



**SNDA** Student National  
Dental Association

# EMERGE Newsletter

Fall 2023



## A Letter from the Editor

This semester was filled with amazing moments for SNDA and I had a front row seat! I am excited to share these moments with you all through this edition of the EMERGE newsletter. Some of my proudest moments have been seeing chapters across the nation host amazing events

for their local communities. From the national office hours, free dental clinics to impressions day, our SNDA members have been standing on business this semester!

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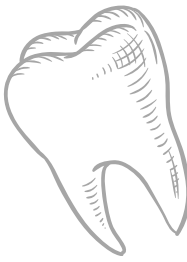
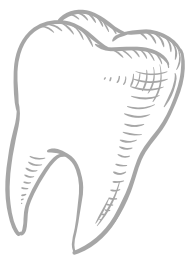
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# Fall 2023 Highlights

## G.R.A.C.E at Texas A&M!

The SNDA chapter over at Texas A&M held an event called G.R.A.C.E, this event was to highlight unsung heroes at their school. They hosted a luncheon and dinner for their housekeeping, maintenance, and security staff members. They even went out of their way to give out custom mugs and thank you letters written by SNDA members! Keep up the good work Texas A&M!



Pictured above: members of the Texas A&M SNDA chapter during their G.R.A.C.E event.

## MUSC at the Ronald McDonald house!

The MUSC SNDA chapter volunteered their time at the Ronald McDonald house in Charleston, SC. This is the second annual volunteer experience with the RMDH. They prepared taco bowls for the families staying at the facility. The Ronald McDonald house serves a mission to provide housing for families who have children that are receiving medical treatment at the MUSC children hospital. Great work MUSC!



Pictured Below: members of the UNC SNDA volunteering at the Raleigh health fair.



## UNC at the Raleigh Health fair!

Members of the UNC SNDA chapter volunteered at the second annual Raleigh health fair held in Raleigh, NC. This health fair allows members of the Raleigh-Durham NC community to receive health screenings and critical information promoting overall well-being. Members performed oral cancer screenings and provided oral hygiene education. To make sure participants were aware of their local options for oral healthcare, students provided them with resources for local free clinics and sent them home with oral hygiene kits. Good Job, UNC!



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## UPenn accepts the Shils Award for SNDA!

Tanaya Williams, President of Penn SNDA, graciously accepted the prestigious Shils Award on behalf of the National SNDA at the annual Shils Award celebration. Joined by Jamachi Orji, the Vice President, and other dedicated members of the Penn SNDA family. The Shils Award was awarded to SNDA for their collective efforts and commitment of the organization to dental excellence and community impact. We are grateful to Tanaya for accepting this award!



Pictured above : Tanaya Williams and Jamachi Orji accepting the shils award on behalf of SNDA.

## UMD Pre-Dental Panel!

In October University of Maryland held a pre-dental panel at Towson University. Members answered questions and provided advice to students about dental school and the application cycle. Great work, Maryland!



Pictured below : members of Tufts University SNDA as they hosted their study hall.



## Study with Tufts!

To foster encouraging and positive study habits TUSDM SNDA have created a study hall for members to gather and study. This study hall is held weekly and is a good space for upperclassmen to share study tips and review materials with D1 and D2 students. This has been an amazing new initiative and they look forward to continuing this throughout 2024!

## Study zone at UNC!

Similar to their colleagues over at Tufts, the UNC SNDA chapter has been hosting study zones. These study zones are held regularly for students to brush up on their hand skills, do homework and study together. This is the second year that the study zones have been around at UNC and they have proved to be successful!





# ICYMI

In case you missed it!



## Conference Registration is open!

Conference registration for 2024 has opened. Please see the attached image for details and try to catch those early bird prices!



## Member spotlight nominations

Want to give someone a shoutout for all their hard work? Membership spotlight nominations are NOW OPEN. Follow the link on our Instagram page for details!



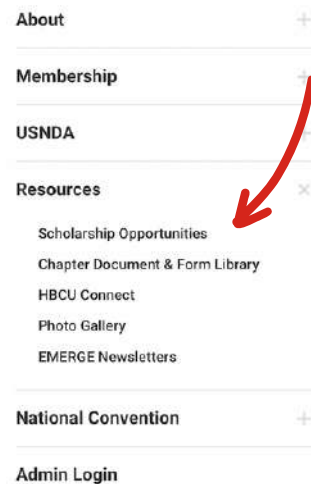
## NDA's 100th Presidential Inauguration

Help us welcome the 100th president of the National Dental Association, Dr. Nicole Cheek! Our National President, Vice President and Representative to the NDAF were in D.C to represent SNDA!



## SNDA scholarships are open

USNDA and SNDA scholarships are NOW OPEN. We encourage you all to apply for these scholarships as they are a great opportunity for members. These scholarships and details can be found on the national website under the "resources" tab.



Thank you to our SNDA local and national leadership for  
their hard work and success thus far.  
We look forward to your continued collaboration in the  
new year!

WISHING YOU ALL CONTINUED  
SUCCESS IN

**2024**

**"Happy New  
Year to our  
SNDA  
Family!"**

Student Doctor Brandon T. Wallace  
National SNDA President 2023-24

