

SNDA EMERGE

A Bi-Annual Publication of the Student National Dental Association

45th National Convention

Post-Convention Thank you from SNDA National President - De'Ja Alexander

Greetings SNDA Family,

Am I the only one having withdrawals? The Executive Board and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting each and every one of you! I truly believe that there's no convention like an SNDA convention. One just has to attend the convention to experience the awesomeness.



Thank you all for attending the 45th National Convention last week in Dallas, TX. It was amazing to see the accomplishments and hard work SNDA chapters across the country completed during the 2016-2017 academic year. I would like to congratulate all of you for your dedication to the organization, the community, and to your local SNDA chapters. Our 45th National convention was a complete success.

It is the Executive Board's goal to better serve you each year, and provide a number of new experiences, resources, and networking opportunities for you all at each annual convention. Throughout the year, members of the Executive Board use the feedback you provide to enhance your convention experience. Don't forget to share the information learned during the workshops and sessions to members of your local chapter that were not able to attend convention.

In closing, your commitment to SNDA locally and nationally has not gone unnoticed. On behalf of the SNDA National Executive Board, I would like to personally thank you for continually advancing the goals and missions of SNDA. We are looking forward to seeing you at next year's convention, as either returning members of SNDA or transitioning members into the NDA. Our 46th National Convention will be held in Orlando, FL in July 2018, see you there!

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

University of Louisville School of Dentistry

Hello again SNDA family! As another year passes by and we all become one step closer to our goals, ULSD SNDA chapter has made sure to keep ourselves involved! This semester has been filled with community service events along with group camaraderie. This year

our chapter has participated in the YMCA Black Achievers Day, an Oral Cancer Awareness 5k, our annual Custodial Staff Appreciation Day, the St. Stephens Church Health Fair, as well as a Friendsgiving. This semester has been amazing and ULSD SNDA is very proud of the work we are doing!



Marquette University School of Dentistry

This year Marquette University School of Dentistry participated in their 4th Annual Oral Cancer Walk/Run, in addition to hosting Spanish classes, and a Lessons in a Lunchbox program at a local dual language elementary school (Spanish & English) in the Milwaukee area.



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University of Kentucky School of Dentistry

University of Kentucky SNDA brought smiles to the Lexington community by providing free dental care throughout the academic year by volunteering at Mission

Lexington Dental Clinic. Mission Lexington is a free dental clinic that targets uninsured adults whose earnings place them at or below the federal poverty level. The dental services that were provided included oral cancer screenings, adult prophylaxes, and a range of restorative procedures.



Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry

The spring semester was packed full of events for the Meharry Chapter of SNDA. On February 24th, we hosted our 8th Annual Cusp of Carabelli Ball. Dental students and faculty danced the night away as they celebrated the graduating seniors of the Class of 2017. The vintage circus themed event, included carnival games, candy apples, and freshly popped popcorn. During the event attendees were given a moving and motivational speech by Meharry graduate, Dr. Drake Dudley. SNDA also awarded its annual Carabelli scholarship essay award to one graduating senior and the student nominated Faculty of the Year Award.

Meharry SNDA also hosted its Annual Road to Residency Panel. Each year members of the graduating class take time to answer questions about the process of applying to residency. Rising 3rd and 4th year students had the opportunity to learn and ask questions about the PASS application, Match process, and interviewing for different residency positions.

The Meharry SNDA chapter closed out the 2016-2017 school year by hosting its Annual Impressions Day program. More than 20 undergraduate students and 15 high school students had the opportunity to get a glimpse of dental school life. The students received information about the admissions process and enjoyed a short lecture from the 1st year dental anatomy and occlusion course. These activities were followed by a Q&A session with current dental students, and a chance to try their hand skills by cutting a cavity prep in the dental lab.

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University of Maryland School of Dentistry

On Saturday April 8th, The Student National Dental Association University of Maryland of Baltimore Chapter hosted our 8th Annual Oral Cancer Walk/Run. We were grateful to have 150 Participants, 40 volunteers and even a few dogs who came out to walk for the cause too! We were able to raise over \$12,000 for the Oral Cancer Foundation.



UAB's 2017 Impression's Program
was a great success!

University of Alabama- Birmingham School of Dentistry

This February, over 40 college students from areas throughout Alabama participated in our annual Impressions program.

Participants were exposed to dentistry and learned about the dental school application process through clinical and classroom activities including taking alginate impressions, drilling dentoform teeth, and taking a mock DAT. This year also included a session on funding dental school education and a guest

panel of dental students, faculty and local dentists. The success of Impressions is due in large part to our great student, faculty, and resident volunteers and generous community contributions that allow UAB SNDA to continue to offer this program for free to all participants.



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Howard University College of Dentistry

On March 4, 2017, Howard University College of Dentistry SNDA Chapter hosted the Impressions Day Program on its campus. The program attracted over 70 undergraduate pre-dental students from a span of five states; Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland, Nebraska and Pennsylvania and 16 universities. This year, we also decided to extend an invitation to ten students from a local high school in Washington, DC. Our chapter received positive feedback from several participants after the program. This year's program was definitely a success and proved to be effective in ensuring students were better equipped to apply to dental school.



Louisiana State University School of Dentistry

Left: SNDA members Kevin and Seaira at Xavier University's Career Fair. Over 500 high school students from all over the New Orleans metropolitan area attended to learn about various careers in healthcare, education and business among other disciplines.



Right: Members Branford and Lorena demonstrating chalk carving a manual dexterity exercise, to Xavier University's Pre-dental Club members.



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University of California Los Angeles School of Dentistry



UCLA's Impressions Day consisted of a student panel, a financial aid information session, as well as a hands on lab workshop where students had the opportunity to take impressions and pour them up in a white stone cast.

Texas A&M College of Dentistry



On January 14th, 2017, students from TAMUCOD's SNDA chapter volunteered their day to make an impact on high school children interested in the healthcare field. The event took place at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical College campus in Dallas, Texas. We were fortunate to join students from various disciplines in the health field such as medicine, pharmacy and optometry. This event officially called HPREP (Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program) is held annually to expose minority and underrepresented high school students to the educational and career opportunities in the healthcare field.

University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry



This year's exceptional Impressions Program highlights were the \$500 in scholarship awards that we fundraised and matched with help from Dr. Pamela Alston. Winners submitted their personal statements to be voted by the SNDA Board. We are the first and only student ran group to initiate a scholarship fund for students. Award recipients are to use their scholarship towards their educational pursuit. We are also very excited to announce the launch of our very own website: www.ucsfnsnda.com

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A Letter from the Editor



Greetings SNDA! My name is Kandis Carter. I am a 2nd year dental student at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry. I was recently elected as the 2017-2018 Director of Regional Communications. I am so excited to take on this role and serve our SNDA in this capacity. I look forward to the opportunity to communicate with each and every chapter, doing my very best to keep you informed and aware of all things SNDA!

I would like to personally thank you for taking the time to read this issue of SNDA Emerge! It is so refreshing to see the hard work of SNDA chapters all across the country. My hope is that the success of the chapters featured, will inspire you to implement similar programs and initiatives in your own chapters. If you would like your chapter to be featured in the next edition of SNDA Emerge please send photos, articles, important dates, and ideas to Kandis Carter (SNDA Director of Regional Communications) at directorregcommunications.snda@gmail.com.

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