

The personal statement explains why the applicant wants to pursue a dental career. The statement should not exceed 4,500 characters (including spaces, carriage returns, numbers, letters, etc.). Applicants should not make the statement specific to each dental school, as ADEA AADSAS will provide the statement to all dental schools designated in the application.

My vision of ~~a more happy,~~ satisfied community ~~is one that has a lot of smiles,~~ ~~the community where happiness fosters,~~ is best defined by the amount of smiles. ~~This vision of a smiling society~~ Such vision initially was crafted ~~came to me~~ during my years as a flautist, ~~when-as~~ I ~~feelfelt~~ sincere joy in ~~seeing-watching~~ my audiences smile as my ~~flute~~ music filled the room ~~with music.~~ ~~While-Though I found~~ entertaining others with music ~~wasto be~~ elating, I ~~longed-wanted to be for a way to be~~ more practically involved in ~~fostering-bringing~~ my vision of healthier community ~~to a life.~~ Witnessing this aspect of dentistry ~~As a dental assistant and a clinical volunteer,~~ I witnessed the joy that dentistry (clinical dentistry?) brought to people's lives by enabling them to smile once again. I decided then to become ~~angrew my hope to be an oral professional to~~ improving people's smiles and ~~fulfill bring~~ my vision ~~helping to create a-of~~ healthier, ~~happier~~ community ~~to life.~~

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I vividly recall the day I encountered a young immigrant patient named Eva. Suffering from *amelogenesis imperfecta*, a genetic disease characterized by an abnormal formation of tooth enamel, Eva walked into Dr. Jun Chung's office with eyes that glistened from grief and exhaustion. I noticed that she often attempted to hide her personality by refusing to ~~smile or to even~~ speak ~~or even smile.~~ I ~~got the sense that sensed~~ she was battling some ~~internal struggles~~ deep insecurities that prevented her from fully expressing herself. ~~As a young immigrant,~~ I had experienced ~~a similar~~ emotional ~~struggle-insecurities~~ as a young immigrant ~~myself.~~ ~~Due to this experience, I-~~ empathized with Eva, and become emotionally ~~so I became somewhat more~~ invested in ~~this particular~~ her procedure.

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As I assisted Dr. Chung in sculpting Eva's teeth, I was mesmerized ~~to see how~~ ~~Dr. Chung utilized his~~ by the doctor's manual dexterity, ~~the way in which he-to~~ deftly ~~broughting~~ his vision of Eva's healthy teeth to a life. Restoring her fragile teeth with carefully carved and polished dental crowns, ~~Dr. Chunghe~~ tailored his procedures to meet Eva's own aesthetic and bring harmonious proportion to her face. Dr. Chung helped Eva regain her ability to properly chew foods, which had ~~a~~ direct bearing on her nutrition and overall health. With an appreciation for the value of dental aesthetics ~~art~~ and, more importantly, rehabilitation-focused dental work, ~~my-I became~~ ardently dedicated ~~edion~~ to ~~the~~ field of dentistry ~~was born.~~

~~While witnessing the high standards associated with dental care was fascinating,~~ ~~I was even more entranced by the revival of~~ The Eva's rise in ~~Eva's~~ confidence and self-appreciation ~~after her dental procedure inspired me.-~~ Eva, who previously had barely talked to any staff members, was now smiling and ~~radiated~~ radiating her ~~scintillating~~ personality. Having witnessed Eva's transformation, I

came to ~~see-define~~ dentistry as a ~~medicinal-medical~~ practice ~~not solely intended for~~ that has greater importance than superficial ~~cosmetic~~ operations ~~would suggest~~. It is also a form of psychological treatment that can change a person's mental health and outlook. ~~I have continued to witness these psychological benefits~~. For example, one of Dr. Chung's patients, a homeless man, became hopeful that his free full-mouth denture would help him gain the confidence to pursue and achieve employment. As a volunteer for Mission of Mercy (MOM), a two-day-long free dental IS clinic, I met a North Korean woman refugee patient who was plagued by the persistent headaches and jaw pain. After treatment, she ~~had~~ celebrated as if she had won an endless battle against her adversaries—specifically, her abscessed teeth. These experiences and many others have shown me that dental care ~~is not just a simple medical process. Rather, it~~ can provide resuscitating hope and courage to help combat the patient's unnoticed, but possibly debilitating, life challenges. Ultimately, these experiences have confirmed my desire to be a part of the field ~~of dentistry~~.

Dentistry fascinates me because it is a field that allows me to provide important care for the community that I love, bringing my vision of a healthier community to life, one act at a time. I hope to utilize my manual dexterity and hand-eye coordination, satisfy my intellectual desires, and most importantly, improve the quality of patients' lives through treatment, support and empathy by pursuing a career in dentistry.