TO: STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2020

Congratulations on your admission to the College of Dental Medicine.

You can find our Handbook and all the instructions, forms and links you’ll need to complete your financial aid application on our website, www.cumc.columbia.edu/student/finaid.

If you will be applying for financial aid please act promptly to complete and submit the required documents as soon as possible but no later than February 29th, or two weeks after our offer of admissions, whichever is later. Please be sure that Your Name, DN’ 20, appears on all materials you submit directly to our office.

The Aid Type Request Form should be completed and returned directly (fax or email is acceptable) to our office immediately. You should also complete the FAFSA and the Need Access Application as soon as possible as it is difficult to give even a “guestimate” without the data loaded to our system. If your parents live overseas, all of the applications or links to them are available on our website. If you are awarded a CDM Grat we will base your renewal amount on the previous year’s award.

It is important that you and your parents complete the 2015 IRS 1040 Federal taxes early as your financial aid award package will be tentative and subject to change if we haven’t received signed complete copies before we determine your award.

Should any of your personal information change after you submit the application materials, or if you have questions or concerns about the application process, please email Tony Glad at arg2212@cumc.columbia.edu. Tony will be your financial aid officer.

Please pay special attention to the deadline for the "Interschool Scholarships" listed on our website. If you believe you are eligible for any of these scholarships, email us as soon as possible, explaining how you qualify.

You should become an educated consumer and take the initiative to learn all that you can about your options, given your personal financial situation. Please realize that the responsibility is primarily yours when it comes to finances. We appreciate the importance of financial aid in planning your dental education. You may find the "Comparing Financial Aid Offers" letter useful. This sheet highlights points to consider when comparing financial aid packages from various dental schools. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information.

Sincerely,

Ellen Spilker, Executive Director