# DENTAL STUDENT PANEL REPRESENTATIVES from EVERY TEXAS DENTAL SCHOOL

## San Antonio School:

Why did they choose here?

- Early Clinical Experience
- Rigor/Academics
- Location

## **El Paso School:**

Why did they choose here?

- Early Clinical Experience
- Pass/Fail System
- Opportunities to be exposed to Spanish speaking.
- Smaller Classes
- They get their Weekends Off All Exams on Fridays.

## **TAMU/Dallas School:**

Why did they choose here?

- Supportive Faculty and Staff
- The Location
- Harder D1 Year, Easier D2 Year. (Most D2 Years are the hardest)

#### **Houston School:**

Why did they choose here?

- Great community and atmosphere at school.
- Supportive Faculty
- A lot of Aggies in their Class.

## What made you stand out as an applicant?

- Extra Shadowing Opportunities
- Dental Assisting in an Office
- Dental Mission Trips
- Being Well Rounded Other than Dentistry.
- Having a Service Oriented Mindset.
  - o Being Consistent with Service Opportunities.
- Having a Job

## **Interview Tips:**

- (Specific Scenario) Sheet of paper put on a table at Texas Tech interview. Had One Word Listed on the sheet of Paper, and had to come up with 10 different related words. *Be able to think out loud and work through it.*
- Be Yourself in your Interview.
- Do not be afraid to say the wrong thing.
- Are you authentic? Are you personable?
- Come with Questions for them.
- Look over your application before you go into your interview.
- Be prepared for Ethical Questions.

## How is the Workload adjustment from college to dental school?

- Heavy workload, but you will adapt very quickly.
- Have an outlet! Be social, go workout, or find a hobby that you like!
- Hard to go back to the highschool schedule.
- Texas A&M Undergrad definitely prepares you!
- Don't expect perfection and set realistic expectations.