

University of Florida  
College of Dentistry  
**2015 ACCREDITATION**  
**Update**

August 31, 2015



To: UF College of Dentistry,

We are just one month away from our CODA site visit, scheduled for September 29 through October 1 and final preparations are in full swing.

Just as everyone plays a role in the ongoing success of our school, **everyone also plays a role in the success of our site visit.** There are some things we'd like everyone to be aware of during the site visit and, over the next month, I will be sharing those things with you.

I am looking forward to this opportunity to showcase our college's educational, research and patient care programs. This is an exceptional school and it is a pleasure to be able to share our accomplishments with others in the dental education field.

**On September 9**, we have a half-day retreat scheduled for people who are directly involved in the site visit. Many of you already have this on your calendars and others will be asked to attend one or more sessions that day as part of planning and rehearsals for the meetings.

Charles Lesch is working with UF PPD to ensure things are running smoothly in the building. If you know of issues that need to be addressed, please contact Charles [via email](#) to let him know your concerns.

Please familiarize yourself with the college's **mission, vision and values** as there have been some minor changes to those over the past few years.

And I hope you enjoy the photo, above, from the Annual Staff Retreat on August 27. At the end of the day, many people took time to write letters to deployed members of our military and to assemble bags with toothpaste, a toothbrush and dental floss. The bags, 675 of them, were delivered to two local elementary schools with a high population of at-risk students.

With kind regards,

**Isabel**

Isabel Garcia, D.D.S., M.P.H.  
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## *Vision*

To be internationally recognized as a leader in education, research, patient care and service.

## *Mission*

To be known for innovative dental education, commitment to cultural diversity, discovery, transfer of scientific knowledge, the superior skills of our graduates and the highest degree of patient care and service.

## *Values*

These values help the college achieve its vision and mission:

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Collaboration
- Courtesy
- Compassion
- Diversity
- Professionalism

The UFCD Strategic Plan is posted on [our website](#).

If you would like to review the materials, the self-study and all related appendices are posted on our website [here](#).

If you are new to the college and would like to learn more about CODA accreditation, please visit our accreditation web pages [here](#).