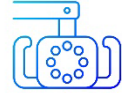




DR. JULIAN STEWART WITH FRANKLIN DENTAL & BRACES



Dr. Julian Stewart has been practicing dentistry with Benevis for over seven years as an Orthodontist at Franklin Dental and Braces in Forest Park, Georgia.

Dr. Stewart was inspired to become a dentist while attending a Science Club meeting at Oakwood University, a Historical Black College and University in Huntsville, Alabama. Hearing more about the career from a General Dentist piqued Stewart's interest.

Dr. Stewart wanted to continue his education journey in an HBCU setting, stating he liked the camaraderie, so he applied to Howard University College of Dentistry, the fifth oldest dental school in the United States. Each year over 2,000 applications are received, but only 75 people are admitted to the dental school.

Choosing to practice with Benevis from Howard University was easy, as he identified with the common mission- to serve the underserved. His patients often come from low-income communities. Dr. Stewart believes in the Benevis mission and wants to serve others.

In addition to providing excellent dental care, Dr. Stewart also serves as a role model. Only 4% of Dentists in the US are Black or African American. He shared, "I think it's important for kids to see that someone that looks like them is an Orthodontist and can say "I can do that one day!"

Benevis is proud to be a standout amongst Dental Service Organization's when it comes to being a place where Black or African-American dentists choose to practice. According to the ADA, only four percent of U.S. dentists are Black or African-American. However, 21% of Benevis Dentist team members are Black or African-American. Of those, 32% graduated from an Historically Black College and University. Our mission to embrace diversity in the patients and communities we serve is mirrored in the doctors that we hire. Building lasting relationships with HBCUs is one of the top ways that we uphold our mission.

