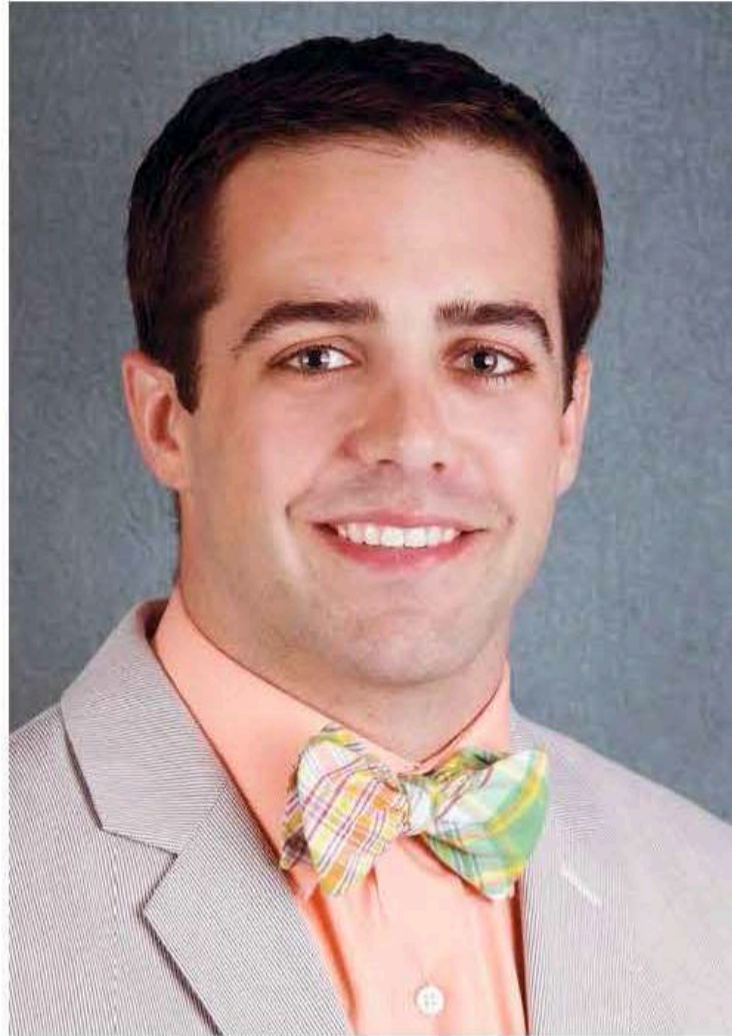


Outstanding New Dentist Award

Kevin Ward, D.M.D., M.S. '12



- Dr. Ward enrolled at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine in 2008 and while in dental school he volunteered for two terms in the Dominican Republic, bringing dental care to the underprivileged.
- During his postdoctoral residency at the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Ward participated on the university's Cleft Palate Team, and was awarded the prestigious University of Oklahoma Health Science Center Outstanding Master's Thesis Award for his thesis, "Patient Self Perception of Malocclusion and Facial Imbalance When Seeking Orthodontic Treatment."
- Dr. Ward was extended an invitation to be a part of the teaching faculty of the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation and will be participating as an instructor in the near future.
- Dr. Ward notes that he particularly enjoys working with children, who make up the majority of his patients. "Working with kids makes it fun to go into the office every day," Dr. Ward says. "They always have something new going on, such as school or sports. They're funny and they keep you on your toes."
- In fact, Dr. Ward and his father, Dennis M. Ward, D.D.S. '81, M.S.D. '83, have even been collaborating on a children's book, "Taking Care of Our Teeth." The Wards say their goal is to help educate young patients about dentistry in general and orthodontics in particular.
- Nick Gravino, D.D.S. '88 wrote, "During his time at dental school Kevin shadowed at our office numerous times, and it became quite evident to me that he was different from other dental students. He asked a lot of great questions and was curious about learning. Kevin demonstrated to me that he is a hard worker with a deep dedication to being the best."
- John R. Blakemore, D.D.S. '71 adds, "There is no question Kevin will be a leader in dentistry for many years to come."

