

# Pre dental Recruitment How-To Guide



## How-To Guide: Predental Recruitment

Predental students represent a unique sector of the dental community. Many of these students will matriculate into our dental schools in the near future, and those who do not will remain advocates of dentistry in their communities and lives. Therefore, educating predental students on the importance of organized dentistry and encouraging them to join ASDA as a predental member is a great way to introduce these students to their potential profession. It also presents an excellent opportunity to further expand ASDA as an organization. This guide includes a few examples of events and activities that various dental schools and ASDA chapters have created to educate predental students about dentistry and to recruit these students to join ASDA.

Whether you choose to model an activity after one of these schools or not, we hope that you, as an ASDA leader, will continue to reach out to predental students. We have also included a short PowerPoint presentation at the end of this guide that you can use at your chosen predental activity to encourage predental students to join ASDA (*you can download the PowerPoint from the website at [www.asdanet.org/presentations\\_chapters.aspx](http://www.asdanet.org/presentations_chapters.aspx)*). It simply includes a short introduction to ASDA and the benefits of ASDA predental membership.

### Benefits of ASDA Predental Membership

Predental membership in ASDA runs on a calendar year from January 1 to December 31 and is \$55/year. ASDA offers many benefits for predental members and below are some that you can use in your recruitment efforts. The full listing of benefits can be found at [www.asdanet.org/predentalmembership.aspx](http://www.asdanet.org/predentalmembership.aspx).

### Why Join ASDA as a Predental Member?

- Involvement in ASDA makes you a more **competitive applicant for dental school** admissions. Joining ASDA can set you apart from the competition and show your commitment to organized dentistry early in your career.
- ASDA is the **number one resource** for predental students. Our website includes information catering exclusively to predental students' needs.
- Predental members receive the invaluable guide—**Getting Into Dental School: ASDA's Guide for Predental Students**. Save time researching schools with this guide that includes detailed information on all 58 schools.
- Members receive **10% off Kaplan DAT prep courses**. Using this member discount with Kaplan alone pays for the \$55 membership dues – and then some.
- Have a dental school interview? Don't blow it by not being current in what is happening in the dental world. Utilize **ASDA's publications**—Mouth, ASDA News, Word of Mouth and The Legislative Ledger—written for students by students to understand what is going on in today's fast moving dental climate.
- **Access to 17,000 current dental students** through the membership directory—find students at your prospective dental schools.

If you have any questions about any of the activities below, please contact the designated "contact person" for more details.

## Chapter Projects

**Name of project:** VCU Predental Day

**ASDA chapter:** Virginia

**Description (where, when, and details of project):**

VCU has an annual “Pre-Dental Day” in which all of the predental clubs at Virginia’s large universities are invited to participate (80-90 students from seven different universities participated last year). The event takes place during the spring semester and is free to the predental students. Lunch is sponsored by Proctor & Gamble (\$200) and the VCU predental club (\$100). Proctor and Gamble also donate toothbrush goodie bags for all of the participants.

**VCU Predental Day Itinerary:**

**12pm- Check in** (once the students check in they are arranged into 3 different groups- Groups A, B, and C).

**12:30pm-**

**Group A-** Dental Simulation lab (predental students do Class I preps on tooth #19 on the Dent-Sim mannequins. Simulation teeth are donated by the VCU Admissions department)

**Group B-** Tour of the dental school facilities with current dental students

**Group C-** Pizza lunch with D2s and D3s

**1pm-**

**Group A-** Tour of the dental school

**Group B-** Lunch

**Group C-** Simulation Lab

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**2pm- All groups meet in Lecture Hall**

**2:15- Address from Student Government/ASDA President** – Welcome and introduction to ASDA and VCU)

**2:45- Dean of VCU Dental School** – Welcome/ Curriculum at VCU

**3:15- Dean of Admissions** – Requirements for VCU admission and the admission process

**3:45- Question and Answer** session with Deans and current dental students

**Contact person and email:**

Jason Schoener (ASDA Editorial Board): [Schoenerjd@mymail.vcu.edu](mailto:Schoenerjd@mymail.vcu.edu)

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**Name of project:** UCLA Basic Dental Principles Course

**ASDA chapter:** Los Angeles

**Description (where, when, and details of project):**

Basic Dental Principles is a for-credit course offered to UCLA undergraduate students. The course is comprised of two different components: a lecture series and a laboratory series. The lectures are given by third-year dental students, after extensive development of the material with dental school faculty. The course is unique in offering dental students the opportunity to explore the rewards of teaching and preparing for career in education while simultaneously providing pre-dental students with a unique view into dentistry.

This course is not organized by the UCLA ASDA chapter, but is something that an ASDA chapter could potentially coordinate with an undergraduate campus in their area as a fundraiser for their ASDA chapter. Though the program is run completely by a separate leadership structure and funding (the course is paid for via the undergraduate's tuition), it could be a great avenue to educate pre-dental students about ASDA and organized dentistry.

**Contact person and email:**

Mark Hower (Dental Student Course Coordinator, ASDA RLC): [mhower@ucla.edu](mailto:mhower@ucla.edu)

**Name of project:** Illinois Predental Consortium

**ASDA chapter:** Illinois

**Description (where, when, and details of project):**

The Illinois Predental Consortium is an effort that the University of Illinois-Chicago dental school started in the fall of 2007. The Consortium consists of predental club members from seven universities in Illinois as well as members from ASDA, the ADA, the Chicago Dental Society, the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation, the Illinois State Dental Society, and the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry.

The purpose of the Consortium is to connect Illinois predental students on a state-wide level with the goal of sharing resources and interests, collaborating efforts to increase predental mentoring, and to educate predental students on oral health disparities in the state and to increase access to care for children in Illinois.

