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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



To our SNDA Family,

This newsletter serves to document and celebrate our collective accomplishments. It was an honor to serve as your Director of Regional Communications for the 2022-2023 school year and witness each chapter develop creative ways to advance the mission and goals of the Student National Dental Association. I speak for the entire SNDA Executive Board when I say we are extremely proud of every chapter, regardless of points and awards, for their dedication to the promotion of diversity in the dental field. This newsletter serves as a testament to our students' leadership skills, mentorship and community service in addition to being exceptional dental students. I hope that you continue to be as inspired by one another as we have been inspired by your talents every single day. Congratulations on an incredible school year and I can't wait to see what you all continue to accomplish, future doctors!



*With Gratitude,
S. Dr. Shukran Babkir*

Columbia University College of Dental Medicine DDS
Candidate Class of 2025
2022-23 Director of Regional Communications



SPRING TIMELINE



2023 NEW YEAR

BLACK HISTORY
MONTH WITH SNDA

#SNDAFIT
INITIATIVE

MIDYEAR
DELEGATES
MEETING

GRADUATIONS



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From Classrooms & Clinics  To New Orleans, LA

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SNDA 51ST NATIONAL CONVENTION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THE STUDENT NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION was built on the foundations set forth by African-American dentists and dental students during the civil rights movement . We honor our history by holding events across the country in celebration of our accomplishments and preparation of our future achievements.

ECU X UNC MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Students at the University of North Carolina Adams School of Dentistry (UNC) and East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine (ECU) collaborated for an Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at Creech Road Elementary School. According to UNC Chapter President SDr. Kennedy Chioma, "we wanted to honor Dr. King's life mission by coming together for a day of service." Students participated in a school makeover that involved gardening, cleaning, painting and more! UNC SNDA members continued Black History Month celebrations by hosting a Mixer Night with healthcare professionals and student organizations at Epilogue Books where they played Jeopardy on historical figures, food tastings, and more.



MUSIC & MENTORSHIP

Students at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine celebrated Black History Month by hosting a jazz night and lunch and learn about applying to residency. The Lunch and Learn webinar included current residents, and a faculty panel.





SNDA FIT



THE SNDA AIMS TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF DENTAL STUDENTS and as such, the 2022-2023 executive board set forth the SNDA Fit initiative from January 1st through February 28th. Local chapters were encouraged to host health-promotional events and share.

BIKES IN BOSTON

Chapter President Kenisha Brannon at Boston University School of Dental Medicine led dental and medical students in an indoor cycling class. The event was extremely popular, with attendance at capacity at the first session!



COLUMBIA CROCHETS

Students at Columbia University School of Dental Medicine explored mindfulness and stress-relieving activities through a student-led crochet class. Students emphasized remaining calm and resilient while learning new and explored new hobbies to maintain a healthy work-life habits.



BOXING AT UMKC

Students at the University of Missouri Kansas City SNDA Chapter collaborated with their local Hispanic Student Dental Association to host a boxing event. Chapter President Shonté Reed stated goal of this event was to stress the importance of health promotion and accessibility while supporting a black owned business.





MID YEAR DELEGATES MEETING



THE SNDA HOUSE OF DELEGATES hold the responsibility of being the supreme governing body of the SNDA. All legislation proposed by the executive board must be accepted by a majority vote at the House of Delegates meeting. While this meeting was historically held annually at the SNDA Convention, a midyear delegates meeting was held on Zoom to increase productivity and progress.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY INITIATED CHAPTERS

Temple University Maurice
H. Kornberg School of
Dentistry SNDA

Texas Tech University Health
Sciences Center El Paso
Woody L. Hunt School of
Dental Medicine SNDA

AMENDMENTS

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

- Titled simplified to Director of Regional Communications
- Requirement for delegates to be present at HOD meeting for vote to be tallied
- Midyear delegates meeting added to Constitution
- Election procedures updated
- Clarification of fiscal year and dates

CHAPTER MANUAL

- Updated requirements for initiating chapter
- Updated dates and requirements for Standards Program submissions
- Changed procedures and points for Annual Holiday Drive submissions
- Video Scrapbook Competition to be sent to Recording Secretary
- Changed requirements for Research Symposium

