The School of Dentistry’s strategic plan, launched July 2017, will direct the school’s focus and efforts from 2017-2021. An update of a few of our key initiatives for each priority is below.

1. Recruit and retain the best people in a collaborative environment
   - Develop learning communities through the Dental and Oral Health Scholars Program and establish a professional learning community/Yammer Initiative.
   - Create a new faculty development platform to include qualitative and quantitative assessment of faculty needs for leadership and career growth.
   - Create a School of Dentistry patient communication/satisfaction survey to be delivered at the end of each visit or completion of care.
   - Assessment of faculty mentoring program, creation of staff mentoring program.

2. Revolutionize curriculum and operations
   - Develop Advisory Board for curriculum overhaul.
   - Create a new School of Dentistry committee structure.
   - Create multi-level partnerships with UNC Healthcare.
   - Establish time for faculty engaged in curriculum revision to meet.

3. Embrace an entrepreneurial mindset
   - Create a “Big Ideas” annual competition to foster a culture of thinking among the School of Dentistry students, clinical and research faculty and staff.
   - Explore opportunities to develop teledentistry applications or other technologically innovative programs for remote oral health care access across North Carolina.
   - Actively and deliberately disseminate School of Dentistry innovations and research findings to engage industry partners and promote commercialization.
   - Establish a task force to create a framework with quantifiable metrics to monitor research, clinical and education operations progress in the School of Dentistry and academic/industry benchmarks.