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Q6

Describe one member engagement and value event or chapter member benefit program aimed at increasing member engagement and value. *This excludes the submission of multiple events that are part of a single week-long or month-long challenge e.g., the discussion of various events during a chapter's Fever Week. (250 word limit. Responses longer than 250 words will be cut.)

Our chapter hosted a Faculty Bartending Night in Little Italy to promote member engagement and strengthen relationships between students and faculty. Dental school faculty volunteered as bartenders for the evening, serving students in a relaxed, non-academic setting. This event created a unique opportunity for students from all class years to connect with one another and interact with faculty outside of the classroom or clinic environment. The event fostered open conversation, mentorship, and camaraderie. Students were able to build meaningful connections, ask questions, and engage with faculty in a fun and informal atmosphere. The strong turnout and positive feedback demonstrated the value of creating social events that encourage relationship-building while enhancing the overall ASDA member experience.

Q7

Describe one chapter community service event that creates connections with our communities. *This excludes the submission of multiple events that are part of a single week-long or month-long challenge (250 word limit. Responses longer than 250 words will be cut.)

Our chapter participated in a community service event by donating hygiene bags and Christmas gifts to the Ronald McDonald House. These items were collected to support families staying at the house. By providing basic necessities and holiday gifts, our members were able to contribute in a meaningful way to the local community. We also got a tour of the Ronald McDonald house and it was inspiring to see the impact it has. This event allowed students to give back and support families during a stressful time, especially around the holiday season. Participating in this service initiative reinforced the importance of compassion and community involvement within the dental profession. The event was simple but impactful, and it provided our members with the opportunity to serve others and strengthen our connection to the community we support as future healthcare providers.

Q8

Describe one chapter advocacy event that educates and involves members in ASDA's advocacy and legislative priorities. *This excludes the submission of multiple events that are part of a single week-long or month-long challenge (250 word limit. Responses longer than 250 words will be cut.)

Our chapter's Legislative Liaison produces a monthly advocacy newsletter titled The Drill. This newsletter educates members on current legislative issues impacting dentistry, such as fluoride legislation and Medicaid policy changes. The Drill breaks down complex topics into accessible, engaging content to help students understand how advocacy directly affects their future profession. To increase member involvement, the newsletter includes interactive elements such as crosswords, surveys, and trivia, with incentives like gift card giveaways. This creative approach encourages students to stay informed, participate actively, and recognize the importance of advocacy within ASDA. The newsletter has been an effective tool in keeping members engaged with legislative priorities while making advocacy education enjoyable.

Q9

Describe one chapter wellness event that educates members and involves members in ASDA's Five Dimensions of Wellness. *This excludes the submission of multiple events that are part of a single week-long or month-long challenge (250 word limit. Responses longer than 250 words will be cut.)

Our Wellness Committee organized multiple "Run and Brunch" events focused on physical, social, and emotional wellness. Students gathered at some of Cleveland's most scenic outdoor parks to walk or run together, promoting physical activity and stress relief. Following the exercise portion, participants visited a healthy brunch spot to enjoy nutritious food and continue socializing. These events encouraged students to prioritize wellness while fostering connection and community among dental students. By combining movement, healthy eating, and social interaction, the Run and Brunch events successfully addressed the importance of wellness and provided a positive outlet for students to recharge and bond outside of school.

Q10

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

Early in the academic year, our chapter hosted a business development and leadership event featuring TEDx speaker Jeff Butler. The speaker provided valuable insight into building a successful dental practice, with a focus on value propositions, effective communication, and leadership principles. Students gained practical knowledge on how to differentiate themselves professionally and connect meaningfully with patients and colleagues. The event emphasized skills that extend beyond clinical training, preparing members for long-term success in dentistry. With engaging content, networking opportunities, and food, the event was both educational and well-attended, leaving students inspired and better equipped for their future careers.

Q11

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.)

Our ASDA Social Media Committee utilizes Instagram as a primary communication platform to keep members informed and engaged. The committee designs and posts flyers for every chapter event, allowing members to easily access event details and RSVP. In addition to promotions, our social media showcases photos and recaps of past events, highlighting ongoing ASDA involvement and chapter activities. This consistent communication helps members stay connected, informed, and excited about participating in ASDA. Instagram also provides a space for interaction, allowing students to engage with posts and stay updated on chapter initiatives in a timely and accessible way.

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Upload the communication piece your chapter described in the communications category as a PDF or link below.

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Add your communication piece link below.

Q14

Submit your chapter's YouTube video link.

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

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