

# The University of Mississippi School of Dentistry

## Vision

The University of Mississippi School of Dentistry will be a nationally recognized center of excellence in education, patient care, research and services for the citizens of Mississippi.

## Mission

The University of Mississippi School of Dentistry's diverse student body, faculty and staff exemplify qualities of leadership and dedication to preparing competent, ethical dentists for the state of Mississippi and to furthering the health of its citizens. The School of Dentistry fosters an environment of lifelong learning, collaborative teaching, service, and research through partnerships within the Medical Center, and with community organizations and dental health practitioners throughout the State of Mississippi.

## Core Values

### Integrity

- Honesty and fairness in our actions
- Building trust within our relationships
- Courage to do "what is right"

### Excellence

- Realize and commit to our full potential
- Achievement and performance set to the highest standards

### Leadership

- Willingness to take responsibility
- Creating a vision, setting goals to make a difference

### Professionalism

- Ethical conduct, character and spirit for the advancement of our profession

### Continuous Improvement

- Dedication to lifelong learning while recognizing the need to change for improvement
- Establishing and monitoring goals to enhance our value to the profession and the citizens of Mississippi

### Diversity

- Accept our differences while working together as a cohesive group and recognizing the value and strength derived through diversity

### Caring

- Concern for and recognizing the needs of others
- Kindness and compassion shown in all interactions