

HOW I GOT TO DENTAL SCHOOL

TAYLOR GLOVSKY

Taylor Glovsky is a second-year student (DS2) in the pre-doctoral DMD program. She grew up in Scottsdale, Arizona, and graduated from Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University. Her father is an orthodontist, and in high school, she worked in his office answering phones, seating patients, and learning more about the profession. "Seeing how happy dentistry makes him and how happy he makes his patients convinced me from an early age that dentistry was something that I wanted to be a part of," said Taylor.

The dental school search process was pretty intense for Taylor. She interviewed and was accepted to seven schools! Taylor shared why she ultimately chose OHSU. "It sounds cheesy, but the second that I stepped into the SOD, I knew that it was where I wanted to be for the next four years. Oregon, Portland, and OHSU have a welcoming feel that is indescribable. I could picture myself here, exploring, learning, and being genuinely happy. This was not something that I could say about the other places that I visited. The beauty, people, and education had me sold from the very start."

The relationships that Taylor has formed has been her favorite part of dental school. "My classmates and faculty keep me engaged and push me to help others and myself," she shared. "The extracurricular opportunities at the SOD also allow me to develop my leadership and clinical skills." She recalls how, during one of her first weekends at OHSU, she was able to volunteer at an event and assist an upper-level student with a filling. A few weeks later, she was able to help another colleague place sealants during Sealant Day. "I never dreamed of getting clinical experience that early in my education," she said. "Although it was terrifying, I'll never



Pictured above: DS2, Taylor Glovsky

forget that first time I directly aided in someone's oral healthcare." For Taylor, the most challenging part of dental school is time management. She says that making a schedule and sticking to it has helped her manage her life better.

Now, as a DS2, Taylor has learned a thing or two. Her advice for anyone considering pursuing dentistry is, "Go shadow specialties, spend the extra semester studying abroad, work in a dental lab, and do not be afraid to be outside of your comfort zone. In the end, everything works out, but enjoying the journey is arguably the most important part."

