The Mentorship Program

At the request of several dental students and dentists, the Dental School, in collaboration with the San Antonio District Dental Society, has initiated a mentorship program. The purpose of the program is to match the experience and the knowledge of local dentists with the hopes and aspirations of enthusiastic students.

The program is flexible in order to accommodate both dentists’ and students’ preferences. The duration of the program is from August to May of each academic year. It consists of mutually agreed upon meetings between the students and the dentists and a review of the students’ semester-end-reports on lesson learned from the mentorship. This is a unique opportunity. If you decide to be part of it, please extend to your mentor our gratitude for generously contributing his/her time and resources to the program.

If you wish to participate in the program:

• Contact one of the dentists listed below. If he/she accepts to mentor you, send an email to mentorship@uthscsa.edu with the name of your mentor and the expected date of your first meeting. Your interaction with the mentor will not be supervised and a productive and rewarding relationship will depend solely on you and your mentor. This lack of structure is deliberate to allow the best possible learning experience in different practice environments by students with diverse needs, interests and personalities.
• To contact the potential mentor, use the “Best way to contact” chosen by the dentist and shown with a check mark.
• You are required to take notes about your meetings with the mentor.
• Before the end of next semester, prepare a brief report of your experiences and lessons learned. Turn the report in to your mentor. The mentor will forward it to Dr. Stafford with his/her comments.

Following is the list of local dentists who have volunteered to be mentors.
Name: Dr. James M. Startzell  
Dept: General Dentistry or specialty: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery  
Position in Practice: OMS Program Director, UTHSCSA  
Address: UTHSCSA Dental School  
Best way to contact:  
- Email: startzell@uthscsa.edu  
- Fax  
- U.S. Mail  
- Telephone: 210-567-3460  
Number of students accepted: Any  
Office hours: 7-19 daily  
Staff / Contact person: Ms. Mendoza  
Other:

Name: Dr. Pam Berlanga  
Dept: General Dentistry or specialty: Periodontics  
Position in Practice: Solo practitioner  
Address: 5419 Fredericksburg Road  
Best way to contact  
- Email: oakhillsperiodontics@oakhillsperiodontics.con  
- Fax  
- U.S. Mail  
- Telephone: 210-616-0980  
Number of students accepted: One  
Office hours: M, T, Th. F  
Staff / Contact person: Judy  
Other:

Name: Dr. Rise’ Lyman  
General Dentistry or specialty: GP  
Position in Practice: Owner  
Address: 8500 FM 1283, Lakehill; 830/612-2626  
Best way to contact  
- Email:lymandds@lakehillcenter.com  
- Fax  
- U.S. Mail  
- Telephone: 830-612-2626  
Number of students accepted: Two  
Office hours: M & W: 8 am-6pm; T & Th: 8 am-2 pm  
Staff / Contact person: Jill Tarr  
Other:
Name: Dr. Penn Jackson, Jr.
**General Dentistry or specialty:** GP
**Position in Practice:** Owner
**Address:** 155 E. Sonterra Blvd., #205, SA 78258

Best way to contact
- Email: penn.jr@sbcglobal.net
- Fax
- U.S. Mail
- Telephone: (210) 341-3222

Number of students accepted: Two at a time
Office hours: M: 8-5; T: 8-5; W: 2-5; Th: 2-5
Staff / Contact person: Dr. Jackson or Charlotte - Receptionist

Other:

Name: Dr. Judy S. Cabaza, DDS, PA
**General Dentistry or specialty:** GP
**Position in Practice:** Owner
**Address:** 7272 Wurzbach Road, #1004, SA

Best way to contact
- Email: doctorcabaza@hotmail.com
- Fax
- U.S. Mail
- Telephone: 210/615-2319

Number of students accepted: Two
Office hours: M – W: 8:30 am-5 pm; Th: 8:30 am-2 pm; some Fridays
Staff / Contact person: Dot

Other:

Name: Dr. Carolyn Walker
**General Dentistry or specialty:** GP
**Position in Practice:** Owner
**Address:** 25331 IH-20 West Ste 207: SA, TX 78257

Best way to contact
- Email: leonspringdentalcenter@hotmail.com
- Fax
- U.S. Mail
- Telephone: 210-698-1010

Number of students accepted: Two
Office hours
Staff / Contact person

Other
Name: Dr. Lisa Master  
**General Dentistry or specialty:** General Dentistry  
**Position in Practice:** Owner  
**Address:** 7400 Blanco Rd. Ste 100  

Best way to contact:  
- Email: mastersdds@mdgteam.com  
- Fax  
- U.S. Mail  
- Telephone: 210-349-4424  

Number of students accepted: One  
Office hours:  
Staff / Contact person:  
Other:

Name: Dr. Tracy Holmes  
**General Dentistry or specialty:** GP  
**Position in Practice:** Owner  
**Address:** 2202 Universal City Blvd.

