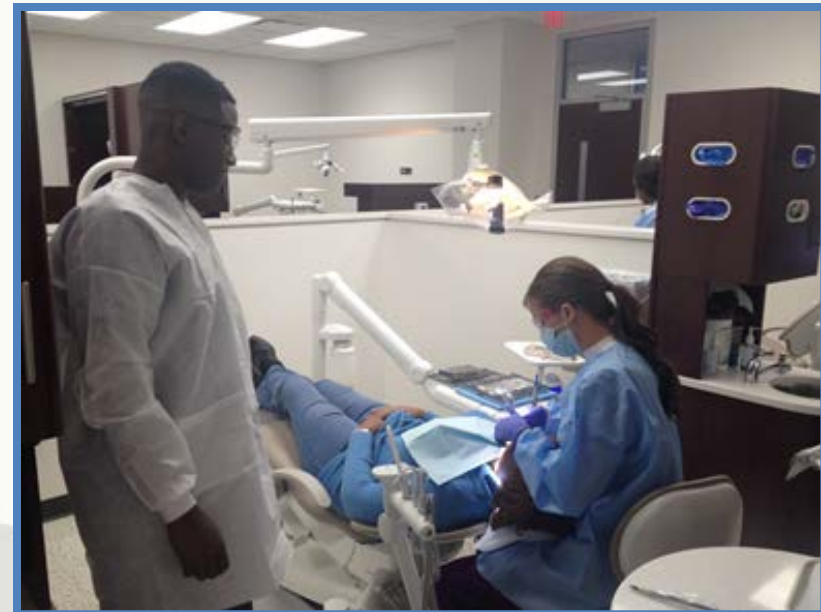
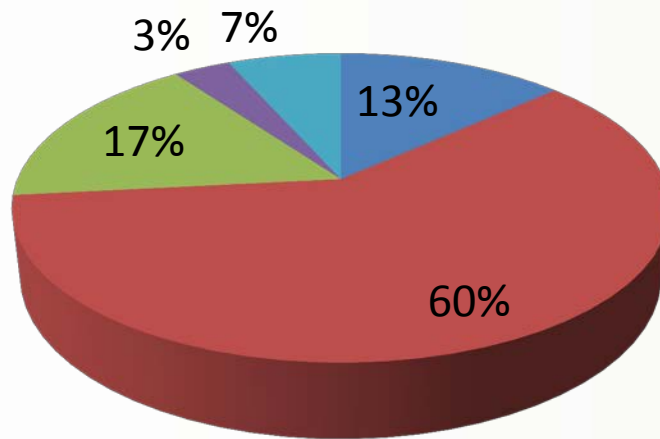


**W.S. Hornsby K-8 School**

# DH Recruitment of Minority Students

## New Enrollment

- African American 4
- Asian 5
- Biracial 2
- Caucasian 18
- Native American 1

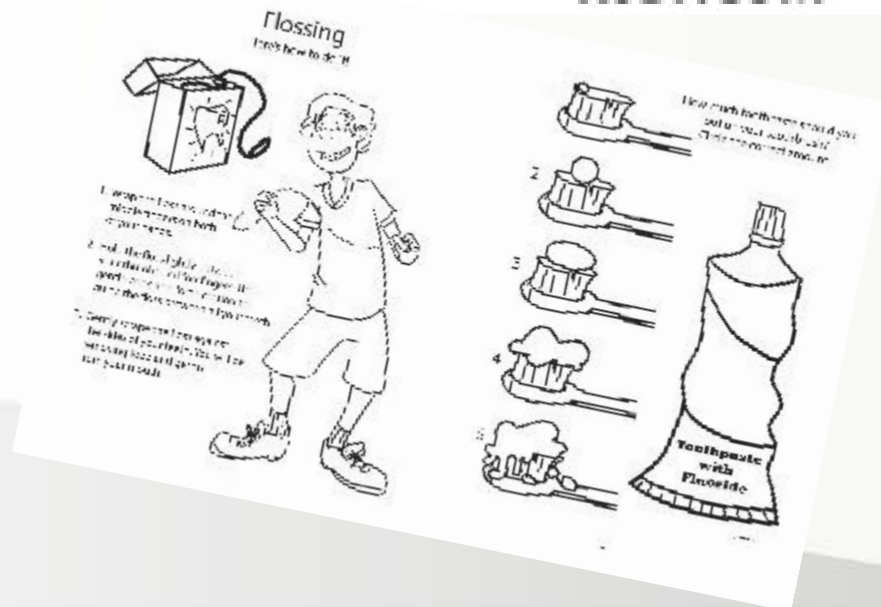


# Promoting Coloring Book

- <http://www.wjbf.com/story/28936710/gru-professor-finds-fun-way-to-spread-dental-hygiene>



**News Channel**  
WJBF.COM





Ana Thompson is a Registered Dental Hygienist and Chair of the Department of Dental Hygiene at Georgia Regents University. She is hoping her coloring and activity book, *Keeping Up With Your Smile*, will reverse poor oral health decisions in children and adults by showing how a toothbrush, toothpaste and floss can go to war with germ monsters in your mouth.

“The tooth brush in this case could be the hero who comes to save the mouth,” she described. “Some brushing techniques, flossing techniques, we talk about the germs that produce cavities and nutrition. There's actually some games that they can do.”

An American Dental Education Association grant provided minority faculty development and outreach activities, sending dental hygiene students in trailers to offer free oral health to those in need. Thompson hopes the coloring book will be an extension of those services, introducing kids and ultimately their parents to the sights and sounds of the dentist office while stressing the importance of oral hygiene.

“We don't look inside our kids mouths all the time. We're not checking that there is a problem. Parents need to know that the teeth that the child is going to lose, if they have cavities, they cause pain,” she said.

The coloring book can be purchased at the **GRU Bookstore on the Health Sciences Campus**. Call **706-721-3581** for more information.

# DH Minority Faculty Development

- Promotion of 1 faculty to Assistant Professor
- Promotion of 1 faculty to Associate Professor
- Addition of 1 Adjunct Faculty

**THANK YOU!**

Questions?