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**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.)

The UDM ASDA Chapter has reached new heights regarding member engagement in 2023. This year, we implemented an "Active Membership Requirement" to help set apart members who participate the most at our auto-enroll school and encourage enthusiastic members to pursue future leadership within our chapter. We value transparency and accountability in our chapter, and by this virtue, all members can track their live attendance progress on our public active member spreadsheet. This initiative has also proven fruitful for members reflecting on their ASDA experience as they prepare resumes and receive interviews for future opportunities. Our chapter works endlessly to create new opportunities for our members. Our events committee has established fruitful relationships with over seventeen vendors, and we have provided our students with many helpful information and resources for post-graduation. This year, UDM ASDA, in collaboration with our sponsors, has hosted over twenty Lunch n' Learns, Dinner Socials, and Happy Hours, which have been hugely beneficial for our students. These events have not only helped our students gain valuable insights into their field of study, but they have also provided them with opportunities to network and make lasting connections with professionals in the industry. Looking forward to the new year, the Event's Committee has already planned a skiing/snowboarding trip to the Upper Peninsula for our students to visit dental offices. The annual winter Mr. Molar talent show is also on the horizon, which is always a much-awaited event in the dental school community.

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**Q7**

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

Detroit Mercy ASDA's student-led outreach and service program has partnered with the Trinity Community Care Clinic in 2023 to provide a wide range of free dental services to underserved populations. Such dental services include but are not limited to examinations, cleanings, radiographs, fillings, extractions, partial dentures, and complete dentures. Thanks to the help of the clinic's dental coordinator, Ms. Elyse Argueta-Nava, and UDM Dental alumnus Dr. Christina Fluegge, ASDA has had the wonderful opportunity to provide care to over fifty patients in the past year and about twenty in the last several months. Our service-focused approach reflects the importance of leadership and benevolence for future dentists. We create sign-ups for ASDA Members to attend every month to provide service through Trinity Clinic, and our board members always attend to lend a helping hand. We plan to continue our partnership with the Trinity Clinic for years to come, aiming to continue providing dental care with a Christ-like compassion to our greater community now while also fostering the importance of leadership and service for our future dentists. In addition to our partnership with Trinity Clinic, Detroit Mercy ASDA has been actively involved in a range of community service efforts. We have organized donations to a local non-profit organization, Auntie Na's Village, ran a back-to-school drive, attended a community health fair, and organized cancer screenings at the Men's Health Event at Ford Field. Furthermore, we recently held a mouthguard clinic for children, which resulted in over fifty local children receiving free custom mouthguards.

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**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.)

The University of Detroit Mercy Dental ASDA Chapter has had a busy year regarding legislative events. One of the major events held was "Taco 'Bout it Tuesday," where attendees enjoyed tacos while listening to a leader from the Michigan Dental Association speak about the association's 2023 legislative priorities and why advocacy is crucial in the dental field. Students were also informed about ways to get involved in advocacy, which is essential for their future careers. This event was a great success and was well-received by all attendees. To keep ASDA Members at UDM updated on legislative information, we have started publishing legislative newsletters every month. The newsletters aim to inform the students about pertinent legislative issues and news from Congress. They also aim to increase awareness about dental advocacy and its importance. This initiative has been very successful, and we have received positive feedback from our readers. In addition to the legislative newsletters, we recently wrapped up a successful advocacy month in November. Throughout the month, we hosted virtual events called "Advocacy Bites" that summarized essential information to catch our students up on the current world of dental advocacy. The series touched on various topics, such as the basic necessities of dental advocacy, current legislation affecting dental professionals, how to get involved, and a breakdown of ADA Lobby Day. We attracted a student turnout of over 60 attendees, creating lively, open discussions, collaborative thinking, and encouraging feedback.

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**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.)

The ASDA Wellness Committee at Detroit Mercy Dental has been diligently working towards promoting the five dimensions of wellness: emotional, physical, intellectual, occupational, and environmental. Throughout the year, the committee has made significant strides in enhancing the well-being of students, culminating in a prosperous year marked by increased student engagement in a diverse range of activities. The group wellness initiatives spearheaded by the committee have been nothing short of exemplary. The yoga sessions, barre classes, meditations, and other wellness-focused events that the committee has organized have attracted and engaged students from different classes throughout the school year. In addition to physical activities, the committee has also created a virtual hub for dental students at Detroit Mercy in the form of a Discord group. This platform has been instrumental in fostering connections among students from different years, providing a medium for sharing various sports and activities ranging from chess and board games to intermural sports to students planning meetups to run along the Detroit River. The overarching goal is to enhance mental and physical well-being by encouraging widespread participation in the committee's initiatives and fostering community and support among dental students at Detroit Mercy. The year's accomplishments stand as a testament to the board's commitment to nurturing a healthy and vibrant campus environment. Our member participation in wellness events is always notable, as sign-ups quickly fill up for every opportunity to join together to do something great for our bodies, minds, and holistic selves at UDM.

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**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.)

UDM ASDA utilizes Instagram and bi-weekly email blasts to keep its members informed and engaged in the dental student community. With Instagram, our ASDA chapter is able to provide regular updates, event highlights, and informative posts that showcase the vibrant activities of the chapter. The platform's visual nature fosters a sense of community, and the stories feature allows for timely updates to be shared in an impactful and exciting way. In addition to Instagram, UDM ASDA implemented bi-weekly email blasts to inform members about upcoming events and sign-ups. The emailing list ensures that all members receive comprehensive overviews of the chapter's activities, and the consistent schedule of the mail blasts gives members enough time to sign up for events with direct links to do so. These email updates make it easy for members to stay up-to-date with the latest news and developments, sign up for events, and access all the resources they need to succeed. Overall, UDM ASDA's use of Instagram and bi-weekly email blasts enhances communication and connectivity among its members. UDM ASDA ensures its members are always in the loop and have access to all the resources needed to succeed in our dental student community by providing regular updates and comprehensive overviews of chapter activities.

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**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.)

As a large-scale ASDA chapter, hosting monthly mass meetings and executive board meetings has become integral to our chapter's operations, facilitating greater engagement and leadership development among our members. The mass meetings offer a platform for non-leadership position holders to voice their opinions and ideas to the elected leaders while allowing the general student body to stay informed about current and upcoming events. In recent months, we have taken a more targeted approach to these meetings by dividing them into themes: legislative, fundraising, events, etc. Focusing on one topic at a time has enabled us to focus more closely on issues and events concerning specific subgroups. This approach has been received positively by our members, who have found it to be a more effective means of addressing the various considerations of the chapter. We introduced a change from previous years this year by hosting our executive board meetings in person. After several years of being unable to meet in person, this decision has been instrumental in stimulating conversation and gathering better ideas while also uniting our leaders further. The personal interaction has also enabled us to form stronger connections and friendships, which have contributed to the overall cohesiveness of our chapter. Our meetings have played an essential role in ensuring the success of our extensive event list and member engagement. By allowing everyone to speak for a few minutes about their contributions and upcoming plans, we have created a team of valuable leaders who work collaboratively towards a common goal.

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**Q12**

Submit your chapter's YouTube video link.

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**Q13**

Submit your chapter's Google Drive or DropBox video link.

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