Greetings to all of you!

It is with great honor that I present our new Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion to you, Dr. Jeanette Sabir-Holloway. The position is effective June 15th, 2020.

Born and raised in Tuskegee, Alabama, Dr. Holloway completed her undergraduate studies in Biology at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1976. That year, she matriculated at Indiana University School of Dentistry, where she received her DDS degree in 1980. Dr. Holloway currently owns a private practice with her husband in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she practiced for over 30 years. She has extensive continuing education in orthodontics and dental implantology.

Dr. Holloway has been very active in organized dentistry nationally as a member of both the American Dental Association and of the National Dental Association (NDA) as well as in the district components for these dental societies in Indiana. She received a Presidential Citation award from NDA and the Groundbreaker Award for Service and Leadership from Indianapolis District Dental Society. Additionally, she is a former trustee for the NDA and past President of the state and local chapters on the NDA. In 2013, Dr. Holloway was inducted as a Fellow into the International College of Dentists for her service and leadership. Dr. Holloway received the Presidential Award from the Thomas J. Blocker Society of Morehouse College for her commitment and support of the pre-dental programming at Morehouse College. She has served on several Boards in the Indianapolis community, including the YMCA, and Children’s Museum Board of Advisors, Key Club for United Way, and St. Richard’s School. She is a past member of the Board of American Pianists Association. In January 2020, she has been appointed to the ADEA Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID) Advisory Group.

Dr. Holloway founded and directed the IDID dental pipeline program whose primary objective is described by its name—Increasing Diversity in Dentistry. IDID focuses on assisting underrepresented students, including first-generation and low-income students, in becoming better-prepared applicants for dental school and increasing their numbers in dental schools. The organization provides mentoring and advising in a nurturing manner and creates opportunities for DAT prep programming and dentistry exposure for IDID scholars. The IDID Scholars commit to practicing dentistry in an underserved area for a minimum of two years upon completion of dental school. Dr. Holloway also created and implemented Exposure to Dentistry as a component for the Middle School Academy of Science Health Sciences summer program previously offered by the Office of Diversity at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Dr. Holloway served on the Indiana University School of Dentistry Admissions Committee for nearly 14 years, reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and participating in selection meetings. Additionally, she collaborated with the admissions and diversity offices in continuous efforts to recruit underrepresented students.

In March of 2016, Dr. Holloway joined Tufts University School of Dental Medicine as the Director of Outreach, Recruitment, and Admissions. During that time, we have admitted the most diverse classes in the school’s history. Indeed, TUSDM is now the most diverse dental school in North America. While at TUSDM, Dr. Holloway was a recipient of the Indiana District Dental Society Women in Dentistry Leaders & Mentors Award and won the Lucy Hobbs Mentor Award.

Prior to her arrival at TUSDM, her collaborations with the school include the following:

- Winning a grant from the ADEA National Learning Institute, emphasizing strategic pipeline development and effective promotion of cultural competence in students and staff;
- IDID Symposium, wherein the majority of participants have either applied to, will apply or have been accepted to Tufts;
- Annual Admissions Program in Atlanta, which creates opportunities for dynamic interactions with students;
- Presentations and advising to pre-dental students at Clark University, Hampton University, Morehouse College, Oakwood University, Spelman University, and Tuskegee University, with TUSDM admissions officers.

As a newly appointed ADDI, Dr. Holloway will be appointed to the Tufts University Cabinet on Diversity and Inclusion (TUCDI) by Provost Aubry. She will also sit on the health sciences campus-wide, Joint Council on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JCEDI) and will be working closely with Associate Provost and CDO Joyce Sackey, who chairs JCEDI.

I hope you will all join me in congratulating Dr. Jeanette Sabir-Holloway on her new position.

Warm Regards,

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