

**2026 S.M.I.L.E. Curriculum & Schedule of Events**  
**Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry Saturday, June 27 - Thursday, July 2, 2026**

Time	Day 1 Saturday, 6/27	Day 2 Sunday, 6/28	Day 3 Monday, 6/29	Day 4 Tuesday, 6/30	Day 5 Wednesday, 7/1	Day 6 Thursday, 7/2
8:00am - 8:30am	<b>Airport Pick-ups</b>  <b>Check into Dormitories</b> Fisk University  Local Students - Parents Must be Present	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:30am - 9:15am		Residence Hall	Residence Hall	Residence Hall	Residence Hall	Residence Hall
9:15am - 9:30am		Break & Transfer to Lecture Room	Break & Transfer to Lecture Room	Break & Transfer to Lecture Room	Break & Transfer to Lecture Room	OSA Conference Room
9:30am - 10:20am		<b>College Admission</b> <b>Ms. Chandra Jamison</b> Cox A. Learn the key components of a strong college application, including academic records, extracurricular involvement, essays, and letters of recommendation. B. Understand SAT/ACT- Test Prep strategies, Costs, Scores. C. Understand academic major selection, student advising, and class registration processes. D. Explore timelines and planning tools to manage application deadlines, standardized testing, and financial aid submissions effectively.	<b>Nutrition and Its Effects on Oral Health</b> <b>Dr. Sylvie Akhoue</b> Cox A. Understand the relationship between diet, oral health, and overall health. B. Identify foods and dietary habits that contribute to tooth decay and gum disease, as well as those that support oral wellness. C. Learn practical strategies to improve nutrition for better oral health. D. Explore social determinants that may be associated with nutrition and overall health.	<b>"SMILE Science"</b> <b>Dr. James Tyus</b> Cox A. Describe the major anatomical structures of the teeth. B. Gain an introduction to dental nomenclature. C. Understand the anatomical features that correlate to susceptibility to caries.	<b>What is Oral Surgery?</b> <b>Dr. Jeremy Medlock</b> Cox A. Define the role of an oral surgeon and educational requirements. B. Explain the education and training pathway . C. Introduce Ambassadors to common procedures performed by oral surgeons, such as wisdom tooth extraction, implant placement, and corrective jaw surgery.	<b>Capstone Presentation &amp; Group Photo</b> Group Photo- Front SOD LRC
10:30am - 12:15pm		<b>College Admission Overview &amp; Institution Tours /Scavenger Hunt</b> <b>Chandra Jarrett 10:30- 11:20/ 11:30- 12:15 Tours</b> Cox A. Demonstrate effective communication skills by articulating personal experiences, academic interests, and career goals with clarity and confidence. B. Develop strategies for making a positive impression through appropriate body language, tone, and professionalism during an interview. C. Identify areas for improvement through self-reflection and feedback to enhance performance in future interviews.	<b>Restoring Teeth - Hands-On</b> <b>Drs. Afrika Jimerson/ Eric Oates &amp; Students</b> D1/D2 Lab	<b>Digital Dentistry - Hands On</b> <b>Dr. William Davis &amp; Dental Students</b> D1/D2 Lab	<b>How Teeth are Removed - Hands-On</b> <b>Dr. Jeremy Medlock &amp; Dr. Rahul Lanka residents</b> D1/D2 Lab	Say Good-Byes & Survey 12:15pm
12:20pm - 1:20pm		Lunch Room 546	Lunch Room 546	Lunch Boxes for Bus Room 546- Pickup Boxes or Pass out on Bus Honey Baked Ham	Lunch -N- Learn Room 546 Organizations speak to there organization NDA, HDA, HSDA SAID & SNDA	<b>Box Lunch To Go</b> Transportation to Airport Parent Pick-ups Honey Baked Ham
1:30pm - 3:20pm		<b>Dental School Admission Overview</b> <b>Mrs. Machel Thompson</b> Cox A. Discuss the academic steps to applying to dental school (Pre-requisite courses, DAT). B. Discuss nonacademic components of applying to dental school (extracurricular activities, shadowing, and clinical experiences). C. Discuss other dental related career paths D. Learn effective strategies for preparing for the application process (essay writing, interviewing skills, dressing for success).	<b>Dental Modeling Pouring &amp; Impressions - Hands-On</b> <b>Dr. William Davis &amp; Dental Students</b> D1/D2 Lab	<b>FQHC Visit (starting at 1:00 PM)</b> (Location pending)	<b>Capstone Final Prep Work</b> Room 546	
3:30pm - 5:00pm		<b>"Healthcare as a Career"</b> Dr. Burdette - Dentist, Mr. Timothy Byers - Hygienist, Student- Alexis Jackson April Malone - EFDA, Dental Office Manager - Mr. Timothy Byers Dr. Dontell Johnson - Physician, Ms. Slaughter - Nurse, Dr. William Davis - Academia	Meharry Bookstore Visit	Transport to Museum	<b>Break &amp; Capstone Presentation</b> <b>Run Through at Mic</b> LRC	
4:00pm		<b>Greetings</b> - Deans, HS, NDA, HDA, SAID	<b>Free Time</b> New Hall	<b>Museum Excursions</b> Nat'l Museum of African American Music		
4:15pm		<b>Orientation</b> - Pam & Marcus	Room 546 A. Discuss various healthcare career options, required education/training, and day-to-day responsibilities.			

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	Ice Breakers - Chaperones  New Hall	B. Gain exposure to personal career journeys, including challenges, turning points, and key decisions that shaped their paths in healthcare. C. Gain tips on networking, work-life balance, and navigating career success for aspiring healthcare professionals.		Group Tour		
5:15pm - 6:15pm	Dinner & White Coat Ceremony Program - Deans & Institution Lead Capstone Overview & Assign Groups - Institutions Lead Dr. Gangula New Alumni Hall Swett's	National Landmark  Bicentennial Capitol Mall Park  Photo Op - T-shirt Day	Capstone Projects  New Hall	Early Dinner at Assembly Food Hall  Assembly Food Hall	Greek Fraternity/Sorority Panel  Talent Show  Dinner - Jack's Room 546	
6:30pm - 7:30pm			Top Golf  Quesadilla/Taco Bar 500 Cowen St. Nashville, 37207	Dinner - Monell's Room 546		
7:30pm - 10:00pm	Return to Dorms and Dormitory Fun Time		Return to Dorms and Dormitory Fun Time	Dormitory Fun Time	Return to Dorms and Dormitory Fun Time	
10:00pm	Bedtime	Bedtime	Bedtime	Bedtime	Bedtime	