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## Jaclyn Montag



Jaclyn Montag is a fourth-year dental student at West Virginia University School of Dentistry. She completed her undergraduate degree at WVU, majoring in Exercise Physiology with an emphasis in Health Professions. Her background in human physiology sparked an early interest in healthcare and laid the groundwork for her path into dentistry. Before starting dental school, Jaclyn spent three gap years gaining valuable life and work experience. She worked as a medical scribe in the emergency department as well as an orthopaedic hand and upper extremity clinic, cared for children as a full-time nanny, and later trained as an orthodontic assistant. These roles gave her a deeper appreciation for patient care and helped confirm her desire to pursue a career in dentistry. As an undergraduate, Jaclyn conducted clinical research exploring the cardiovascular effects of vaping on rats and their offspring; an experience that strengthened her interest in preventive care and evidence-based practice. In dental school, she has been actively involved in organized dentistry and leadership. She served two years on the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) executive council at her school and currently represents two districts nationally as a Legislative Coordinator. She enjoys making policy topics easier to understand and more fun for students to engage with. She's helped with state-level events, led presentations on key issues, and met with lawmakers to advocate for the dental profession.