



Advocacy Month

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EVENT IDEAS

YOUR

- *What do **you** have to say?* Set up arts & crafts supplies and have members make speech bubble signs. Answer prompts like, "What issues matter to you?" "Who do you advocate for?" and "How do you advocate?" Take photos with your signs and encourage members to hang their sign in a locker or at home as a constant reminder.
- Create a template Molar Bear outline image for members to write why advocacy matters. Cut out the Molar Bear and post it around campus.

FUTURE

- Future-themed Jeopardy: [Use this template](#) or create your own! Think: Futuristic-theme, words in future tense, songs that have the word future, Back to the Future, sports, animals or countries that start with the letter 'F'.
- Lunch with a Lobbyist: Host an in-person or virtual visit with a lobbyist specializing in dental student and practitioner issues. Discuss what lobbyists do, how bills move through Congress, and the work ASDA is doing on behalf of dental students.
- Policy workshop. Identify a problem facing dental students, dentists, or our patients. Brainstorm a possible program, initiative, piece of legislation, or solution to the problem.

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CALLING

- Telephone Game: Host an event where you discuss various bills that ASDA supports (check the [Bills tab](#) of ASDA Action). Split members into teams. Each team forms a line to play the game of telephone. The facilitator assigns each team one of the bills by whispering the bill to the first person. The first person should summarize the bill to the next person in line and continue on until you reach the second-to-last person. They should then summarize the bill to the last person, who must guess which bill their team was assigned. The first team to correctly identify the bill wins.
- Host a phone-a-thon. Get together over pizza, and call or text your peers. The person who gets the most people to do whatever activity you determine (find a fact listed on an issue page, send an ASDA Action letter, post on social media, etc.) within the hour, wins.

