

ASDA ANNUAL SESSION

During the first week of March, seven ASDA at WesternU students traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to attend the 2013 ASDA Annual Session. Over 475 student representatives from every dental school in the country attended the conference. ASDA delegates serve to increase student involvement, encourage members to seek leadership positions both locally and nationally and create opportunities for the students to serve their communities and become involved in organized dentistry. At the annual session, delegates set ASDA association policies at the House of Delegates, elected a new National Leadership Team, and discussed the latest issues in dentistry.

Opening ceremonies commenced Wednesday night with a welcome from the dean of Georgia Regents University College of Dental Medicine and a representative from the Georgia Dental Society. A reception followed as a networking opportunity for the students.

The next following days were busy with breakout sessions focusing on leadership training, career opportunities and advocacy in dentistry. Joint district caucuses were held where students were able to interview those running for national leadership positions. During the caucus, national issues facing dental students were discussed and later voted upon at the House of Delegates. A vendor fair of over fifty retailers was held Thursday evening allowing students to view different dental products, learn about new innovations and network for future employment. The vendor fair closed with a raffle including multiple iPads, Visa gift cards and dental products. Our very own Chris Dudzik, DMD 2013, was a lucky winner of a \$250 gift card to Target.

During the final days of the conference, the ASDA Gold Crown Awards were held to highlight those chapters and individuals that excelled during the 2012-2013 academic year. ASDA at WesternU won the honorable award for “Rookie Chapter of the Year.” This award was given to a new chapter less than three year old who demonstrated excellence in membership involvement, community service, involvement in organized dentistry, advocacy and outstanding fundraising efforts. This award represents all the hard work, team effort and support the students, faculty and staff at WesternU have contributed to ASDA. At the awards ceremony, fourth year Chris Dudzik won “Delegate of the Year” for District 11.



With all the meetings and voting done, the students celebrated the previous year’s president at the Presidents Gala Dinner. Students pulled out their nice suits and dresses to attend the cocktail attire dinner. WesternU added a little flavor to the dinner by rocking their purple bow ties and purple hats. This dinner allowed the students to unwind after a busy week of business and enjoy all those friendships they made over the week.

Experiencing ASDA on a national level and seeing how organized dentistry works was such a great opportunity, as echoed by Michael Drake “It was an honor to represent our chapter and ASDA’s 20,000 members at Annual Session. I voted on pressing issues facing our profession, elected new national leaders, contributed to ASDA’s overall mission, all while enjoying a week of politics and networking with dental students from across the country.” The students who attended this conference came back with stronger leadership skills, better insights on dental issues, and lifelong friendship with dental students from across the country.

Chris Dudzik, DMD 2013

Please direct comments and submissions to asdaonthecusp@gmail.com. Submissions should be less than 600 words and include pictures whenever possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Sophia will contribute in designing the format of newsletters and assemble text and photographs in an easy-to-read arrangement that will attract readers’ eyes. Her hobbies and interests include traveling, learning new languages, singing, listening to music, hiking and doing yoga.

Content Editor
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DMD 2016

Lin plans to compile article topics which are relevant and interesting to read, as well as edit and contribute to the newsletter’s content. She enjoys spending time with family, jogging, and café-hopping.

Special thanks to *On the Cusps*’s outgoing editors: **Pamela Han**, DMD 2014 and **Cristian Sierra**, DMD 2014.



ASDA at WesternU students dressed up in purple bow ties and purple hats for the Presidents Gala Dinner Dance.



ASDA at WesternU students take an opportunity for a photo on the red carpet posing with their awards for “Rookie Chapter of the Year” and “Delegate of the Year”



WesternU ASDA students pose for a photo after attending the District 11 Caucus

EDITORS



Letter from the President

First and foremost, I am extremely excited and honored to serve as the 2013-2014 President of ASDA. I look forward to working with the newly elected leadership team as well as the ASDA student body. The ASDA leadership chapter strives to enhance your dental school education by organizing events such as community outreach opportunities, networking events, lunch and learns, social outings and much more. This year, there are many exciting activities planned and we look forward to building upon last year’s successes.

