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«Salutation», without your continued generosity, the opportunities a Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine education provides could be at risk for so many students. Will you help give opportunity to the next generation of Seawolves?”

Dear «Salutation»,

To me, it feels like the whole Stony Brook University community, and especially the School of Dental Medicine, is like a family.

That may sound a little strange to say about your university, but my experiences here have opened my eyes to new possibilities and potential – and I know that’s, in large part, because of you and the many generous alumni and donors who make everything here possible.

When I decided on dentistry as my career path as an undergraduate, I knew Stony Brook Dental was where I wanted to come. And that has proved to be the best decision I ever made.

But more and more students like me are facing barriers to their education, like the decrease in federal and state assistance and rising costs of living, making your continued support critical to the success of those following in your footsteps.

Stony Brook is the best of both worlds in oral health education: It feels like a small, close-knit community, but with all of the resources of a large university.

The faculty and instructors have challenged me, encouraged me, and made it clear that they are invested in me as a person, as a student, and as the doctor they know I can be.

And not just in my studies, but in bringing forward research opportunities, access to knowledge beyond the classroom, and experiences that make my education stronger.

I got very involved with the American Student Dental Association because I believe strongly that advocating for our patients, my colleagues, and our profession is critical. The faculty here have encouraged me to pursue that and to serve as a district trustee for the association.

Those kinds of opportunities and that level of support and encouragement don’t happen everywhere. And that’s what you’re making possible when you make a gift to Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine.

Will you help keep that encouragement and support of great education and phenomenal opportunities available to School of Dental Medicine students by making a gift of «ask» today? Your generosity can lead to life-changing opportunities for students and for the patients we will ultimately care for.

Being here at Stony Brook has made me even more excited about going into dentistry. My classmates are extraordinary and, in some ways, I've learned as much from them as I have in the classroom.

I know that I am receiving an incredible level of instruction, and also benefitting from direct clinical experience.

When you support the School of Dental Medicine, your gift ensures that students like me can choose Stony Brook and when they do, receive an unparalleled level of instruction, benefit from the research of faculty and students alike, and leave campus prepared to be the medical professionals we know the world needs.

What sticks with me the most is that as dental professionals, we can help people socially, psychologically, and physiologically. We can make a real difference for the patients who need us the most.

With your gift, you can make a real difference for a student who needs you the most. You encourage their studies, help create life-changing opportunities, and prepare the next generation of healers and doctors.

«Salutation», will you make that gift of opportunity today and join in supporting not just this community of learning, but our larger community of caring of which you are an important part.

Thank you for your support of Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine.

With deep gratitude,

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P.S. Every gift makes a difference, which is why I hope you'll consider making your gift this year a regular, recurring monthly donation. Doing so allows you to make a significant impact on a student's education while making an easy, automatic gift every month.

It also allows Stony Brook University to plan ahead and ensure stable funding is available to meet the needs of current and future Seawolves! Thank you!