

# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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## Message to Students from Dean John A. Valenza, DDS

### Welcome to Houston and the Texas Medical Center!

Welcome to the School of Dentistry, a part of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth Houston). Within this catalog, you'll find important information affecting almost every aspect of academic life – from course listings to scholarship offerings to graduation criteria and much more.

As a UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry student in the world-renowned Texas Medical Center, you'll have opportunities to forge lasting friendships and make meaningful professional connections in one of the world's richest intellectual, cultural, and collaborative environments. We encourage you to make the most of your time here and enjoy everything Houston offers.

We hope this catalog will be helpful as you embark on your journey into the world of dentistry. And once again, welcome to UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry!

Sincerely,

John A. Valenza, DDS '81

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