

1 **Resolution Number:** 303-2024

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3 **Title:** Dental Students Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Licensure and Education

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7 **Sponsor:** Mikaela Gisch, 2023-24 District 6 Trustee, Case Western '24

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9 **Financial Impact:** None

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11 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board recommends a yes vote.

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13 **Reference Committee Comments:** The Reference Committee recognizes that there was verbal  
14 testimony in favor of the resolution. The Reference Committee recommends a yes vote and to be placed  
15 on the Consent Calendar.

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17 **Background:** Intimate partner violence (IPV) is defined as “behavior within an intimate  
18 relationship that causes physical, sexual or psychological harm, including acts of physical  
19 aggression, sexual coercion, psychological abuse and controlling behaviors, this definition  
20 covers violence by both current and former spouses and partners.” The four main types of IPV  
21 are physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, and psychological aggression. 1 in 4 women and  
22 1 in 9 men experienced some form of severe IPV. Women between the ages of 18-24 are most  
23 commonly abused by an intimate partner.

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25 Dental students experiencing IPV are often left feeling alone in their situation and are often left  
26 without the proper guidance and resources to escape. The path to leaving the vicious cycle of  
27 abuse is often extremely difficult for dental students who fall victim to IPV, especially if that  
28 student is experiencing the abuse at the hands of another student. Abusers repeatedly go to  
29 extreme lengths to prevent their victim from leaving the relationship, often by manipulating  
30 them emotionally.

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## RESOLUTION

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34 **Resolved,** that the American Student Dental Association encourages dental school  
35 administrations to develop and promote resources for dental students experiencing intimate  
36 partner violence.

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38 If you experienced intimate partner violence while attending dental school, ASDA encourages  
39 you to report it to your administration through the appropriate channels; and be it further

40 **Resolved,** that ASDA place appropriate resources on its website to assist dental students  
41 experiencing intimate partner violence.

42 **Action:** The Chair moves resolution 303-2024 with a recommendation of a yes vote and to be  
43 placed on the Consent Calendar.