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Becoming a dentist has opened so many doors, there is no doubt that the School of Dentistry has made me the person I am today. I wear my profession with pride. I am recognised and respected by people from all aspects of life, especially the business community.

Now I have two young boys who look up to their father and aspire to be a dentist, just like their dad. It doesn't get better than that!

In my days, there was no email or internet. We had to drive to the dental school to check our results. The moment I saw my name and found out that I passed my final exams, it was surreal. I was excited and fearful. All my student life, it was all about passing exams and doing well. Now what? I'd reached the peak of one mountain, where was the next one? Luckily, I didn't have to wait long for the answer; I was hired as a junior dentist in a private practice within two days.

My advice to dental students is to be the best you can be. Always strive to give your patients the best dental care possible. If you look after your patients, they will look after you. The difference between good and perfection is usually just spending an extra 10 minutes with a patient.