**Hello Predents**

Thank you to everyone that came to the meeting on the 27th of September, in which a representative (Lola Lawal) of University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry came to give us information about their school.

Here is a rough sketch of the main points she brought up during the time.

1. **UDM Main Goal: “**Detroit Mercy offers more than 100 academic programs to prepare you for your future. No matter which path you choose, you'll get a solid foundation in the liberal arts that will sharpen your communication and problem-solving skills and give you the cultural context to thrive in any environment.”
2. **UDM offers programs such as:**
	1. DMD (Doctor of Dental Medicine) program
	2. DMD/PhD program (7 years)
	3. Student Research Program
	4. Post Graduate Specialty Programs
		1. AEGD
		2. Endodontics
		3. Orthodontics
		4. Periodontics
	5. Mission trips, volunteer work, clinic work
	6. Dental hygiene program
3. **Competitive Attributes**
	1. Take the recommended classes that most schools provide
	2. Shadowing hours
	3. Volunteer work or community services (very important for this school)
4. **Class of 2020 Demographics**
	1. Cumulative GPA: 3.6
	2. DAT Academic Average: 20
	3. DAT Perceptual Ability: 20
	4. DAT Science Total: 20
	5. Class size: 144

REMEMBER: These are just the averages, not the ranges you need to be in!

1. **Interesting things to note for this school.**
	1. UDM seems like a very close school, so having community services is extremely important.
	2. They have a mobile van, which is basically a van that travels around the neighborhood with dental tool supplies to take care of those who need it.
	3. Be a leader!
	4. Everyone loves the hospital because there is a dental clinic inside! They let you practice in there as if it were your own building to prepare you for the future.
	5. They have a big sib program, which helps the D1 and D2 years immensely because they get help as to what the classes are like.
	6. UDM has many clubs at their school just like what you can imagine at UIC.
	7. Tutoring that is held by upper level students to help those who need it. Most schools do not offer this, so this a cool addition.
	8. Scholarships are huge there since they are a private school. It cost the same for in state and out of state.

Go to their website (<https://dental.udmercy.edu/>), for more information about their school or email lawaloo@udmercy.edu for questions.