





Dear Alumni:

Why did you decide to get involved in dentistry?

I chose to pursue a career in dentistry because it will allow me to “pay it forward.” I was born with a cleft lip and palate, but was fortunate enough to receive reconstructive surgeries and dental treatments that allowed me to have a normal, healthy childhood. My dental care providers became my role models.

As a first-year dental student, I’m very grateful for the opportunities I have to learn, grow and give back. My fellow students and I rely on your generosity to help us succeed. Here at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, I see the impact of your donations every day. They really make a difference in our ability to pursue excellence. We are fortunate to have great alumni to look up to!

**Please consider investing in your school to help students from your alma mater be successful.** You can make a gift online at [www.dental.umaryland.edu/give](http://www.dental.umaryland.edu/give). If you would like more information about how your donation can help students succeed, please call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 410-706-7146.

Thank you, in advance, for helping students like me become dentists! It is a dream come true.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maryam Qayumi', with a stylized, cursive script.

Maryam Qayumi, DDS '17

