The Initiative to Build the
James B. Edwards
College of Dental Medicine
Today, we begin a new chapter in the life of our college as we break ground for the nation’s newest and most advanced dental education facility, a center worthy of the proud program we have been able to build only through the dedicated service of our gifted faculty and staff.

We also take this opportunity to pay tribute to a man who has spent his entire adult life in service of others, in the U.S. Maritime Service, the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, the U.S. Naval Reserves, as an oral surgeon, a state senator, a South Carolina governor, a United States secretary of energy and a president of the Medical University of South Carolina. His entire life stands as a testament to the values of integrity and service, which we hope to instill in each of our students. When this clinical education center is complete, it will be a privilege to rename the college in his honor: The James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.

I want to emphasize that this groundbreaking would not have been possible without the support of hundreds of individuals, businesses and organizations who have brought us to this exciting point in our history. Through their continued generosity and support, they are empowering us to build a center that our students, faculty, staff, and patients so richly deserve. For that, we are immeasurably grateful.

Finally, I cannot say enough to recognize and thank our faculty members for the role they have played in our college’s success, and that of our graduates. These are the people who, for 40 years, have done more with less and still produced some of the best dentists in the country. As I think about what they have done for so long and with so little, I can hardly begin to imagine the greatness they will achieve in a state-of-the-art learning environment, designed and built exclusively for dental education.”

Dr. John Sanders
College of Dental Medicine Dean

Our Mission:

To educate students as well as current practitioners of oral health care, to expand the body of knowledge about oral and related diseases, and to serve citizens of the state of South Carolina and the region by providing exemplary oral health care.
Through an increase in square footage and a more efficient utilization of space, the new Clinical Education Center will place our students on the cutting edge of dental education and our patients at the forefront of new innovations in clinical care.

Specifically, the new facility will:

- Accommodate today’s **LARGER STUDENT ENROLLMENT** and provide room for continued growth in the future.
- Accommodate the **TECHNOLOGIES** needed to provide optimal dental training and care.
- Promote **CLOSER INTERACTION** between instructors, researchers, care providers and students, resulting in a more comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to dental care.
- Provide room to add **NEW SPECIALTY AREAS OF TRAINING**, helping us retain specialists that might otherwise pursue advanced training in other parts of the country.
- Provide an environment better suited for **RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY**.
- Enable the College to provide **CLINICAL CARE** in a modern, professional setting.

Finally, it will stand as a lasting tribute to a man who has contributed so much not only to the Medical University, but also to the state of South Carolina: MUSC President Emeritus Dr. James B. Edwards.
The 120,000-square-foot building will provide an innovative learning environment for clinical practice while forging a distinctive physical identity for the College of Dental Medicine.

The project includes 190 dental operatories, which were designed through careful collaboration with faculty and staff. The goals were to provide rich learning environments, flexibility for growth and change, and comfortable, efficient clinical spaces. Each floor has break-out seminar spaces for group instruction and resident study areas provide convenient student spaces within the clinical environment.

Special consideration was given to patient, student, and faculty movement in the center, helping to provide a patient-focused environment with clear way-finding, while maintaining efficiency and functional circulation for students, faculty and staff.

Patient waiting areas are located at the east end of the building with dedicated departmental check-in areas and medical history kiosks. These waiting areas will provide views that help the patient orient themselves in the building and on the university campus.

Five floors of the new building are dedicated clinical space for 11 departments including general dentistry, pediatric dentistry and oral surgery.

The sixth floor contains programmatic support spaces, including central administration, a large student lounge and a 4,000-square-foot central sterilization department. The sterilization department includes a dedicated elevator to facilitate the flow of sterilized instrument trays to the various departments below. The new building also is designed with the infrastructure needed to support the Axium patient record system, which will allow students and faculty to “plug in” and work throughout the new facility.

The fifth floor provides dental research space, clinical space for advanced general dentistry, and a dedicated faculty practice clinic. The faculty-practice suite has 12 large operatories that offer the flexibility needed to serve many specialties.

The fourth floor provides services for pediatric dentistry and orthodontics. The waiting area has been subdivided to address the various needs of the patient population groups. Additional quiet enclosed waiting space is also provided for pediatric patients.