Best way to contact:  
- Email  
- Fax: 210-945-4558  
- U.S. Mail  
- Telephone: 210-658-4941  

Number of students accepted: 4 students (1 from each class)  
Office hours:  
Staff / Contact person: Dr. Holmes, Katie, or Andrea  
Other:

Name: Dr. Joshua Austin  
**General Dentistry or specialty:** GP  
**Position in Practice:** Owner  
**Address:** 941 Donaldson Ave  

Best way to contact:  
- Email: drferro2003@yahoo.com  
- Fax  
- U.S. Mail  
- Telephone: 210-732-3522  

Number of students accepted: No preference  
Office hours:  
Staff / Contact person: Dr. Austin  
Other:
Name: Dr. Courtney Alexander  
General Dentistry or specialty: Pediatric Dentistry  
Position in Practice: Teaching  
Address: 7703 Floyd Curl Dr.  

Best way to contact:  
- Email: alexanderc@uthsca.edu  
- Fax  
- U.S. Mail  
- Telephone: 210-567-3661  
Number of students accepted: One  
Office hours:  
Staff / Contact person: Dr. Alexander  
Other:  

Name: Dr. Jeff Miller  
General Dentistry or specialty: GP  
Position in Practice:  
Address: 323 NW 24th St  

Best way to contact:  
- Email: dental24th@yahoo.com  
- Fax  
- U.S. Mail  
- Telephone: 210-436-6261  
Number of students accepted: Any level OK  
Office hours:  
Staff / Contact person: Dr. Miller  
Other:  

Name: Dr. Roberto Villarreal  
General Dentistry or specialty: GP  
Position in Practice:  
Address: 1302 S. Gen. McMullen Ste 102; SA TX 78237  

Best way to contact:  
- Email  
- Fax  
- U.S. Mail  
- Telephone: 210-432-7851  
Number of students accepted: Any level - two students  
Office hours:  
Staff / Contact person: Dr. Villarreal  
Other:
Name: Dr. Alma Garza  
**General Dentistry or specialty:**  
**Position in Practice:** Owner  
**Address:** 4118 McCullough Ste 6; S.A. TX 78212

Best way to contact:  
- Email: smile@almagarzadds.com  
- Fax  
- U.S. Mail  
- Telephone: 210-826-8492

Number of students accepted: One student – any level  
Office hours:  
Staff / Contact person: Dr. Garza  
Other:

Name: Dr. Dede Matocha  
**General Dentistry or specialty:** GP  
**Position in Practice:**  
**Address:** 11866 Bandera Rd; Helotes, TX 78023

Best way to contact:  
- Email: btdental07@yahoo.com  
- Fax  
- U.S. Mail  
- Telephone: 210-695-1105

Number of students accepted: Any level – one student  
Office hours:  
Staff / Contact person: Dr. Matocha  
Other:

Name: Dr. Ben Taylor  
**General Dentistry or specialty:** Pediatric Dentistry  
**Position in Practice:**  
**Address:** 6756 Poss Road, Leon Valley TX 78238

Best way to contact:  
- Email  
- Fax  
- U.S. Mail  
- Telephone: 210-680-7841

Number of students accepted: 2 any level  
Office hours:  
Staff / Contact person: Dr. Taylor  
Other:
Name: Dr. Scott Heying  
General Dentistry or specialty: Orthodontics  
Position in Practice: Owner  
Address: 2803 Mossrock #101, SA, TX 78230

Best way to contact
- Email:
- Fax
- U.S. Mail
- Telephone: 210-341-3123

Number of students accepted: 2

Office hours: 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM Tuesday - Friday

Staff / Contact person: Megan or Dr. Heying

Other: