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UTSD'S FIRST ANNUAL

MULTICULTURAL POTLUCK

Monday, October 22nd, 2018

An event **3 years in the making**, UTSD had its first Multicultural Potluck hosted by ASDA, Asian ASDA, Hispanic Student Dental Association Muslim Dental Association, Student National Dental Association. The collaboration between these 5 organizations is a reminder of the diversity of our school and its students. Students were encouraged to try something they haven't tried before with over 25 dishes to choose from. Some countries represented with food included the Philippines, Ghana, India, Pakistan, Italy, Lebanon, Cuba, Mexico, China, and Vietnam. Other dishes were purely comfort foods we all enjoy like cookies and cupcakes. An inaugural event, this marks the beginning to what will hopefully be a tradition at UTSD to promote cultural awareness and celebration amongst students.



Navigating the DENTAL SCHOOL INTERVIEW



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Let's flashback to me, 2 years ago, on the morning of my first dental school interview. If the interview had been graded, I probably would have failed before it even started. I drove in the night before, by myself, checked into a hotel, had lackluster sleep, and woke up early to RAIN. Yes, RAIN. In the midst (no pun intended) of everything, I hadn't even thought about bringing an umbrella. So now I'm standing in the hotel lobby, dressed in my suit, attempting to manipulate physics and figure out a way to get to my car unscathed. Thankfully, before I went full Einstein with my "calculations," a fellow interviewee saved me from myself (and the rain) and offered to share his umbrella.

As you can see, pre-dental me was no expert in interviewing. Since my encounter with that rain, however, I've gotten into dental school, become an ASDA Pre-Dental Chair, and planned a few mock interviews at my school.

Looking for tips on navigating your dental school interview? Here we go:

1. Interview day is kind of like Big Brother – try to act like someone is always watching.

Be kind and respectful. Don't use your phone during presentations. Help your fellow interviewees if they drop something, etc. Remember: everyone you interact with from the minute you step into the building can impact your acceptance.

2. Balance how much/how little you talk. If you don't talk, you may come off like you're uninterested, and if you talk too much (especially in group interviews), you may come off as not being able to listen or always wanting attention. I'm not saying don't be yourself if you tend to be introverted/extroverted! You don't need to be one or the other to be accepted. However, do be more aware and try to go out of your comfort zone a little — whatever that may be.

3. Think of 2-3 unique questions to ask.

Questions like "what is student life like?" — although a good question — isn't really unique. On the same note, if you like partying, try to refrain from asking questions about drinking/partying etc.

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4. Prepare for the interview style.

I interviewed at one school that made me shave a block of eraser-like rubber into an eraser shape. I was not prepared for that at all. Research, research, research! Know if the school conducts group interviews, one-on-one, open/closed file etc.

5. Don't be a robot. You can still crack a joke while maintaining professionalism. Be human. Dentistry is a people-centered profession. Show the interviewer that you're capable of having natural conversations with people. Mess up while answering a question? Try not to get flustered. It happens all the time. The interviewer knows you aren't perfect. In fact, if you can apologize and restart the question, they'll see that you have the skills to handle difficult and unexpected situations.

Best of luck! Remember that you've already made it this far. Be proud of yourself for everything you've already accomplished.



Advocacy Month
November 2018 • #ASDAadvocacy

**Midterms matter:
Add your voice**

Find out. Reach out. Speak out.

NOVEMBER IS ADVOCACY MONTH!

November is ASDA's Advocacy Month – the best time to get engaged and learn about advocacy!

Join the Advocacy Committee in our after-school events, complete your civic duty and vote in the Midterm election, and become a student member of ADPAC. Our ADPAC Drive will allow students to join one of the largest health care Political Action Committees in the nation, which in turn will lobby on your behalf and support political campaigns of US Representatives and Senators who support dentistry and health care. Student membership is just \$5, and joining through the Advocacy Committee will give you a chance to win great prizes being raffled off at the end of Advocacy Month. Look out for our events, stay engaged, and let your voice be heard!

UTSD CLASS OF 2022

AT A GLANCE



CLASS SIZE
103

3.76
Overall
Mean GPA

21.16
DAT
Average AA

3.69
Science
Mean GPA

20.30
DAT
Average PAT

22

TX RESIDENTS
99
NON-TEXAS
4



45 MALES 58 FEMALES

AVERAGE AGE

37 DIFFERENT
PRIMARY
UNIVERSITIES



20 UT Austin

19 Texas A&M

13 U of H

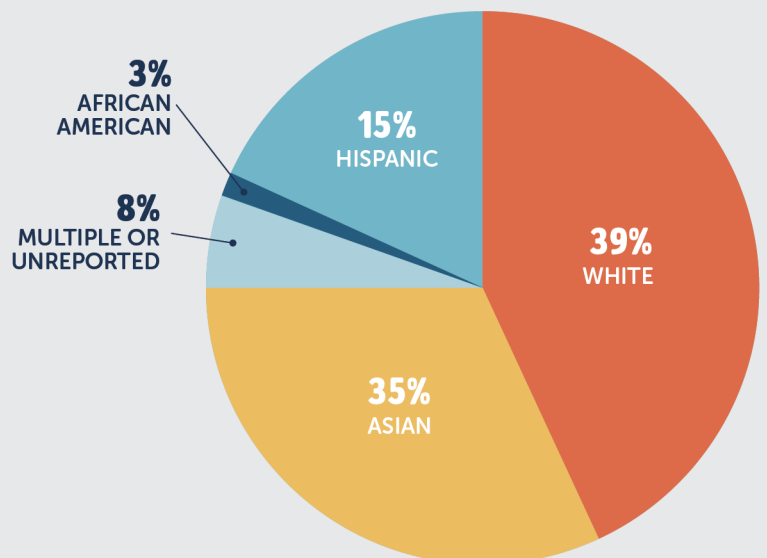
4 UT Dallas

4 Baylor

TOP 5
CONTRIBUTING
UNIVERSITIES



35 WITH RELATIVES
IN THE DENTAL PROFESSION



HOUSTON ASDA UPCOMING EVENTS

October is Pre-Dental Month!

Monday, 10/29 - L&L with GlaxoSmithKline

November is Advocacy Month!

Thursday, 11/1 - Movember L&L with Psi Omega

Thursday, 11/1 - MB2 Happy Hour (DS3 + DS4 only)

Saturday, 11/10 - 6th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, 11/12 - Happy Hour with Henry Schein (all years welcome)

Wednesday, 11/14 - L&L with American Association of Endodontists

Wednesday, 11/14 - Annual Loupes Fair

Friday, 11/16 - Sunday, 11/18 - ASDA National Leadership Conference

Thursday, 11/29 - Movember Shave Day with Psi Omega

DENTAL FUN FACT

Giraffes only have bottom teeth.



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