Spring is a time of new growth and ASDA at WesternU’s growth is in full bloom. With the addition of the 2016 class, our chapter’s leadership team has never been greater and now consists of nineteen committed members. Last year was a year of ASDA firsts; we organized Ethics Week, ADPAC Drive, Community Toy Drive, a Kickball Tournament, and the Vendor Fair, all of which will continue in 2013. The first annual Vendor Fair was the most successful fundraising event thus far and thereby allowed us to sponsor many members to attend national meetings. Our rapid growth allowed us to be recognized nationally and win the “Rookie Chapter of the Year” award at this past Annual Session. Sustainable growth is impossible without new ideas and the involvement of all four classes. If you are a first or second year student, I strongly urge you to become involved with ASDA and catch the ADSA Fever! You could become a leader, join a committee, or attend the District 11 Retreat in order to further assist the growth and success of our budding chapter.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the class of 2013 on their graduation. Thank you to each student for their contribution to ASDA during the past four years. Several fourth year students were founding members of our ASDA chapter and many were active members who were largely responsible for the growth of our organization. I truly wish the class of 2013 the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Mike Drake



Michael Drake,
DMD 2014, ASDA
President

Michael will continue to build on the success we have had in the past and continue to grow our chapter to benefit students as much as possible. He enjoys Lakers basketball, hanging out with his dogs Kobe and Peanut, doing yoga and playing golf.

Third Annual Golf Tournament on July 12th –Ryan Reid

In anticipation of ASDA’s annual golf tournament, we wanted to cover some of the basic terminology of golf. Because as many experienced golfers know, it is much easier to sound like you know what you are doing, than to actually know what you are doing.

In golf, each hole that you play has a given number of shots that an experienced golfer should be able to make it in. This is called par, and it can be 3, 4, or 5 depending on the difficulty of that hole. If you are able to finish in one less shot than par, it’s called a birdie. If takes you one more shot, it’s called a bogey. You can score a double bogey, a triple bogey, etc. for each additional shot you take, and believe me those shots can add up fast. Of course, the object is to take the fewest number of shots, so we are all aiming for birdies out there.

Now for some unofficial golf lingo that can really help you stand out:

Terminology	Definition
“Wesley Snipes!”	You’re trying to hit a really short, soft shot and the ball hit the edge of your club and shot off too hard. This is called a “blade”
“Hasselhoff”	You hit your ball into one of the areas of sand around the course.
“Snack”	You hit a ball deep into the bushes or trees, and thus helped feed the woodland creatures.
“Snowman”	You hit a snack, a Hasselhoff, and a Wesley Snipes in the same hole and your score ends up being an 8.



Ryan Reid, DMD 2015, Business Series Chair

Ryan plan to continue building the business series to be lasting and productive for our students through informative topics and engaging speakers. He likes to spend his time thinking about exercising, drinking peanut butter banana milkshakes, dreaming of a Seattle Seahawks Super Bowl victory, and spending time with his beautiful wife and daughter.

From Work To Weekend

On a dental school budget, it may not always seem easy to make your wardrobe or your dollar stretch from workday to weekend. Taking some key pieces from your professional attire and repurposing them into comfortable, laidback outfits is often as simple as a cuff, a roll and an affordable accessory.

For the ladies: Did you know that J.Crew frequently dresses their women mannequins from the men’s side? If you can’t find the button-down from the display, take a look in the men’s department. Wearing your button-down in a larger men’s cut makes it easier to cuff the sleeves and knot the front- a perfect transition piece from paired with a pencil skirt to boyfriend-style denim shorts. Another way to make your outfit pop is with bright-colored accessories or statement pieces. Stores like Forever 21, Charming Charlie and dollieLinks on Etsy sell inexpensive jewelry- from bold necklaces to dainty bracelets- that will add interest to any outfit whether it is for Lunch or Learns, or lunch on the beach.

For the Guys: Khakis don’t always have to be boring. Get a slim fit pair that will work for clinic, but roll the cuffs up and show off some cool sneakers on the weekend; vintage styles like Converse Jack Purcell’s are a great and inexpensive option. Don’t be afraid of interesting color combinations, like combining turquoise and red. Don’t break the bank for items like watches and hats. Factory stores for Polo and Lacoste have great baseball caps in every color and H&M and Forever21 Men have ties, sunglasses and even messenger bags that won’t blow your budget.

I hope you can see how easy it is to make your professional pieces work for life outside the clinic! If you want to read more about fashion for the dental student visit my blog at dentistafashionista.blogspot.com.

