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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.)

Meharry ASDA's Fever Month witnessed transformative chapter events—the D1/D2 and D3/D4 Trivia Breakfasts—that achieved an unprecedented 100% turnout and left an enduring impact on member engagement. Sponsored by Meharry ASDA, these two events served as a beacon for inclusivity, drawing in existing members and fostering a warm welcome to an enthusiastic cohort of new international students. These events, an innovative departure from the norm, provided a unique platform for our President and President-Elect to present the multifaceted advantages of ASDA membership. The interactive format of the presentations, delivered via engaging PowerPoints, highlighted the myriad benefits of ASDA membership, ranging from advocacy and publications to conferences, ADA membership, podcasts, leadership training, mentorship, and exclusive deals. The events also shared insight into District ASDA and National ASDA to further enrich members' understanding of the broader dental landscape and opportunities available to them. The creative twist of the trivia games reinforced the benefits and maintained member engagement. Members were not just passive recipients; they actively participated in the events and were rewarded with free breakfasts and thoughtful goodie bags. This innovative breakfast format, a first for the chapter, proved immensely successful. This event's ripple effect was profound, resulting in a remarkable surge in attendance across subsequent activities and a noteworthy early interest from members eager to contribute to the chapter's leadership through future E-Board roles. In essence, this membership engagement initiative communicated the tangible benefits of ASDA while creating a lasting sense of community, sparking heightened enthusiasm among 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.)

On March 4th, 2023, Meharry ASDA orchestrated an unforgettable community service event, aligning seamlessly with Meharry Medical College's mission: Worship of God through Service to Mankind. This day marked a significant chapter achievement as Meharry ASDA independently spearheaded the Spring Oral Health Day, an endeavor that showcased its commitment to community well-being. The entire Meharry ASDA E-Board and Sub E-Board, joined by a dedicated volunteer committee of nearly 40 dental students, rallied together to fulfill the mission. The collective effort resulted in the successful treatment of 305 patients, encompassing the completion of 684 procedures and delivering a staggering \$96,131 worth of free dentistry to the underserved community. Beyond the basic dental services like cleanings, fillings, and extractions, the chapter conducted impactful educational workshops. Collaborating with the medical school, Meharry ASDA ensured comprehensive medical histories were obtained, actively participating in triaging efforts. This event, the pinnacle of ASDA's yearly calendar, transcended mere community service; it became a nexus of connection. Not only did the chapter provide crucial dental care to those in need, but the day also served as a platform for leadership development. The collective engagement of the Meharry ASDA community in this comprehensive service initiative embodies the essence of fostering meaningful connections with our communities.

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.)

Meharry ASDA achieved a groundbreaking fusion of events by hosting Advocacy Week concurrently with their annual Vendor Fair for the first time ever. This strategic alignment allowed the chapter to seamlessly integrate advocacy education into the vibrant and alluring atmosphere of ASDAChella, our theme for this year's fair, a play on Coachella. A specially crafted booth adorned in red, white, and blue, the chapter engaged members and attendees with visually striking poster boards, signs, and informative flyers. To receive coveted Meharry ASDA Advocacy pins, members were prompted to scan a QR code, leading them to the National ASDA's advocacy homepage. This interactive approach not only facilitated immediate engagement but also encouraged participants to explore advocacy topics and follow the chapter on Instagram. Adding an extra layer of motivation, four lucky pin recipients won Amazon \$25 gift cards through a raffle. The chapter leveraged this unique opportunity to spark discussions on ASDA advocacy's mission and purpose while shedding light on upcoming advocacy events across all levels of ASDA. The fair became a union for communicating the significance of lobby days, awareness campaigns, policy summits, and community service projects. This multifaceted approach not only educated members but also extended advocacy awareness to a broader audience at the Vendor Fair, creating a dynamic and enjoyable experience for all involved. Meharry ASDA's innovative Advocacy Week during the Vendor Fair emerges as a stellar example of integrating advocacy education seamlessly into a high-energy event, effectively educating and involving members in ASDA's advocacy and legislative priorities.

