College of Dentistry

Student Organizations

Descriptions

College of Dentistry Christian Medical Society
The Christian Medical Dental Society (CMDS) is a fellowship of thousands of Christian dentists, physicians, dental and medical missionaries and dental and medical students committed to living their faith through the healing professions. This chapter has regular weekly meetings for fellowship, prayer, and study as well as social events. All Christians including faculty, staff and students are invited to participate.

Sigma Phi Alpha
Sigma Phi Alpha is the national honor society of the dental hygiene profession. Membership in Sigma Phi Alpha is comprised of dental hygiene educators and of graduates of accredited dental hygiene programs with high scholastic achievement. The purpose of Sigma Phi Alpha is to promote, recognize, and honor scholarship, leadership, service, and character among dental hygiene students and graduates of dental hygiene programs.

Student American Dental Hygienists’ Association (SADHA)
SADHA is the national organization of dental hygiene students. Membership dues qualify each student to receive the ADHA Journal and access to some group membership plans as well as having a voice in decision making, policy and the political arena of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association. The local chapter conducts monthly business and professional meetings and organizes fund-raising activities.

Student Chapter of the American Dental Association (ASDA)
The ASDA is the national organization of dental students. As a member of the Association one is entitled to The New Dentist, The ADA Journal, and The ADA News. Membership dues qualify each student for a $25,000 life insurance policy at no extra charge. At the beginning of the school year, the ASDA Handbook for Dental Students outlines the services the Association offers the student, such as: scholarships and loans, insurance programs, national board reprints, research opportunities, international opportunities and the ASDA advocacy program. At the local chapter level, the representative of each class is involved with the communication between the student and the national organization. Periodically, guest speakers are invited to discuss current topics relevant to the student dentist.
American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD)
The AAWD is an organization, established in 1921, to encourage women in the pursuit of a dental career. It sponsors programs designed to emphasize ways for the woman dentist to gain greater recognition in the profession. The AAWD along with Colgate-Palmolive sponsors the Research Award for Women Dental Students each year to encourage women dental students who show promise in the field of research. We have been fortunate in having two of the College’s students win this award recently. The AAWD has several loan and scholarship programs available and publishes a newsletter, the Chronicle, six times per year. Student dues are $5.00 per year.

College of Dentistry Student Research Group (SRG)
The Student Research Group was formed in 1985 and is composed of students who are interested in research. Students need not have been involved in research prior to professional school and do not necessarily need to be involved in conducting research at the College. The group is intended to provide an informal source of information and encouragement for students who wish to learn more about research methodology and evaluation. The group sponsors research related workshops for students and meets occasionally to discuss specific research topics or opportunities and to take part in research conferences. An organizational meeting is called early in the fall.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon – Alpha Alpha Chapter
The Alpha Alpha Chapter is a component of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the national dental honor society. Membership in Omicron Kappa Upsilon is comprised of dental educators and graduates of accredited dental programs with high scholastic achievement. The purpose of Omicron Kappa Upsilon is to promote, recognize, and honor scholarship, leadership, service, and character among dental students and graduates of dental programs.