

Kayla Thomsen

Education

Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, New York, NY

2023 – present

Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, MD

2019 – 2023

- B.S. Biochemistry
- Minor, General Business Administration
- Graduate of the Liberal Arts Honors Program
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Awards & Honors

- Loyola University Maryland Whelan Medalist: Highest Academic Average Graduating Class of 2023
- Student Government Association, Student Leader of the Year, 2023
- Loyola University Maryland Biochemistry Departmental Award, 2023 & Dean's List, 2019-2023
- National Honor Society inductions: Phi Beta Kappa (2023), Phi Lambda Upsilon (2023), Alpha Sigma Nu (2022), Beta Beta Beta (2022), & Loyola University Maryland Haig Scholar (2021)
- Presidential Merit Tuition Scholarship of Loyola University Maryland, 2019-2023
- Merit Tuition Scholarship of the Education & Cultural Fund of the IBEW 2019-2023

Leadership, Healthcare & Student Outreach Experience

ASDA District 2 Events Chair

May 2025 – present

- Planned and executed district-wide events for ASDA District 2, including a retreat for 150 members, a leadership retreat for 40 board members, and a district-wide boat cruise to foster engagement and collaboration
- Collaborated closely with event vendors to negotiate optimal contracts and deliver high-quality, large-scale experiences supporting professional development and district-wide engagement

CDM ASDA Chapter Vice President

Apr 2025 – present

- Coordinated executive board operations and chapter-wide initiatives to support student advocacy, professional development, and engagement within the dental school community
- Collaborated with ASDA leadership to plan and implement programming addressing student concerns, leadership development, and involvement at the local and national levels

CDM ASDA Chapter Community Service Committee Leader

Sept 2024 – Aug 2025

- Coordinated volunteers among various roles throughout community service opportunities, including participation as ESL conversation partners
- Proposed a novel education initiative to address social determinants of health in the dental clinic and actively engage dental students in confronting the various barriers to healthy smiles in the Washington Heights community

Global Population Summer Research Fellow

May - Aug 2024

- Explored correlations between age, ethnicity, geography, and insurance status as they related to perinatal dental care under the guidance of Dr. Jamie Daw, PhD
- Expanded my understanding of the global implications of population health research and the cultural sensitivity required to optimize investigations

CDM Class of 2027 Class Council Vice President

Apr 2025 – present

- Supported class leadership initiatives by coordinating programming and representing student interests within the dental school community
- Served as a student representative to the Alumni Executive Committee, facilitating communication between students and alumni to strengthen mentorship, engagement, and institutional connection
- Collaborated with class council leadership and faculty to plan and implement events and initiatives addressing class needs and fostering a cohesive student experience

Volunteer Tutor at Uptown Hub

Sept 2023 – Dec 2024

- Empowered students of diverse backgrounds to carefully engage with their academic assignments
- Assessed students' background knowledge to provide appropriate instruction for new and challenging topics

Program Coordinator for Health Outreach Baltimore

June 2022 – May 2023

- Mentored 30 patient advocates to successfully connect new mothers and their families with local and national resources to address social determinants of health
- Cultivated an inclusive and empowering environment for volunteers from a range of backgrounds to share their experience

Executive Board Member for Pre-Dental Society

Sept 2021 – May 2023

- Orchestrated a lucrative and educational fundraiser for Operation Smile, capitalizing on the relevant campus culture to optimize earnings
- Supported and uplifted pre-dental students as they navigated the challenging landscape of professional school applications

Clinical Coordinator & Student Volunteer for Health Outreach Baltimore

Sept 2020 – May 2022

- Instructed new student outreach volunteers on appropriate means of communicating with clients of underrepresented backgrounds in alignment with essential HIPAA guidelines
- Researched new resources and opportunities for low-income, immigrant, and non-English speaking families in the Baltimore area to achieve our mission of going “Beyond the Scope”

Work Experience

Private Tutor for Elaine Cataneo Education Services

Jan 2021 – present

- Coordinated weekly sessions with anywhere from six to 12 students to address their individualized needs with high school and college level courses
- Summarized the skills adapted, knowledge learned, and challenges faced to ensure that each student will have an efficient session in the following week

Server at 5 Burros Café

2023 – present

- Cultivate a warm, welcoming dining experience for a diverse population of guests in a busy NYC restaurant
- Prioritize time-sensitive tasks to contribute to the dynamic organization of the restaurant in an efficient and effective manner that depends on clear, constant communication with my team members in both English and Spanish

Teaching Assistant in the Physics Department of Loyola University Maryland

Sept 2021 – May 2022

- Guided weekly content sessions to prepare students for upcoming written and practical exams
- Offered individualized tutoring services via personal weekly office hours open to students of all major and levels of mathematical skills to improve literacy of physics language

Skills

- **Language:** Spanish, conversant