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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.)

This year, Meharry ASDA and Smiley Oh Smiley collaborated to orchestrate a groundbreaking wellness event titled "Love Your Smile," embodying ASDA's commitment to the Five Dimensions of Wellness: Emotional, Physical, Intellectual, Occupational, and Environmental. The highlight of this joint initiative was a 5K race held at a local park in Nashville on a vibrant Saturday. The event aimed to combat oral health care disparities in underserved areas. With an admission fee of \$35 per person, the race generated proceeds that directly supported national oral health education and wellness outreach initiatives. Meharry ASDA members actively participated, with over 55 members joining the cause. The chapter's financial commitment was significant, as Meharry ASDA members contributed \$1,925 through admission fees that they donated. Beyond financial support, the chapter demonstrated a holistic approach to wellness by providing free entry for kids and organizing an interactive fun run. In addition to the race, Meharry ASDA members contributed their dental expertise by performing oral health screenings and evaluations, seamlessly integrating dentistry into the broader context of physical health. This innovative event successfully married wellness and dentistry, encouraging participants to embrace a holistic perspective on their health. "Love Your Smile" stood as an exemplary health and wellness initiative that not only educated but actively engaged members in ASDA's Five Dimensions of Wellness, fostering a culture of comprehensive well-being within the chapter.

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.)

With strategic intent, Meharry ASDA launched a comprehensive newsletter at the onset of the Spring 2023 semester, strategically timed for the first day back from winter break. The virtual newsletter, spanning over 25 pages, served as a dynamic tool to not only inform but also engage the entire Meharry Medical College community, including students, staff, and faculty at the Medical School, Dental School, and Graduate School. The newsletter was meticulously designed to showcase Meharry ASDA's monthly accomplishments, spotlight individual member successes, and provide insights into upcoming chapter, district, and national ASDA events. Beyond routine updates, the publication served as a platform for general communication and highlighted evolving initiatives within the chapter. Distributed via college-wide email, the newsletter had a profound impact, catching the attention of the Dental School's Dean. Witnessing the breadth of Meharry ASDA's achievements and successes from the previous semester, the Dean decided to offer full sponsorship for any future Meharry ASDA event, including all-expense-paid conference travel for any approved member. This not only validated the chapter's efforts but also underscored the power of effective communication within the organization. Simultaneously, the chapter's strategic communication extended to social media, resulting in a notable increase of 124 new followers on their Instagram platform. Meharry ASDA's commitment to keeping members informed through a comprehensive and visually engaging newsletter showcases a dedication to transparency, community engagement, and facilitating an informed and connected membership.

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.)

Meharry ASDA spearheaded the 5th Annual Beyond the Clinics: Business Symposium, which stands out as a remarkable event aimed at cultivating the professional and leadership skills of our chapter members. Uniquely positioned at the intersection of dental, medical, and graduate programs at Meharry Medical College, the business symposium played a pivotal role in introducing students to the often-neglected realm of business within healthcare. This pioneering initiative addressed many topics crucial for future practitioners, including private practice/corporate dentistry, ownership/associateship, residency, organized dentistry, taxes, and more. External professionals from healthcare and non-healthcare backgrounds were strategically recruited by Meharry ASDA to lend their expertise, providing invaluable insights not typically covered in a conventional curriculum. The symposium successfully bridged the gap between dental education and the business aspects of the profession. Attendees, composed of over 85 students, had the opportunity to connect with industry experts and gain a deeper understanding of the intricate dynamics involved in running a successful dental practice. The event not only equipped members with practical knowledge but also ignited a newfound passion for leadership roles within the field. To further engage participants, a raffle with a total prize fund of \$1,200 funded by Meharry ASDA added an element of excitement. Beyond its immediate impact, the Business Symposium has laid a foundation for students to emerge as future leaders, armed with clinical expertise and a comprehensive understanding of the business side of dentistry. This event has proven to be a pivotal stepping stone in the professional development of Meharry ASDA members.

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