**Hello PDC’ers!**

Yesterday, we had another great turn around during our second general meeting wherein we hosted Carolyn Feller and Braulia Espinosa from UIC College of Dentistry Admissions!

Here is the recap of what was discussed during the meeting:

1. **UIC College of Dentistry** is one of the largest medical districts in the world. Campus units include: medicine, pharmacy, nursing, public health, physical therapy, and they are also part of the Illinois Medical District which includes Rush University and Cook County Hospital
2. **UIC COD** offers programs such as:  
    -DMD (Doctor of Dental Medicine) program

**-**DMD/PhD program (7 years)

-MDM-MS in Clinical Research (5 years)

-Post Graduate Specialty Programs

* Endodonticts
* Oral Surgery
* Orthodontics
* Pediatric Dentistry
* Periodontics
* Prosthodontics

1. **Dental Education at UIC COD** runs for 4 years. Biomedical sciences are emphasized in the first year and clinical experiences start in the first two weeks. Here is a quick curriculum overview of dental school:
   1. Learning will be active, not passive. Less lectures
   2. Teachers take on the role as facilitators rather than masters of knowledge
   3. Different learning formats such as:
      1. Interactive Didactic Sessions (Lecture)
      2. Small Group Learning (SGL)
      3. Anatomy Lab
      4. Independent Study
      5. Shadowing in Clinics
      6. Ethics Presentations
   4. Biomedical science courses are coordinated in a way that the lessons teach about each organ system concurrently so that students can see the whole picture
   5. Students learn clinical skills in the most realistic environment possible from the very first year of dental school. D1’s engage in pre-patient care activities
   6. D2 students have increased time for patient care experiences
   7. Emphasizing evidence based practices so students will have the skills to find and evaluate the best available evidence and apply it to particular patients
2. **Admissions Requirements for UIC College of Dentistry**
   1. A *Baccalaureate Degree* is required
   2. All *course credits* must be from an accredited United States college or university:
      1. Required courses:
         1. **Chemistry**- 14 semester hours with at least 4 semesters in Organic Chemistry
         2. **Biological Sciences**- 6 semester hours
         3. **Physics**- 6 semester hours
         4. **English**- 6 semester hours
      2. All science courses must include labs
      3. All required prerequisite courses taken must be a grade of ‘C’ or better
      4. There are no limitations on junior college work, but it is recommended that most work be competed at a four year institution
      5. Advanced Placement (AP) courses are not accepted as course requirement
   3. *Dental Admission Test (DAT)-* It is strongly suggested that applicants complete this test prior to the year they wish to enter school
   4. *Letters of Recommendation*- Three letters of recommendations are required. One committee letter will satisfy the three-letter requirement. It is strongly recommended that two references come from science professors and one from a dentist you have shadowed
   5. *Residency Requirement*-In order to be eligible for admissions to the DMD program, candidates must hold United States citizenship, permanent residency or Asylee status
3. **Competitive Admissions Attributes**
   1. Strong science background. Students are recommended to take these upper level science classes:
      1. Human Anatomy
      2. Human Physiology
      3. Histology
      4. Microbiology
      5. Biochemistry
      6. Cell Biology
      7. Molecular Biology
      8. Immunology
      9. Genetics
   2. Evidence of academic maturity. Able to handle heavy science course loads (A student taking 12 credits vs. 16 credits and more)
   3. Experience with small group seminars/learning
   4. Research experience
   5. Knowledge and experience in the dental profession
   6. Community Involvement/Leadership
4. **Application Process**
   1. AADSAS: June-December
   2. UIC COD Application Deadline: **December 1**
   3. Applications are reviewed: August-February
   4. Interviews: September-February
   5. Admission Decisions: December-April
5. **Demographics of the Class of 2019**
   1. Science GPA 3.54/4.00
   2. Non-science GPA 3.75/4.00
   3. Cumulative GPA 3.75/4.00
   4. DAT Academic Average: 20.2
   5. DAT Perceptual Ability: 20
   6. DAT Total Science: 20
6. **Undergraduate College/University Attended by Class of 2019**
   1. University of Illinois at Chicago (11)
   2. University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign (11)
   3. Augustana College (2)
   4. Benedictine University (4)
   5. DePaul University (1)
   6. Dominican University (2)
   7. Governors State University (1)
   8. Illinois State University (1)
   9. Illinois Wesleyan University (1)
   10. Indiana University (2)
   11. Loyola University Chicago (4)
   12. Northern Illinois University (1)
   13. Purdue University (1)
   14. Roosevelt University (1)
   15. University of Alabama (1)
   16. University of Chicago (1)
   17. University of Kentucky (1)
   18. University of Minnesota (1)
   19. University of Michigan (1)
   20. University of Notre Dame (1)
   21. University of Wisconsin (2)
7. **Diversity of the Student Body**
   1. Average Age: 24
   2. Gender:
      1. 27/52 Male 25/52 Female
   3. Race/Ethnicity
      1. 31/52 White
      2. 6/52 Hispanic
      3. 15/52 Asian
      4. 2/52 African American
      5. 3/52 Two or more races
8. **Opportunities at UIC College of Dentistry**
   1. Areas of research-UIC COD received $10 million to build new research laboratories and a Center for Clinical Research. These are some of the clinical research areas available at UIC COD:
      1. Tissue regeneration
      2. Wound healing
      3. Oral cancer
   2. MOST Program: Multidisciplinary Oral Health Training Summer UG Pre-Dental Program **Deadline: February 15, 2016**
   3. Research Symposium **Typically in April**
   4. D1 Summer Research Program: Opportunity for incoming D-1’s , 10 weeks during the summer prior
   5. Contact information: [*http://most.uic.edu*](http://most.uic.edu)
9. **Upcoming Events**
   1. Open House at the UIC College of Dentistry/Pre-Dental Night: **Thursday, November 19th, 2015**
   2. Monthly Tour and Question & Answer session: register online
   3. Graduate and Professional Fair: **October 1, 2015 from 3-7pm at UIC Forum** [*http://careerservices.uic.edu/event\_graduate\_schoolfair.shtml*](http://careerservices.uic.edu/event_graduate_schoolfair.shtml)
   4. Illinois Pre-Dental Conference During the Chicago Dental Society Mid-Winter Meeting: **Friday, February 26, 2016**
   5. Deadline for UIC Summer Research applications: **February 15, 2015**
   6. Clinic and Research Day: **March 2016**

If you want to more information regarding UIC College of Dentistry, feel free to visit their website *(*[*http://dentistry.uic.edu/*](http://dentistry.uic.edu/)*)* or if you want to ask Braulia or Carolyn questions, here are their contact information:

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