

Q6

Describe one member engagement and value event or chapter member benefit program aimed at increasing member engagement and value. (250 word limit. Responses longer than 250 words will be cut.)

One of the most significant events we plan is "Mr. Molar." The event is a male pageant where one guy from each class (D1-D4) competes for the title of "Mr. Molar." The class chooses the guys. The exhibition comprises four categories: Scrub Wear, Talent, Q&A, and a word guessing game. The judges consist of our faculty members. This year's show was held at a downtown venue where we had access to a stage, microphones, a DJ booth, and a green room. To give back to our ASDA members, they were let into the event for free and received two drink tickets to use at the bar, and non-ASDA members paid \$20 to get in. This year we had 202 people attend the show. This event is an excellent way for our four classmates to showcase their talents and the rest of the students to let loose for the night. My favorite thing about the event is that it's not too serious, and the guys can be silly. At the show's end, the judges picked the winner (this year, the D3 won), and they were awarded a gift card, crown, and custom-made trophy. Each guy that participated also received a gift card. The "rivalry" between each class is a fun way to get the school to unite and root for their respective classmate. This is my favorite event to put together for ASDA and a great way to give back to our members.

Q7

Describe one chapter community service event that creates connections with our communities. (250 word limit. Responses longer than 250 words will be cut.)

Community Service is a vital part of the way Ohio State ASDA operates. We continued our partnership with the Columbus Dream Center this year, but instead of running a can food drive, Dental students went to a meal night at the Columbus Dream Center. The Dental Students served the homeless population dinner inside the Dream Center and had time to connect with the guests and learn about some of their situations; the Dental Students also provided fellowship to some of the lonely. The President and Vice-President of Ohio State ASDA go weekly to volunteer at the Columbus Dream Center. The tie between the Dental Students, ASDA, The College of Dentistry, and the Columbus Dream Center has grown immensely over the past 2.5 years. We are excited to continue advocating and being a friendly face for our homeless population in Columbus. We have discussed plans to continue serving in several capacities, including making hygiene bags with toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Q8

Describe one chapter advocacy event that educates and involves members in ASDA's advocacy and legislative priorities. (250 word limit. Responses longer than 250 words will be cut.)

When this term started on February 5th, 2021, we started the year by being energized by going to ADA & ASDA Lobby Day in Washington D.C. Our Legislative Liaison shortly after held training sessions for dental students before State Lobby Day. We had over 15 non-executive board/chair members in ASDA actively lobbying for our policies and views on bills. Ohio State Advocacy team also shared our advocacy bites with all 67 chapters this year. We even saw our own chapters logos at other ASDA Chapters making an impact which was a huge win for our advocacy team, who works so hard throughout the year. However, the event the team would like to focus on began at the beginning of the academic year. The advocacy team led three separate lunches and learns at the beginning of the year to establish ASDA's presence in the Dental School alongside the Ohio Dental Association. (D1, D2, D3&D4) With gaining the support of Student Affairs and the ODA President, our first ASDA Info Session for the D1s is now incorporated into the D1 Orientation, which is critical not only for the D1s learning about advocacy but also because we are a recruiting school; it gives us even more legitimacy when we ask the D1s the following week if they would like to join ASDA. We are proud of this accomplishment, and it binds the ODA and OSU ASDA as we work together to educate D1s on the importance of organized dentistry.

Q9

Describe one chapter wellness event that educates members and involves members in ASDA's Five Dimensions of Wellness. (250 word limit. Responses longer than 250 words will be cut.)

One event that Health and Wellness put on this year a couple of times, in addition to free workout classes supporting the local businesses in Columbus, is Hikes and Pints. This is always a hit in the summer & fall semesters as the leaves change. On a weeknight, we will get together and go on a hike for several hours, and this is a great way to connect with the new D1s that just joined the dental school. Dental Students bring their dogs, and we share stories, get to know each other, and even watch the sunset sometimes. Afterward, we go to a local brewery and have an adult beverage and some small appetizers. This is an excellent time for the younger dental students to get to know some of the upperclassmen and is a fun way to take a break, often in the middle of a busy dental student schedule. This educates students on how to balance a busy student schedule and that it is possible to take a break.

Q10

Describe one chapter communication (such as an enewsletter, the chapter website, or chapter social media campaign) that keeps members informed about ASDA. (250 word limit. Responses longer than 250 words will be cut.)

This year, our Chapter communication took on a new addition as we incorporated GroupMe into our regular communication for all 300+ members and our regular Sunday night emails. We have chosen as a leadership team to leave some events strictly to email communication. Sometimes we have found that it is necessary to communicate quickly with our members when there is an event that we want a lot of people to go to or if directions may have changed on how to get to a location. Also, even as simple as having extra food from a lunch and learn, we use that GroupMe first so that the food can go to ASDA members. So although it is intensive, updating it once a year just due to the scale of GroupMe, it has proved to be worth wild and has grown attendance and applications for conferences.

Q11

Describe one chapter event that develops professional and leadership skills of chapter members. (250 word limit. Responses longer than 250 words will be cut.)

Our Chapter President, Joseph Linser, planned a Leadership Retreat for all the committee chairs and the executive board of Ohio State ASDA and rented two large cabins neighboring each other in hocking hills, Ohio. This turned our typical one-afternoon bonding as a leadership team into a 2-night three-day retreat. We listened to presentations from the executive board members, allowing them to polish their public speaking skills, and hiked together as a group. We had reserved time to work on projects/initiatives and for the executive board members to meet with their respective committees, which they supervise. Our Executive Board also cooked meals for the entire team, and we bonded as a group and learned not only about ASDA together but learned about each other. It was indeed a highlight of the year for our leadership team, which puts so much work into making ASDA an excellent community for our students. This was a great way to give back to our leaders and, hopefully, through photos and stories, inspire other dental students to run for leadership positions knowing that the community, even within the leadership team, is so strong.
