

School of Dentistry

Established

1905

Dean

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Enrollment

404

Faculty

183 faculty members

73 full-time

110 part-time

ABOUT US:

The School of Dentistry has a reputation for excellence

- August 2018 marked the opening of a brand new state-of-the-art 200,000-plus square-foot dental facility
- There were 2,065 applicants for 115 available seats in 2019
- Faculty serve on local, regional and national boards and associations
- The dental clinic provides exceptional training and vital community service, serving more than 14,000 active patients
- Creighton has nationally competitive dental research programs in oral biology
- Dental material and product development research programs are internationally recognized
- One of the most affordable private dental schools in the United States

Our students are exceptional and diverse

- Creighton offers Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) seats for dental students from New Mexico and North Dakota
- Creighton is a dental pipeline school for Native American students interested in dentistry and is among the top 3 schools in the country educating Native American dentists. Creighton graduated the first American Indian dentist in the nation in 1956.
- Contracts with Idaho (IDEP) and Wyoming (WYDENT) provide a guaranteed number of seats for students from those states
- First-year students in 2019-2020 are from 30 states, 9 countries and 1 U.S. territory

They find technology-rich, interdisciplinary opportunities

- The Maxillofacial Imaging Center consolidates two Cone-Beam Computerized Tomography (advanced digital dental radiography) units
- The Wilwerding-DiLorenzo Digital Technology Center (CEREC lab) contains 40 acquisition units and 22 milling units
- The Master of Science in Oral Biology is a collaborative interdisciplinary program with the College of Arts and Sciences
- Extramural research funding totaled nearly \$1.5 million for 2018-2019 research
- The Mutual of Omaha Collaborative Care Center Suite coordinates patient care across health sciences disciplines, in collaboration with our College of Nursing and School of Medicine

And opportunities for service in the Jesuit tradition

- Students and faculty provide care to the underserved through the following outreach efforts: Project Homeless Connect; "Give Kids a Smile"; OneWorld Health Center; Charles Drew Health Center; St. Francis Mission; Special Olympics; the Dominican Republic mission program; and Good Neighbor Community Health Center in Columbus and Fremont, Nebraska, and Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska
- Creighton's Healthy Smiles elementary school program provided preventive dental services for approximately 2,500 children this past year
- Community-based dental education extends its training to long-term facilities, senior centers and adult day care centers to provide collaborative special care training and opportunities for service in the Jesuit tradition

When they graduate, Creighton dentists are in demand

- Alumni practice around the world
- Of all the private dental schools in the country, Creighton places the most dentists in rural locations
- 20-25% of graduates achieve post-doctoral training

And our more than 4,000 alumni live out Creighton's mission of excellence

Just a few School of Dentistry alumni who have made a difference include:

- George Blue Spruce Jr., DDS'56, public health champion, 1st American Indian dentist in U.S. and 1st American Indian assistant surgeon general of the U.S. Public Health Service
- Sue Bon Tiede, DDS'91, pediatric dentist at Missoula Pediatric Dentistry in Missoula, Montana; member of the American Orthodontic Society board and the School of Dentistry Alumni Advisory Board; American Dental Association's national representative for fluoride
- Jeffrey Schwarzkopf, BS'81, DDS'85, oral and maxillofacial surgeon at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Mercy Medical Center and Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa; diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology