

**James (Jim) Lee** graduated from FSU in 1971 after completing an Honors in the Major Program in Mathematics. While a sophomore, Jim decided to pursue a career in health sciences because of his experiences in chemistry and biology courses. As a result, Jim began a pre-med and pre-dental curriculum track. Upon graduating from FSU, he attended Emory University in Atlanta, GA and earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1975.

Now retired from his practice, Jim notes that the past 30 years have been greatly rewarding because of the personal relationships he's built as a result of the dental profession. Jim states: "You almost become a member of each family in your practice." For Jim, the career move into the dentistry field was a major challenge, but one that he gladly accepted because of his freedom to control after-work hours. Jim also values the trust he earns from each of his patients: "To earn this trust, you must work to provide excellent and ethical treatment."

### **Remembering the FSU Honors Program**

Jim was very appreciative to be invited into the Honors Program, to interact with the outstanding professors and benefit from an incredible reading list. He notes that having the small class sizes while attending a large university was a huge advantage. Jim says: "I realize the one-on-one discussions with the professor and the other outstanding students were special opportunities that most students never have."

### **Jim's message for current FSU Honors students:**

"I wish you great success and hope that you take advantage of this great opportunity. It is so easy to be 'too focused' with course selection, and not take the risks of trying the unknown. College is such a unique time to be exposed to so many possibilities. Don't be afraid of taking a few chances along the way and give yourself the opportunity to learn and grow."