Dr. Duggan on the COST of Dental Education – Before and during dental school.

I have been encouraged to say a few words about the cost of dental education – both before dental school and during dental school. Everyone knows that the tuition fees are very high in recent years, but the concern is how MUCH you get for your tuition! My belief, from what my students have reported, is that when you enter dental school without thorough preparation, you get LESS from the program. If the total debt that you will incur is \$350,000 and you can get 10% more from it, that is worth \$35,000 – far more than the cost of first-class preparation!

It is way MORE difficult to graduate dental school with confidence than it was years ago, and I know the reasons why and they are not likely to change – certainly I cannot change them much as I would like to. But each individual student CAN overcome the obstacles with the perspective given in our RD courses. Many students have said this is the case – from personal experience.

While our restorative dentistry courses are not the cheapest out there, they are not the most expensive. And yet – the amount of hands-on one-on-one instruction by an experienced dental educator and former full-time school clinical professor is second to none. AND the teaching is always about clinical relevance. This CANNOT be taught by someone who has not "been there and done that", clinically over the decades.

I encourage you to invest wisely now, so that you may reap more benefits later! Saving money in the short term, as we have all learned in one way or the other, is often the recipe for disaster. A cheap car usually costs more in the long run!

My international students, of which there have been over 6000, have all totally impressed me with their courage – relocating to this country with nothing but uncertainty ahead. Don't let that courage fail you now! Take the strong and bold step forward toward your dream career! Invest wisely with us, and we will be invested in YOU!

I feel so strongly about this that I am now developing a series of courses for Pre-Dental students, applying from college for 4-year dental school programs.

And I am also linking my efforts most to those schools with the drive for clinical excellence – to provide my students with as direct a pathway as possible toward this goal.

Your time at Duggan Oral Design will establish your place in a vast network of aspiring and practicing dentists as well as dedicated educators. Your investment now reaches far and wide!