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Friday, February 24, 2023

Florida State Board of Education
Turlington Building, Suite 1514
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Members of the State Board,

I am writing this letter to express my support for Miami Dade College's proposed Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Dental Hygiene. As someone who understands the importance of providing students with quality education and preparing them for the workforce, I believe that this degree program would be a valuable addition to the academic offerings at Miami Dade College.

The demand for dental hygiene professionals is on the rise in Florida, and this proposed program is well-timed to meet the current and future needs of the healthcare industry in the state. By offering a structured and continued academic pathway for students enrolled in the Associate in Science (AS) in Dental Hygiene, the BAS in Dental Hygiene will equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in this field.

Furthermore, the program's design will not only benefit students but also the community at large. By training more qualified dental hygiene professionals, Miami Dade College can contribute to the prosperity and growth of Florida's economy. The BAS in Dental Hygiene will provide students with the skills and knowledge they need to become leaders in the field of dental hygiene, promoting excellence and innovation in healthcare. The community will also benefit from the increased number of dental hygiene professionals in the workforce, as it will help to improve the overall quality of dental care services in the region. This is especially important given the current global health crisis and the increased need for preventative healthcare measures.

I highly recommend that Miami Dade College's proposal for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene be approved. The program would not only benefit the students enrolled but also the community at large. I offer my full support for this initiative and wish the college every success in its endeavors.

Sincerely,

Samuel A. Darko, PhD
Chief Research Officer
Dean | School of Arts & Sciences
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Dr. Valery Forbes

Dean

February 26, 2023

Dear Dean Leiba:

We have recently been informed of Miami Dade College's interest in providing a valuable four-year degree offering to the South Florida community: the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Dental Hygiene.

We are pleased to know that the college continues to further this mission and its efforts by providing workforce education to students and expanding hands-on, job relevant courses to meet the needs of our community.

The Charles E. Schmidt College of Science supports the BS in Dental Hygiene degree proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Valery C. Forbes'.

Valery Forbes

Dean



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August 11, 2022

Miami Dade College
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School of Health Sciences
950 N.W. 20th Street, Suite 2201
Miami, FL 33127

Dear Dean Leiba,

This letter is to express our support for the proposed Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene Program. As the population ages and the healthcare industry continues to grow and expand, we would like well-prepared dental professionals with the necessary knowledge base and skill set to meet the needs of our community.

As a valued community partner, we wholeheartedly support Miami Dade College efforts to start a Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene Program as it will help fill our need for qualified healthcare professionals to provide competent and compassionate care in our facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Osmani Diaz DDS". The signature is stylized and includes the letters "DDS" at the end.

Osmani Diaz DDS



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Fredric Jay Witkin, D.D.S.

Jorge R. Centurion, D.D.S.

Nicole F. Besu, D.M.D., M.D.S.

July 8, 2022

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Dear Dean Leiba,

I would like to express my support for the proposed Bachelor program for Dental Hygiene. It is my firm belief that by better educating the student, the better prepared they will be in meeting the increased health care demands of our population. This additional education will also provide each student with a better understanding, enhancing their skill sets, and helping them feel more comfortable and confident in taking on many other roles associated with Health care.

A better educated healthcare professional is an all around "win" for the students as well as our community in general.

Sincerely,

Jorge R. Centurion, DDS, FACD, FICD

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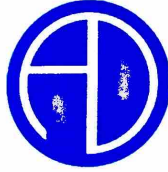
Dear Dean Leiba,

Let this letter serve as an expression of our support for the proposed Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene Program. As the population ages and the healthcare industry continues to grow and expand, we would like well-prepared dental professionals with the necessary knowledge base and skill set to meet the needs of our community as well as represent a team based and patient centric work ethic.

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Sincerely,


John Paul Gallardo DDS, PA



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July 13, 2022

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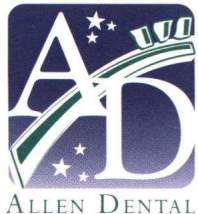
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Sincerely,

Lauren Totana D.M.D



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July 11, 2022

Dr. Iliana Pino
Dental Hygiene Program
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950 NW 20th St.,
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Dear Dr. Pino,

I support establishing a Bachelor of Dental Hygiene Program at Miami Dade College. I believe that the bachelor's degree provides more in-depth training and education, as well as offers graduates a greater variety of job opportunities.

Best regards,

Dr. Hugh Allen

January 25, 2023

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Miami, FL 33127

Dear Dean Leiba,

This letter is to express my wholehearted support for the proposed Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene program. As a licensed dental hygienist, I would be very interested and excited to attend this program once it is available.

Sincerely,

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Melissa M. Manduley, CRDH

January 25, 2023

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Dear Dean Leiba,

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Sincerely,



Jacqueline Podboy-Navarro CRDH, BAS

January 25, 2023

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Dear Dean Leiba,

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Sincerely,

Ashley Miranda CRDH

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Sandra Arill CRDH, BAS