ABOUT US:

The School of Dentistry has a reputation for excellence

- 2,171 applied for 85 available seats in 2016
- Faculty serve on local, regional and national boards and associations
- The dental clinic provides exceptional training and vital community service, serving more than 11,000 patients annually
- Creighton has nationally competitive dental research programs in Oral Biology
- Dental material and product development research programs are internationally recognized
- One of the most affordable private dental schools in the United States

Our students are exceptional and diverse

- The average pass rate for the past 5 years on Part 1 of the national board exam (NBDE) is 96.5% and for Part 2 is 97%
- The average pass rate over the last 5 years for the licensure exam (WREB) is 93%
- 43% come from states without dental schools
- Contracts with Idaho and Wyoming provide a guaranteed number of seats for students from those states
- Creighton also offers Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) seats for dental students from New Mexico, North Dakota and Wyoming
- Creighton is the dental pipeline school for Native American students interested in dentistry and is among the top 3 schools in the country educating Native American dentists. Creighton graduated the first American Indian dentist in the nation in 1956.

They find technology-rich, interdisciplinary opportunities

- The Maxillofacial Imaging Center consolidates two Cone-Beam Computerized Tomography (advanced digital dental radiography) units
- The Wilwerding-Dilorenzo Digital Technology Center provides cutting-edge CAD/CAM (computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing technology), which makes crowns and replacement teeth
- The Master of Science in Oral Biology is a collaborative interdisciplinary program with the College of Arts and Sciences
- Extramural research funding totaled nearly $1.5 million for 2016-2017 research
- Creighton pharmacy and dental students and faculty work together in the dental clinic to reconcile patient medication lists and provide interprofessional care

And opportunities for service in the Jesuit tradition

- Students and faculty provide care to the underserved through the following outreach efforts: Project Homeless Connect; “Give Kids a Smile”; OneWorld Health Center; Charles Drew Health Center; Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center; St. Francis Mission; Special Olympics; and the Dominican Republic mission program
- Creighton’s Healthy Smiles elementary school program provided preventive dental services for 2,352 school children during the 2015-2016 school year
- Oral health outreach, education and community services totaled 9,070 individual encounters during the past year

When they graduate, Creighton dentists are in demand

- Graduates become general dentists or pursue residency programs, advanced degrees and specialty training in nearly all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Guam
- Alumni practice around the world
- 20-25% of graduates achieve post-doctoral training
- Of all the private dental schools in the country, Creighton places the most dentists in rural locations

And our more than 3,954 alumni live out Creighton’s mission of excellence

Just a few School of Dentistry alumni who have made a difference include:

- George Blue Spruce Jr., DDS’56, public health champion, 1st American Indian dentist in U.S. and first American Indian assistant surgeon general of the U.S. Public Health Service
- Cynthia Leong, DDS’85, and Raymund Tanaka, BS’79, DDS’83, husband and wife dental practitioners and 2016 Alumni Merit Award recipients