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Bright Smiles, Bright Futures: Manu Kazadi '14 Gives Back

For Manu Kazadi, NDCR Class of 2014, the theme “**Scholars Today, Leaders Tomorrow**” is more than words — it’s the story he’s living. Manu’s undergraduate degree is from Framingham State University, while his master’s degree is from Mississippi College. Now in his first year at **Tufts University School of Dental Medicine**, Manu is pursuing his dream of transforming lives through dentistry.

That **dream** began years ago when a student dentist at Boston University treated him for misaligned teeth. The experience restored his confidence and inspired him to do the same for others: “Experiencing the positive impact it had on my life, I felt compelled to make a similar impact on my future patients.”

The path to dental school is demanding, but Manu embraces both the challenge and the reward: “*The true fulfillment comes when one begins to make positive impacts on other people's lives by providing them with the best possible treatment.*”

Looking back, Manu credits NDCR for the resilience and determination that prepared him for this journey: “*Notre Dame Cristo Rey profoundly shaped both my career trajectory and personal growth. NDCR is a vibrant and dynamic community where hard work paves the way for rewarding outcomes.*”

Today, Manu is not only focused on the future of dentistry — he’s giving back to NDCR as a new member of the **NDCR Alumni Committee**, helping to ensure current students have the same opportunities he did. “*God, my immediate family members and friends, and lastly, hard work,*” he says, are the foundation of his success. Manu’s story shines as a reminder of what it means to be a **scholar today and a leader tomorrow**.