



## Letter <sup>FROM THE</sup> President

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### JULY

- Day of Hope (Church of the Palms) — *Community service event where students help with oral hygiene, charting, and fluoride application*

### AUGUST

- Day of Hope (Salvation Army)
- ASDA Committee elections
- Family Weekend

### SEPTEMBER

- Amalgames Event— *an inter-class competition*
- Youth Tooth

### OCTOBER

- Vendor Fair
- Candy Apple Social/Costume Contest

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Our ASDA Chapter is just three years old, but we have accomplished so many great things in the short amount of time that we've been around. Last year LECOM ASDA won the Rookie Chapter of the Year Award at ASDA Annual Session. We earned this award due to our outstanding members putting in such hard work, and earning us national recognition. At ASDA Annual session LECOM ASDA also won the Community Dentistry Award. This means that out of all of the ASDA chapters in the nation, LECOM ASDA had the best community outreach programs. Some of these programs are Youth Tooth, Wisdom Tooth, and other events such as Give Kids a Smile.

I am so excited for the fresh new ideas from the class of 2019 and I cannot wait to get each and every-

one of you involved! ASDA isn't just about community service projects and awards, it's about protecting and nurturing our profession. Getting involved locally can open the door to working at the national level where you will have the opportunity to network with dentists at the FDA or lobby in Tallahassee, FL and Washington DC on behalf of all dental students. The possibilities are endless and I know that with your help our ASDA chapter is going to continue to grow, win more national awards, and be the best chapter EVER! In this issue of the newsletter, each of the ASDA committees has written a short blurb about what their committee does. We will be recruiting new committee members in August so please read these descriptions and see which committee sparks your ASDA fever!



# WHAT'S YOUR ASDA COMMITTEE?

SPARK YOUR PASSION AND FIND THE RIGHT COMMITTEE FOR YOU!

Left to right: 1. Shane Pascoe ('18) speaks with a resident at The Windsor of Lakewood Ranch about denture care during a Wisdom Tooth event. 2. Students gather around a sales representative at the annual Loupes Vendor Fair to learn about loupes. 3. The first ethics discussion panel hosted by LECOM ASDA with our faculty: Dr. DeVillers, Dr. Moretsky, Dr. Felsenfeld, and Dr. Zeller. 4. Mike Davis ('18), Tim Davidson ('16), Taylor Minkus ('18), and Kayla Cicchella ('17) carry Omar Morell ('17) at the second annual Interdisciplinary Sports Competition, where the Dental School team remained undefeated. 5. LECOM ASDA successfully hosts the first Give Kids A Smile Event with the collective help of all classes, faculty, and local dentists. 6. Tanner Seago ('17) awards local elementary school kids with stickers at the Youth Tooth Event for performing excellent brushing techniques.

**Dinner & Dentistry:** Working on the Dinner & Dentistry committee is a great opportunity to network with members of the Florida board, dental supply companies, and dental practitioners in the area. We organize meetings with presenters and arrange for them to come speak and dine with your fellow classmates/faculty. Not to mention, we get to pick what food is going to be served!

**Legislative Liaison Committee:** Legislative Liaisons keep chapter members up to date on legislative news and also act on the local, state, and national levels to directly impact dental students and the future of dentistry. In the fall of 2014, the Legislative Liaison Committee held LECOM's first annual Advocacy Week and ADPAC Drive; in 2015, two of LECOM's Legislative Liaisons gained legislative positions at the district level.

**Community Service & Outreach Committee:** Help us help others as we plan events throughout the local area. We organize community service and outreach events, including Youth Tooth and Day of Hope, where ASDA members educate and serve the community with oral hygiene instructions and dental care.

**Publicity Committee:** If you're social media savvy or are good at designing flyers, join the Publicity Committee! Keep your classmates informed and excited about upcoming events hosted by ASDA. Help spread the word by posting to popular social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

**Gold Crown:** The brand new committee will assist in the yearly Gold Crown application that is submitted to national ASDA. You will help take fun pictures at events and also design the layout for our digital application that will summarize all of LECOM ASDA's events. The committee will be closely involved with the executive board and know all about each event that we are planning, inside and out!

**Pre-Dental Committee:** Help make this transition between undergrad and dental school smooth for others by heading some of our newest programs including: The Mentor/Mentee Program which works to pair pre-dents with current dental students, Pre-Dental Day which involves educating prospective students about life as a dental student at LECOM, or the AADSAS application workshop.

**Social Committee:** Work hard, play hard! While dental school is keeping you working, ASDA's Social Committee is here to bring on the fun. From the occasional study break, to off-campus socials, to the LECOM Interdisciplinary Sports Competition (2-time defending champions BTW!), to the new inter-class competition "The Amalgames", we work to put on events that fosters team building, networking, and new relationships with our future colleagues.

**Ethics Committee:** As dentists, we must uphold the highest standards of ethics in professional conduct. The Ethics Committee provides a forum for students to discuss and explore the realm of ethics in dentistry – from questionable procedures, to professional conduct, to reporting abuse, and more.

**The Composite:** This semiannual newsletter is by the students and for the students. We compile our local ASDA achievements, dental issues, student life, and more. Our inaugural printed issue was released last summer. Consider joining if you have any interest in creative work! Graphic design, photography, copy editing, and Photoshop skills are a huge plus but experience is not necessary.

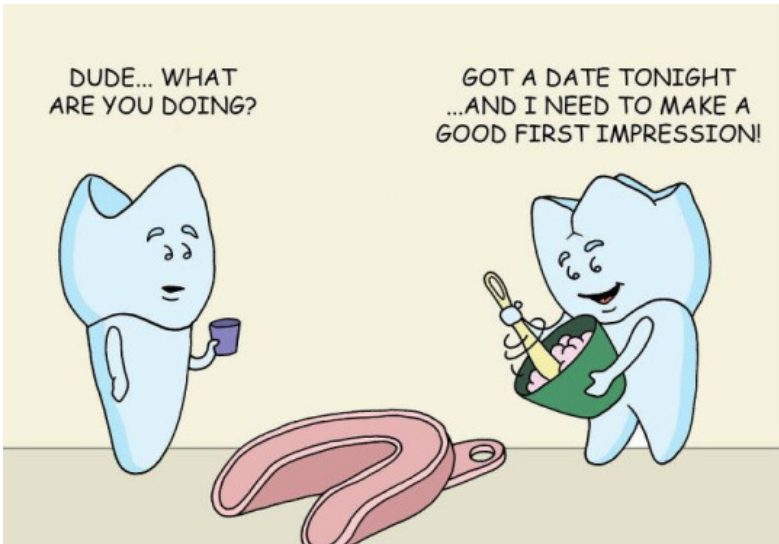
**Fundraising Committee:** Put the FUN in fundraising! The fundraising committee hosts dental trade shows, sells merchandise and other goodies, and works with local businesses to build ASDA's funds. We network with vendors in the dental field and fine-tune our business skills while raising funds for all of ASDA LECOM's exciting events.

Special thanks to the Composite committee!  
Christine Vu, Tisa Kang, Tory Li, Mitesh Patel, Dylan McKnight



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