Strategic Compass

The strategic compass outlines infinite goals that we strive to meet each day as a School of Dentistry. Annually, this document is reviewed and implementation plans, finite goals, are developed to keep us moving forward. And while we continually pursue our vision, we appreciate the significant value in the journey.

Our Mission

Oral Health. Our Priority

Those four words simply state our mission and vision at West Virginia University School of Dentistry. The dental school fosters an exemplary learning environment that is supported by excellence in oral healthcare education, clinical experiences and research. Ultimately, our goal is to be the dental school of choice for students, faculty, staff and patients.

Our Values

Accountability   Communication   Collaboration   Excellence   Integrity   Service

Our Strategic Priorities

EDUCATE | Transform students into clinically excellent, service-oriented practitioners

- Provide a strong foundational curriculum in a vibrant learning environment
- Optimize access to state-of- the-art technology and exposure to innovative techniques
- Deliver service-learning opportunities in public health and rural West Virginia
- Develop pipeline programs to ensure a highly qualified workforce for West Virginia
- Foster lifelong curiosity by engaging students in scholarly activities

PATIENT CARE | Improve the oral health of West Virginians – one patient at a time

- Create an exceptional patient experience
- Offer comprehensive dental care and access to a broad range of specialists
- Reduce the financial barriers that keep patients from seeking care
- Expand access to care in rural communities
- Educate on the importance of oral health and how it relates to overall wellness

RESEARCH | Discover solutions that reduce oral health disparities in West Virginia

- Seek research opportunities that align with the oral health needs of WV
- Collaborate with other WVU schools/units to leverage existing resources and create meaningful partnerships
- Grow research engagement and scholarly activity
- Build a robust clinical and translational research infrastructure

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