



DAVAO MEDICAL SCHOOL FOUNDATION, INC.

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Dear Folks of College of Dentistry,

To the returning guys – Welcome Back! To the fresh faces – A Sunny Welcome and Hello.

Let me get into a topic that has changed and dictated our lives and what can we do about it. We all know that COVID 19 will be here a long time, even after we all have ourselves vaccinated, because it will be like flu that mutates and mutates every now and then. Thus, we need to be vaccinated yearly. But the vaccine can lessen the burdens of this quarantine and restricted life, the anxiety feelings of getting sick, the blandness of life but risky.


And how about learning and completing a course like Dentistry? For now, your education shall be labeled as “Blended Learning,” where all possible means of delivering competence, skills and behavior shall be employed just to fulfill the learning outcomes of the course subject. You and your parents are concerned about face-to-face classes. F2F can never be eliminated but it can be managed where safety takes primary priority; by reducing the number of students attending classes, by creating modules that provide more learning standards such as case discussions, critical thinking. The College shall invest in more interactive learning methods – subscribe in EDMONDO, EBSCO, ZOOM for more premium and unrestricted access to online teaching and library periodicals and textbooks. Laboratory and Clinical works shall continue without live patients, but simulate real feel and challenging.

These methods admittedly will not be perfect replacement for our renowned quality education, but we are striving to serve as best as we could for you. Aside from competency and skills, we shall provide keen attention to your mental health needs. That being said, we shall be asking for your cooperation in obediently following Safety Protocols, be a true self-directed learner and be patient with some of our inadequacies or flaws because like everyone we are just beginning with this New Normal.

We cannot delay your dream. We cannot divert your path to your chosen profession. Even though the path may be tougher, we will always “find ways” to guide you, to prepare you, to be always there with you even after you graduate here at Davao Medical School Foundation, Inc.

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Please approach us for more inquiries.


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