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Eric Edward Ellis, '06, says that he was attracted to Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine for a number of reasons. However, the number one attraction was this: "I knew that I wanted to practice pediatric dentistry," he says. "And when I saw the first-year sealant program here, well, that is what really put CWRU at the top of my list. Getting into the clinic early and working with children made the the difference in my decision."

As for what he learned at CWRU, Dr. Ellis says, "My four years at CWRU taught me that the pain of discipline is temporary, but the pain of compromise is permanent," he explains. "All the hard work done at those buildings on Cornell Road make my work life a lot less stressful today." The education gained here has allowed Dr. Ellis to have an enjoyable and innovative practice.

"I have the best job in the world," he says. "While there are no tricks up my sleeve, it is imperative that my pediatric patients understand that their parents, my dental team, and I are working together to take care of them. Children are amazing; if you show them some respect and compassion, most will give you a chance."

ADVICE TO CURRENT STUDENTS

The instructors at CWRU are among the finest in our scholastic field today," he says. "They are there to help you become the best you can be. Many of my classmates are quickly becoming the leaders in our industry. Upon completion of your training at the School of Dental Medicine, you will be among the most prepared new doctors in the country."

Also, says Dr. Ellis, "work hard, but enjoy all that northern Ohio has to offer while you are there. The four years will pass by very quickly." He turns philosophical when he adds, "I believe it was John E. Southard who said, 'The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you.' So to all of my classmates and instructors at Case, thanks for the great memories."

Dr. Ellis practices in Phoenix, Arizona. He says he spends his time "with my beautiful wife and children, as well as spending my time fighting tooth decay." ■

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