

# HOUSTON ASDA CHAPTER

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY AT HOUSTON

## PFM CROWN - TOP 10

Houston ASDA Chapter had 2 national leaders, 9 district leaders, 10 committees, and over 100 committee members. We had over 50 organized events & initiatives created in 2020.

### ADVOCACY

Our Advocacy Committee focused heavily on **Licensure Reform Initiatives** through many online events with speakers who encouraged the elimination of live-patient licensure exams. 200 attendees collectively participated through the 4 virtual events.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Team reintroduced and improved our **newsletter - The Fill**. Our latest newsletter in September discussed the pandemic, virtual ASDA quarantine activities, an NLC summary, and a reflection piece about how our members are navigating dental school online.

### SOCIAL

Our **Virtual Mixology Class** on 10/16/2020 was hosted by Dr. Shelly Patel, Director of Clinical Simulation, and her husband. They taught attendees how to make 5 distinct cocktails and provided tips on entertaining guests. A gift was raffled off to one student and our chapter gifted the hosts a custom whiskey decanter for their generosity. 30 members attended the event.

### WELLNESS

A **Virtual Cooking Class** on 07/02/2020 was hosted by nutrition specialist, Clara Guevara. We had over 30 people in attendance including faculty and our Associate Dean, Dr. Spears. Attendees prepared a full-week's meal prep along with a "July 4th" themed veggie platter.

Wellness & Social Committees organized a **"Virtual Paint Night"** on 06/18/2020 led by Julia Johnson (D3). Over 30 attendees painted an abstract tooth and Julia walked us through the steps of how to paint it. Faculty also attended this event with their children.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our Community Service Committee created a new activity - **Street Clean Up** on 11/21/2020. 12 committee members met at the school and socially distanced while cleaning the streets around UTSD - collecting a dozen trash bags full of litter.

### EVENTS

Our **Loupes Fair** on 10/20/2020 was hosted in a much larger venue this year and was successfully social distanced. We had 202 attendees with scheduled times.

### LEADERSHIP

On 11/10/2020 and 11/12/2020 the Leadership committee hosted socially distanced **Leadership Dinners** at Fadi's with 10 dental students per dinner. Students were able to ask questions and faculty dentists were able to give their personal advice and experience in managing a practice.

### PRE-DENTAL

**Virtual Interview Prep Day** on 06/27/2020 had over **30 attendees of current-cycle predental students** who were given presentations by Dean Valenza, Dr. Cooley (Associate Dean of Admissions), and Dr. Spears (Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs) regarding UTSD's admission process, curricular changes due to COVID-19, and interview tips. Predental students had two mock interview sessions with dental students and faculty, followed by Q&A session. **We had 42 volunteering dental students and faculty participating.**

**In-Person Explore UTSD** on 2/15/2020 had over **100 pre-dental students**. We presented information regarding UTSD, organized dentistry, and role of ASDA. A tour of the school was given, hands-on waxing and class I amalgam preparations, and multiple break-out sessions of various topics were provided.



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