The Consortium is funded by Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation and UIC SOD, and the annual budget varies from \$15,000-\$20,000.

**Consortium Activities:**

- **Annual Consortium Meeting** – August at the UIC SOD
- **Predental Conference** – February at Chicago Dental Society's Mid-Winter Meeting
- **Outreach** –Give Kids a Smile Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in February)
- **Mentoring** – Mentoring Dinner Meeting (November)
- **Club Meetings**
- **Dental School Visits**

**Contact person and email:**

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**Name of project:** Annual Predental Day

**ASDA chapter:** Nova Southeastern

**Description (where, when, and details of project):**

Nova Southeastern Dental School has an annual Predental Day at their school. The event is sponsored by Nova's ASDA chapter, and there is no charge to the predental students to attend the event. Students from across the nation are invited to join in on this event.

**Itinerary:**

8:30am	<b>Check in and Breakfast</b>
9:00am	<b>Welcome Address</b> (by the Predental Chair at Nova)
9:05am	<b>Our Chapter, What We Are and What We Do.</b> (Nova ASDA Chapter President gives description of ASDA at Nova)
9:30am	<b>NSU Dental Curriculum</b> (discussion of curriculum by the Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Educational Affairs)
10:00am	<b>Kaplan Testing Center</b> (overview of the DAT and requirements)
10:30am	<b>National ASDA</b> (description of ASDA on a national level)
11:00am	<b>How to Be A Better Applicant</b> (discussion given by the Assistant Dean of Admissions)
11:30am	<b>Mock Interview</b> (with a professor from Nova)
12:00pm	<b>Tour of the facilities</b> (with current dental students)
12:30pm	<b>Lunch and Networking</b> (sponsored by Kaplan)

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# ASDA Predental Membership



American Student Dental Association

# What is ASDA?



- The largest student-run dental organization in the nation
- Over 17,000 members and chapters at all US dental schools
- Protects and advances the rights, interests and welfare of students pursuing a career in dentistry

# ASDA & the Predental Student

- Predental students can also join ASDA
- Great leadership opportunity
- Access to information about dentistry and the process of applying to dental school
- Meet dental and predental students from across the nation



# How to Join

- There are no official “Prenatal ASDA” clubs, but you can join as an individual on our website!
  - [ASDAnet.org/prenatalmembership.asp](http://ASDAnet.org/prenatalmembership.asp)
- Dues are just \$55/year
  - membership runs Jan 1 to Dec 31

\$55?!? What do I get for that?



# 10% Discount at Kaplan



- With the 10% discount on a Kaplan course, you will more than cover your \$55 membership fee!

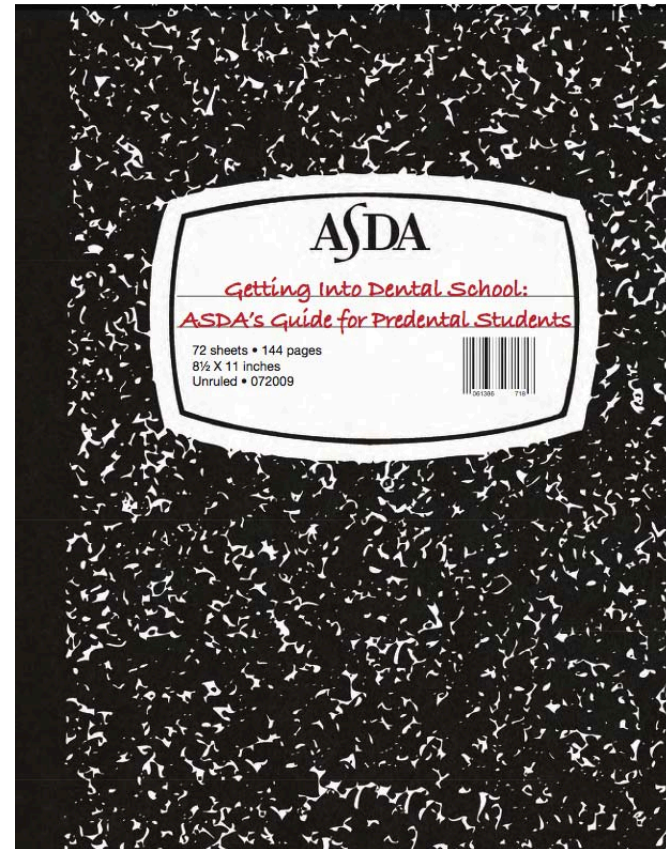
# Publications

- Free subscriptions to our publications that keep you updated on current issues in dentistry (perfect for finding topics to talk about in your interviews!)



# A copy of “Getting into Dental School”

- ASDA’s pre dental handbook that answers FAQs about:
  - ▣ Applying to Dental School
  - ▣ The DAT
  - ▣ Debt Management
  - ▣ Financial Aid
- Includes listing of all US dental schools and admission requirement



# And much more..

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- Access to ASDA's members-only website
- Discounts on financial and insurance programs through Bank of America and Geico
- Opportunities to network with 17,000 dental students at ASDA national, regional and chapter events
- Stand out in interviews/personal statements by demonstrating your knowledge of the dental community through ASDA

# Any Questions?

- We hope you will consider joining ASDA as a pre dental member!
- It is a great leadership opportunity for your dental CV and a perfect way to stay updated on the latest news in dentistry!
- Visit [www.asdanet.org/pre dental membership.aspx](http://www.asdanet.org/pre dental membership.aspx) for more information
- Email questions to Danielle Bauer, Chapter Relations Manager, at [Danielle@ASDAnet.org](mailto:Danielle@ASDAnet.org)