NebrASDA PFM Crown Award Report

Member Engagement

This past year, NebrASDA hosted bi-weekly All-member meetings and activities for students. Starting in August, our current Executive board welcomed incoming D1s with a school-wide 100+ person membership Crawfish Boil. We presented the D1s with kits to make waxing in dental anatomy lab easier. Additionally, NebrASDA was the only student dental organization to support our local collegiate football team by hosting interprofessional tailgates with UNMC medical school students and local dental group sponsorships. These relationships were further cemented by our organization providing an all member Prophy Cup Golf tournament and BBQ and negotiating a presentation with Phillips Sonic care to present the student body with brand new electric toothbrushes.

Health and Wellness

Thanks to the ASDA Wellness grant received last year, our chapter hosted an all-member Fly Fitness cycling class for 75+ students. Mind, as well as body was enhanced through our organization too. We hosted an outdoor Cornhole tournament held on our school's front lawn and held a succulent potting event during Fever Week where students were able learn and implement some practical horticultural techniques by potting their own plants to enhance their apartments, office desks and homes.

Community Service

NebrASDA continued this past year to engage with the larger Nebraska community. Our organization planned and hosted the Mr. Molar Male Beauty pageant this year. The event's \$3,000 of proceeds and donations were bequeathed to the Nebraska Transition college: a local organization that provides resources and classes to empower individuals with autism or other disabilities to live, learn, and work. NebrASDA ran a school-wide canned food drive where 500lbs of food and personal items were collected and donated to the local Lincoln Food Bank.

Chapter media

NebrASDA's communication chair provided clear weekly informational emails, and by having numerous student members make engaging Canva marketing designs, every NebrASDA event was professionally and well-advertised. Our membership has benefited by every event being documented and shared via our social media accounts. Pictures taken at ASDA events have been cited positively by administration and faculty. Not a week goes by where a NebrASDA event or E-flier doesn't decorate the monitors in our schools' hallways or adorns the school's social media pages.

Advocacy

This semester we hosted a school wide LGBTQ+ advocacy Ice-cream social. In the fall, we celebrated Diwali with our Advanced Standing dental student members by sponsoring a *rangoli* floor art display in our school's patient atrium. Our legislative liasion held a week of advocacy events with presentations focused on dental advocacy at the local level. The Molar Bear's visit to Nebraska was well documented by our legislative liaison and was awarded 2nd place in the "Oh, the Places the Molar Bear Will Go" video competition.

Leadership/Professional Development

One of the best advocacy and leadership and development experiences was our evening with Nebraska Dental Association. Student members from all classes met and learned from seasoned dental professionals and the NDA's legal team about how to implement dental advocacy at both the local and national levels. Finally, through sending students to ASDA's D8 leadership retreat and ASDA's The Summit National Leadership Conference, NebrASDA has continued to provide resources for personal growth and guide incoming classes of student advocates.