

## **Blegina Miraka**

Dr. Blegina Miraka was born in Cerrik, Albania and moved to the United States at the young age of 7. Growing up she witnessed her parents' hard work and sacrifices which instilled into her a hard work ethic and strong desire to excel. She received her bachelor's in health science with honors from Oakland University and went on to complete her doctorate from Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois. During her time at Oakland University, she served as Vice President and President of the Albanian American Student Organization as well as teach children the Albanian language and folklore dance at the Balkan Center. While in dental school, Dr. Miraka continued to take on leadership roles and served as the Fundraising Chair of her dental fraternity Delta Sigma Delta. Her passion to help the underserved led her to provide dental care on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic as well as to the children of Chicago suburbs with Team Smile. After completing dental school, Dr. Miraka returned to Michigan to be with her family and is now a practicing Dentist treating patients in the Detroit metropolitan area.

In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with her family especially her little niece and trying new restaurants with her sister and friends. She relaxes by reading a good book, baking and working out.