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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of a baccalaureate degree being offered at West Los Angeles College.

I have been a practicing periodontist for 40 years and dental educator for the past 19 years. I have also been active in professional dental and education organizations and seen the trends in dental care and the need for changes in dental education. I was head of a trial, dental hygiene advanced utilization program at USC many years ago where Dental hygienists were able to administer local/block anesthesia, debride periodontal surgeries and suture the flaps upon closure. In essence, I have supported and encouraged an advanced comprehensive quality Dental Hygiene education.

A bachelor degree is essential for dental hygienists and all professionals to explore employment opportunities in today's environment. As the owner of a dental practice, I have many dental hygienists in my practice. A dental hygienist with a bachelor degree will improve their knowledge and employment opportunities, and give them a well-rounded education. I understand to work at West LA College, and many other educational institutions, a bachelor degree is also the minimum degree required for employment, so there is an important value to this degree.

The dental hygiene students at WLAC are already completing enough college credit for a bachelor degree but are being denied the degree and the opportunities afforded to those with a bachelor degree.

A bachelors program will allow your students to broaden their knowledge and scope in their dental hygiene clinical and academic endeavors.

Sincerely.

Thank you

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