



# Launching a new graduate degree program- “Master of Oral Health Sciences (MOHS)”



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## BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES

- ❑ Dental School acceptance rates range between 2-11% in US
- ❑ In 2016, 15.2% of the applicants to dental school were from underrepresented backgrounds and 50.2% of those applicants were women
- ❑ The admission rates are even lower for non-US trained dentists applying to US dental schools
- ❑ PDM’s mission is to enhance opportunity and diversity
- ❑ Master of Oral Health Sciences (MOHS) goal is to provide educational opportunities to students with deficiencies in their applications to dental schools
- ❑ MOHS program was approved in June 2020 with two tracks for pre-dental students and non-US trained dentists
- ❑ Our goal was to launch the program, enroll students and provide financial support for qualified students

## OUTCOMES



- ❑ Accepted applications for 2 months
- ❑ Interviewed 12 pre dental track and 2 Non-US trained dentist students
- ❑ Six students admitted to MOHS pre dental track
- ❑ Provided financial support for one student from underrepresented background
- ❑ No admissions to Non-US trained dentists track
- ❑ In-person orientation is scheduled during the week of August 9- 2021
- ❑ The classes will start in August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- ❑ A new program co-director onboard in July
- ❑ MOHS pre dental track inaugural class characteristics:
  - 4 females and 2 males
  - 3 Asians, 2 Caucasians, 1 African American
  - Average GPA 3.21
- ❑ The undergraduate schools include: Boston College, University of Michigan Colgate University, University of Pittsburgh Lincoln University, University of Mississippi

## TASKS

### ADMISSIONS

- ❑ Develop new admission platform
- ❑ Form Admissions Committee
- ❑ Build Communication Lines
- ❑ Schedule Interviews
- ❑ Communicate decisions
- ❑ Send out packages

### MARKETING

- ❑ Develop strategy
- ❑ Design and launch website
- ❑ Create marketing tools

### ACADEMICS

- ❑ Finalize curriculum
- ❑ Catalog courses
- ❑ Build academic calendar
- ❑ Prepare student handbook



### ENROLLMENT & FINANCIAL AID

- ❑ Onboarding
- ❑ Scholarship awards
- ❑ Class registration

## TAKE AWAYS & NEXT STEPS

- ❑ Hiring of a graduate program coordinator (in process)
- ❑ New admissions cycle begins September 2021
- ❑ Step up marketing efforts
- ❑ Monitor student progress and adjust program content as needed

## COLLABORATIONS

- ❑ Office of Provost
- ❑ Office of University Registrar
- ❑ Student Registration and Financial Services
- ❑ PDM Admissions Office
- ❑ PDM Development Office
- ❑ PDM Academic Affairs

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