More details can be found in the "Forms and Resources" section of the SNDA website www.sndaonline.net

SNDA 51ST NATIONAL CONVENTION

New Orleans, LA | July 20-23, 2023

Thursday July 20

- NDA Opening Session
- Smiles and Connections: Welcome Social Hosted by Heartland Dental (Elite Sponsor)



Friday July 21

- NDA Health Now Community Service Event
- Uplifting Communities: Hygiene Pack Event Sponsored by Henry Schein
- Professional Headshots & Live Podcast Hosted by Heartland Dental
- SNDA & USNDA Recruitment Fair
- Research Symposium and Competition
- SNDA/USNDA Workshops
- Dental Shark Tank Sponsored by Colgate

Saturday July 22

- SNDA House of Delegates Meeting
- NDA Presidents' Symposium
- SNDA/USNDA Workshops
- Group photos
- Women to Women & Men to Men workshops
- SNDA Scholarship Gala & Rites of Passage Ceremony
- Bourbon St. Balcony Social Hosted by Aspen Dental



WORKSHOPS



SNDA

**Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Scope
of Practice Workshop**

**Dr. Ashleigh Weyh MD, DMD,
MPH**

**Maximizing Clinical Experience in
Dental School**

**Dr. Kimberly Haynes DMD
CAGS FIDIA
*Aspen Dental***

**Unleashing Your Negotiation
Potential**

**Mike Hagen & Ashley Morgan,
MBA
*Heartland Dental***

Thank you to all our speakers, sponsors and attendees for supporting these workshops!

USNDA

DAT Domination Strategies

**Mike Bolle
*A.T. Still University***

Navigating Your Gap Year

**Wendy Scripps MS, MPA
*University of Alabama***

Ace the Interview

**Nicole Dole
*University of Colorado***

WOMEN TO WOMEN



The prime-time attraction of every SNDA Convention - Women to Women and Men to Men workshops are back interactive workshop! An interactive panel of accomplished dentists offer advice and answer questions focused on gender-based workplace advice and life as an African-American dentist. This year, Women to Women was moderated by Dr. Octavia Miller and panelists featured Dr. Monica Wheeler, Dr. Catrise Austin, Dr. Joi Walls, Dr. Akeadra Bell, and Dr. Gillian Barclay. Men to Men was moderated by Dr. Kamal Smith and panelists featured Dr. H. Alexander Crisp, Dr. Jamine Ifedi, Dr. Bert Hughes, Dr. Jarvis Owens, and Dr. Emanuel Finn

MEN TO MEN



CHAPTER AWARDS

Awards are based on the efforts and points given to chapters based on Standards Program events and submissions throughout the 2022-23 academic year.

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

Small Chapter of the Year

1st Place

University of Missouri Kansas City School of Dentistry

2nd Place

James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

3rd Place

University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

Medium Chapter of the Year

1st Place

East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine

2nd Place

University of Michigan School of Dentistry

3rd Place

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

Large Chapter of the Year

1st Place

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Adams School of Dentistry

2nd Place

University of Maryland School of Dentistry

3rd Place

Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry

OVERALL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine





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REGIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

REGION 1

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

REGION 2

University of Pennsylvania School of Dental
Medicine

REGION 3

East Carolina University School of Dental
Medicine

REGION 4

University of Michigan School of Dentistry

REGION 5

Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry

REGION 6

University of Missouri Kansas City School of
Dentistry

REGION 7

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
El Paso - Woody L. Hunt School of Dental
Medicine

REGION 8

University of Colorado School of Dental
Medicine

REGION 9

University of California Los Angeles School of
Dentistry





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HOLIDAY DRIVE

1st Place

University of Missouri Kansas City School of Dentistry

2nd Place

University of Washington School of Dentistry

3rd Place

Howard University College of Dentistry

SERVICE

1st Place

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Adams School of Dentistry

2nd Place

University of Maryland School of Dentistry

3rd Place

East Carolina University School of Dental
Medicine

MENTORSHIP

1st Place

University of Maryland School of Dentistry

2nd Place

James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine at the
Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