-Allison Baylis



Health Fair Co-Coordinator DMD 2014
Allison will plan service activities that engage CDM students and make a positive impact on the community around our school, and hopes that everyone will make some time to volunteer this year. She is a New England native who loves hockey, spending time at the shore, and anything and everything preppy.

Officer Biographies



Russel Dasalla, DMD 2015, Vice President
Russel will help in making the Golf Tournament and Vendor Fair successful events, promote ASDA, and assist the various ASDA leaders. He enjoys cooking, eating, and napping.



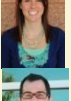
Samantha Dubin, DMD 2015, Secretary
Samantha plans on being at each meeting to document all of the progress ASDA is making! On her free time, she enjoys playing with her dog, Doc, and long walks on the beach.



Karen Mei, DMD 2014, Treasurer
Karen plan to continue managing funds, making the budget more accessible for other leaders and helping ASDA at WesternU continue to grow. She enjoys eating, rock climbing, traveling, catching up on shows, going out with friends and just having a good time.



Scott Peterson, DMD 2014, Membership Coordinator
Scott intends to make sure every member knows their member benefits and also put on a successful kickball tournament in the spring. He loves all sports - especially basketball, tennis, watersports and ultimate frisbee. He also loves ballroom dancing.



Shannen Boeckmann, DMD 2016, Health Fair Co-Coordinator
Shannen intends to maintain consistent interaction with surrounding communities to provide access to men, women and children in need of dental care, while providing unique experiences to students. She enjoys cooking, baking, working out, yoga and shopping.



James Stirland, DMD 2014, Lunch and Learn Co-Coordinator
James will help colleagues continue to learn outside of normal classes. He enjoys spending his time with family, playing soccer, reading, and being a geek.



Daniel Margolis, DMD 2016, Lunch and Learn Co-Coordinator
Daniel plans is to schedule some rad lunch and learns. In his free time, he enjoys pumping and working iron.



Grant McClendon, DMD 2015, Licensure Chair
As Licensure Chair, Grant intends on providing topics for discussion on the ASDA Facebook Page, as well as coordinating lectures on licensure related topics, including speakers that can provide insight into the similarities and differences between the WREB and NERB. His hobbies include spending time outdoors, rugby, and hanging out with his wife and daughter



Ryan McGary, DMD 2014, Ethics Chair
Ryan plans to bring awareness and importance of the ethical dilemmas that face us in dentistry. He loves wakeboarding, snowboarding, and spending time with his wife and 2 beautiful kids.



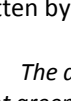
Marshall Hamblin, DMD 2015, Special Interest Group Coordinator
Marshall hopes to help anyone in the college who is trying to learn more about the different aspects of dentistry. He loves to hunt, fish, and play any sport whenever he can.



Omar Ashraf, DMD 2015, Fundraising Coordinator
Omar plans on working with Russel to continue successful fundraising events such as the golf tournament and other events. He enjoys watching and playing football and basketball, and hip hop music.



Lawrence Ebel, DMD 2014, Legislative Liaison
Lawrence plans to update the chapter on current and pressing issues within dentistry and to have a great ADPAC drive! His hobbies include doing Crossfit, and reading.



Michelle Bruce, DMD 2015, Social Media Coordinator
Michelle will use her skills to connect current ASDA members at WesternU with other chapters and the dental community. Her hobbies include singing, Zumba, jogging, and trying new food.

*Special Thanks to Michelle for Officer photos

Smiles All Around

Written by: **Cherish Leung**

The day began with a long line of patients in the lobby of the Patient Care Center. In a bright green shirt, D3 Stella Tam guided her first patient on a “roller-coaster” chair ride and counted her teeth. After applying sealants and making her laugh, the child was no longer apprehensive about the dentist and requested another visit with student doctor Tam.

The annual Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) event has become a source of pride for WesternU College of Dental Medicine. On February 16, 2013, students, faculty and staff happily volunteered their time on an early Saturday morning to provide dental services to underserved children. Over 80 children visited the dental clinic and were entertained, educated, and treated. Volunteers hustled along the corridors of the clinic in order to provide for each of the young children to be examined, taught about “sugar bugs,” and shown the proper way to use a toothbrush. Kids were then rewarded with goody bags and left the event with smiles embodying the success of the Tri-County Dental Society sponsored GKAS event.

