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TO: ALL STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2029

Congratulations on your admission to the College of Dental Medicine!

You can find our *Handbook* and all the step by step instructions, forms and links you'll need to complete your financial aid application on our [website](#).

If you will be applying for financial aid please act promptly to complete and submit the required documents as soon as possible but no later than the end of March, or two weeks after our offer of admission, whichever is later. Most application materials will be completed on-line. If you submit anything directly to our office, please be sure that Your Name, DN '29, appears on all materials.

Once you receive a separate email from our Office with instructions on how to access [NetPartner](#) please complete the Aid Type Request Form on-line as soon as possible.

You should also complete the [FAFSA](#) and, if applying for school need-based funds, the [CSS Profile Application](#) as soon as possible, as it is difficult to give even a "guestimate" of your financial aid package without having your data loaded to our system. For school need-based funds you will also need to provide 2023 tax documents, which can be uploaded via IDOC on the CSS Profile site. If you are awarded a CDM Grant, we will base your future Grant on the 2025-26 award amount.

Should any of your personal information change after you submit the application materials, or if you have questions or concerns about the application process, please [email us](#), and be sure to put DN '29 after your name.

Please pay special attention to the June 1st deadline for the ["Interschool Scholarships"](#) listed in the announcement on your 'welcome page'. If you believe you are eligible for any of these scholarships, email us as soon as possible, explaining how you qualify.

We appreciate the importance of financial aid in planning your dental education. Become an educated consumer and take the initiative to learn all that you can about your financing options, given your personal situation. You may find the "Comparing Financial Aid Offers" letter useful. It highlights points to consider when comparing financial aid packages from various dental schools. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information.

Sincerely,

Ellen Spilker, Executive Director

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