The third floor is dedicated to restorative dentistry and features 42 open operatories that allow for observation and open communication in the educational environment. The third floor Restorative Department also features 1,400 square feet of state-of-the-art prosthodontic laboratory space.

The second floor provides treatment areas for periodontics and oral surgery. Clinical spaces include operatories designed to meet specialized clinical needs while maintaining the flexibility required in the educational environment. The oral surgery department features a private waiting room, undergraduate operatories and a surgical suite with five high-tech oral surgery procedure rooms and an associated post-op area where patients can be observed by faculty and students while recovering in a relaxing environment filled with natural light and campus views.

The first floor contains clinical spaces related to general dentistry and treatment planning. Five of the operatories on this floor are designed for the treatment of special-needs patients.
A FITTING TRIBUTE TO AN EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVANT

When the new Clinical Education Center is completed, the Medical University will rename the entire dental school in honor of its longtime president, James B. Edwards, D.M.D.

From the moment Dr. Edwards became president of the Medical University in 1982, he worked tirelessly to build an institution that was second to none in terms of quality care, instruction and research. His success in this effort was extraordinary, by almost every measure. During his tenure, the Medical University increased the size of its campus more than three times over, from 1.5 million square feet to 5 million square feet, strengthening every aspect of its three-part mission of education, patient care and scientific discovery in the process.

In 17 short years, Dr. James B. Edwards, with the support and assistance of his beloved wife Ann, helped the Medical University forge a national reputation for healthcare excellence, setting a pace for growth and progress that continues to build momentum today.

In appreciation for his service to the Palmetto State – as a dedicated oral surgeon, state senator, governor, U.S. presidential cabinet member and University president – the Medical University of South Carolina is proud to honor Dr. Edwards by renaming its dental school in his honor: THE DR. JAMES B. EDWARDS COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE.

A PUBLIC & PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

The college’s new facility will cost an estimated $61 million in public and private funds to build and equip.

Already, supporters of the college have supported this initiative with overwhelming show of financial support. Major contributors include the alumni of the college, dental professionals, college staff and faculty, private foundations, corporations and the South Carolina Dental Association, as well as hundreds of individuals whose primary motivation is to honor the career and accomplishments of Dr. James B. Edwards.

We are confident that, with the support of friends like you, we will reach our funding objectives and soon make the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine a reality. The new center offers hundreds of investment options, each providing a limited-time opportunity for you to have your name or the name of a loved one prominently displayed in our College of Dental Medicine.

To learn more about how you can help, please contact us at (843) 792-6933, toll-free at (800) 810-MUSC or write:

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“As a graduate of the MUSC College of Dental Medicine, it has always been my belief that it’s important to give back to the institution that gave me so much. The Medical University has given me the opportunity to fulfill my dream of enjoying a successful and rewarding career in dentistry. It was with much pleasure and sincere gratitude that we made our gift.”

- Harold Jablon, Dental Class of ’71, and his wife, Irene
Some people might like to make a significant gift to the College of Dental Medicine but feel unable to do so because of current financial obligations. If you are one of these people, we encourage you to learn more about the Medical University's Legacy Society.

The Legacy Society consists of people who have made a gift to the university through their estate plans. With a planned gift, you commit to make the gift today, but the gift does not actually pass to the College of Dental Medicine until after the end of your life. That way, you are able to make a larger contribution than would be possible during your lifetime.

Planned giving can also help you achieve a number of very attractive financial advantages. For example, a properly planned gift can help you:

- Achieve an **IMMEDIATE CHARITABLE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION**, even though the gift technically will not be made until later.
- Earn a **GUARANTEED, MINIMALLY TAXABLE INCOME** for the rest of your life and/or the life of a loved one.
- Avoid **CAPITAL GAINS TAX** on highly appreciated assets, such as stocks or property.
- Avoid leaving your family with a sizable **INHERITANCE TAX BURDEN**.

Beyond the generous tax and financial benefits associated with planned giving, there's also the satisfaction in knowing that your gift will make a permanent difference in the lives of so many students and their families, not only here in South Carolina but worldwide.

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"It seemed like a good way to avoid some tax liability while paying both me and my wife a certain amount of income for the rest of our lives. But the main incentive for me was to help the Medical University's dental school and to give something back to dentistry."

- Dr. Cotesworth Fishburne, with wife, Shirley, whose charitable remainder trust will help build the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.