

## **Council on Professional Issues 2022-23 Annual Report**

### **Members**

Chair Hannah Tran, Tufts '24. Council Associate Scott Caine, Roseman '24. Council Associate Arshi Munjal, Iowa '24. District 1 Trustee Shafa Nathani, Tufts '24. District 10 Trustee Chris Elkhall, Oregon '24. Advocacy Senior Coordinator Robin Lieberman, staff liaison.

### **Mission**

The Council on Professional Issues serves the association as a resource on community engagement, dental outreach and other COVID-19 implications that may arise.

### **Council business**

- **Working with chapter leaders**
  - The council focused on the importance of connecting with chapter and district community service leaders. Council members sent frequent communications and hosted quarterly calls to share information, answer questions, and serve as a resource.
  - **\*New:** The council developed a private group on The ASDA Community to share ideas with community service leaders across the country. Council members were responsible for posing questions and replying to others' comments.
- **Webinar**
  - **\*New:** The council hosted a webinar highlighting a member who coordinated an outstanding community service event. After hearing about the event, attendees were able to ask questions and engage in a discussion about how the event could be modified for their chapter, as well as gain new ideas for service events.
- **Community Builder of the Year Award**
  - **\*New:** The council reviewed nominations and selected a recipient for ASDA's newest award, the National Community Builder of the Year Award. The award recognizes an outstanding ASDA leader dedicated to dental outreach and community service.
- **Week of Service**
  - Theme: Serving the Underserved.
  - The council recruited members to film 30-second videos sharing what community service means to them. These videos were shared in the weeks and days leading up to Week of Service.
  - **\*New:** The council hosted a webinar with Dr. Alex Otto in alignment with the Week of Service theme, "Serving the Underserved," discussing the nonprofit mobile dental unit she founded and ways for students to give back.
  - The week offered three different levels of challenges:
    - Incisor-Level Individual Challenge: Sign up for information
    - Canine-Level Chapter Challenge: Coats & cans
    - Molar-Level Chapter Challenge: In the community