

*Curriculum Vitae*  
**COLBY C. DEAN**

**EDUCATION**

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July 2022 – Present	<b>Doctor of Dental Medicine</b> <i>Expected Graduation: May 2026</i> Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, Boston, MA
July 2020- December 2021	<b>Master of Science in Biomedical Science</b> Mississippi College, Clinton, MS
August 2014 – December 2019	<b>Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management</b> University of Alabama-Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

**ORGANIZED DENISTRY MEETINGS**

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November 2024	<b><i>ASDA National Leadership Conference</i></b> , Chicago, IL
June 2024	<b><i>Society of American Indian Dentists Annual Conference</i></b> , Niagara Falls, NY
April 2024	<b><i>ADA Dentists and Student Lobby Day</i></b> , Washington, D.C.
February 2024	<b><i>ASDA Annual Session</i></b> , Denver, CO
February 2024	<b><i>ASDA District 1 Conference</i></b> , Ledyard, CT
October 2023	<b><i>ASDA National Leader Conference</i></b> , Chicago, Illinois
September 2023	<b><i>National Indian Health Board Tribal Health Equity Data Symposium</i></b> , Washington, D.C.
June 2023	<b><i>ASDA District 1 Summer Leadership Retreat</i></b> , Cape Cod, MA
June 2023	<b><i>Society of American Indian Dentists Annual Conference</i></b> , Omaha, NE
February 2023	<b><i>ASDA District 1 Conference</i></b> , Ledyard, CT
January 2023	<b><i>Yankee Dental and ASDA District 1 Debate</i></b> , Boston, MA
June 2019	<b><i>Society of American Indian Dentists Annual Conference</i></b> , Oklahoma City, OK
June 2018	<b><i>Society of American Indian Dentists Annual Conference</i></b> , Seattle, WA

**LEADERSHIP ROLES**

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November 2023-Present	<b><i>Society of American Indian Dental Students</i></b> Founder and President
March 2023-Present	<b><i>Society of American Indian Dentists</i></b> Policy and Legislation Committee – Voting Member
March 2024-Present	<b><i>District 1 ASDA Professional Development Committee</i></b> Cabinet Associate
May 2024-Present	<b><i>Tufts ASDA DEI Committee</i></b> Cabinet Chair
November 2024-Present	<b><i>ADA Foundation - Give Kids A Smile</i></b> Student Advisory Group
August 2023-Present	<b><i>Tufts University School of Dental Medicine Student Affairs</i></b> <b><i>Peer Advisor Group</i></b> Peer Advisor
June 2022-Present	<b><i>MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians Ambassadors</i></b> Ambassador

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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July 2023-October 2023

### **Tufts University School of Dental Medicine**

Clinical Anatomy Teaching Assistant

Boston, MA

- Support lesson planning and curriculum development for students in cadaver lab
- Complete pro-sections for students to observe as a reference point for their dissections
- Host review sessions and mock exams

July 2022-Present

### **Tufts University School of Dental Medicine**

Admissions Ambassador

Boston, MA

- Talk with students in the interview process about Tufts
- Give tours to students in the application process
- Interview prospective dental students

March 2023- Present

### **Society of American Indian Dentists**

Social Media Manager

- Develop and implement comprehensive social media strategies
- Curate engaging content that highlights the organization's mission and events
- monitor analytics to optimize reach and engagement
- foster online community engagement to promote awareness and participation in initiatives related to Indigenous dental health

August 2024- Present

### **ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership**

24-25 Student Cohort

- Enhance leadership skills and gain leadership experience
- Strengthen professional network and build a lifetime of supportive relationships
- Set new leadership paths within the dental profession and communities

## PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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June 2024

*Quantifying Racial and Ethnic Identity in Research*

Society of American Indian Dentists Annual Conference

Niagara Falls, NY

September 2023

*Quantifying Racial and Ethnic Identity in Research*

National Indian Health Board Tribal Health Equity Data Symposium,  
Washington, D.C.

## PUBLICATIONS

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November 2024

*Silenced Smiles: The Battle for Dental Equity in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities*

American Student Dental Association Contour Magazine

November/December 2024 | Volume 8 | Number 10

## HEALTH CARE & COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

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*Health Care Experience*

## ***Career History***

January 2022 – April 2022

### **Laboratory Technologist**

CLARCS – Mobile, AL

- Process specimens and prepare patient samples for laboratory testing
- Analyze, review, and report patient PCR results
- Run appropriate quality control and maintenance on equipment along with proficiency testing and maintain patient and quality assurance files
- Order and stock supplies for the laboratory

August 2019-June 2020

### **Billing Analyst**

Infirmity Health Systems – Daphne, AL

- Communicate with clients and other departments, resolving issues, and providing clarifications
- Review insurance claims for accuracy to ensure proper reimbursements
- Maintain updated records of accounts receivable
- Support monthly and quarterly audits for efficient reimbursements
- Submit formal appeals to Insurance payers on denied claims for reimbursement

January 2018-April 2019

### **Intern**

Cahaba Valley Health Care – Birmingham, AL

- Schedule, reschedule, and cancel appointments
- Insert patient information into specified databases
- Create patient dental records and update as needed
- Brainstorm and execute plan for problem areas in the organization

## ***Community Service Experience***

January 2018-April 2019

### **Dental Assistant**

Cahaba Valley Health Care – Birmingham, AL

- Assist dental professionals in providing essential oral healthcare services to underserved populations
- Manage patient intake and records
- Sterilize instruments
- Facilitate efficient clinic operations

## **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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July 2023-May 2024

### ***Tufts ASDA Pre-Dental Outreach Committee***

Cabinet Vice-Chair

March 2023-February 2024

### ***District 1 ASDA DEI Committee***

Cabinet Associate

September 2022-July 2023

### ***Tufts ASDA Pre-Dental Outreach Committee***

Cabinet Associate

July 2018 – July 2019

### ***Cahaba Valley Health Care***

Junior Board Member – Fundraising Committee

February 2016 – February 2017

### ***Alabama United Residence Halls***

Board of Directors – Director of Recognition

September 2015 – April 2016

### ***University of Alabama-Birmingham Student Housing***

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Alpha Omega  
American Association of Public Health Dentistry  
American Dental Association  
American Student Dental Association  
Massachusetts Dental Society  
Society of American Indian Dentists  
Society of American Indian Dental Students  
Student National Dental Association  
Queer Dental Collective

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

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August 2024	Native Forward Scholar
October 2022	Meghan Weaver Harbuck Memorial Award
June 2022, 2023, 2024	<i>Crest OralB</i> Award
March 2021, 2023	Martha Walden Memorial Award
March 2023	Joshua Taylor Achievement Award
October 2021	Frank Johnston Youth Leadership Memorial Award
August 2020	Alabama Indian Affairs Award
January 2019	West McIntosh Indian Community Association Award

## **REFERENCES**

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References are available upon request.