3rd Place

University of Michigan School of Dentistry

VIDEO SCRAPBOOK

1st Place

East Carolina University School of Dental
Medicine

2nd Place

University of Michigan School of Dentistry

3rd Place

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine



AWARDS GALA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Franklyn Aguebor, DMD
Smile Design Dental Studio

HEARTLAND DENTAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

SDr. Shonté Reed
SDr. Kennedy Chioma
SDr. Brhan Eskinder
SDr. Maria Rodriguez Mantilla
SDr. Ashton Poole
SDr. Raven Selden
SDr. Jibri Muhammad
SDr. Henny Shelton
SDr. Meleuh Fobellah
SDr. Erika Taylor

DENTAL SHARK TANK WINNERS

Sponsored by Colgate (Diamond Sponsor)

1st SDr. Michael Kennedy
2nd SDr. Morghan Gray
3rd SDr. Precious Hollins &
SDr. Shonté Reed
4th SDr. Kallan Thomas (KT) Elle

STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION WINNERS

Sponsored by Crest-Oral B

1st SDr. Marsha-Kay Hutchinson
2nd SDr. Daniel Archibong
3rd Dr. Jaerae Dell
4th SDr. Raven Selden

NDAF PREDOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

SDr. Raye'hanna Hoff
SDr. Caleb Smith
SDr. Gabriel Thompson
SDr. Lelylah Comin
SDr. Brandon Williams
SDr. Denzel Harris
SDr. Noah Williams
SDr. Elias Hilaire
SDr. Brhan Eskinder
SDr. Najah Lewter



AWARDS GALA

NDAF DR. JOSEPH L. HENRY 1ST
YEAR WINNER

SDr. Morgan Lewis
SDr. Thomas Savage

NDAF AUDACITY TO DREAM
LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER

SDr. Sydnye Fields

NDAF AUDACITY TO DREAM
RESEARCH AWARD WINNER

SDr. Marsha-Kay Hutchinson
SDr. Antonio Roberts
SDr. Christopher Cook

NDAF AUDACITY TO DREAM
COMMUNITY SERVICE WINNER

SDr. Kaisi Peele

NDAF AUDACITY TO DREAM
SCHOLAR

1st SDr. Shonté Reed
2nd SDr. Aerial Griffin



Students celebrating their
friends' successes at the Awards
Gala



UTES OF PASSAGE

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2023



Dr. Dani Nicholson
Dr. Epiphany Washington
Dr. Marqua Lofton
Dr. Uchechukwu Nwasuruba
Dr. Suramya Sharma
Dr. Courtney Williams
Dr. Camille Haynes
Dr. Kaitlin Deidrick
Dr. Raurie Detrich
Dr. Jaerae Dell*
Dr. Ezinne Nwadinobi *
Dr. Fiondra Baldwin*
Dr. Octavia Miller*

*Previous SNDA National
Executive Board Member**

and a special congratulations to the 2022-23 SNDA National President

Dr. Kamal Smith*



2023-2024 SNDA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Thank you to the 2022-2023 National Executive Board to their incredible work this past year. We look forward to supporting our new leadership.





NEXT YEAR...

EVERYBODY WINS IN



52ND ANNUAL SIDA
CONVENTION
JULY 2024
STAY TUNED ...



STAY CONNECTED



Official SNDA Website

www.sndaonline.net

For all forms, information, contact information, etc.



Official SNDA Instagram

[@snda1972](https://www.instagram.com/snda1972)

For all updates & to connect with us

Diversity in Dental School Research

From the UCSF

A special message from the research team to SNDA members:

You are invited to participate in an anonymous survey exploring dental students' experiences with discrimination. The purpose of this survey is to inform anti-racism efforts in dental education and understand various types of discrimination experiences of minoritized dental students. Those who complete the survey will have an opportunity to enter in a drawing for an iPad!

This study is conducted by the University of California, San Francisco and sponsored by a Health Resources and Services Administration grant. Participation in the survey is voluntary, and personal identifiers will not be collected. It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Access the survey here:



Scan to
complete the
survey.