

# POST & CORE

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## Cherry Blossoms and Capitol Hill

by Tracy Pogal-Sussman // 2011

Samira Salari // 2014

Social co-Chair &amp; Grad Council Rep

Every year, hundreds of dental students from around the country congregate in our nation's capital to meet with members of Congress regarding important issues that affect dentistry. The two-day conference took place at the Capital Hilton Hotel in downtown Washington on March 28-29. It is sponsored by the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and American Student Dental Association (ASDA). Fortunately, this year's National Dental Student Lobby Day took place during a

beautiful time of year, coinciding with the annual Cherry

Blossom Festival. Last year, the conference took place during a blizzard that blanketed Washington DC in a record 32 inches of snow.

The first day of the conference was a series of lectures including "How Congress Works" and "The Politics of Capitol Hill". This year's Lobby Day focused on two issues. The first was the Dental Emergency Responder Act, which seeks to include dentists and dental facilities in the federal disaster response framework. The second was a call for more funding for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, which is the only government agency focused exclusively on oral, dental, and craniofacial

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## View from the Hill: Dental Education Policy Issues

*My experience as a legislative intern in Washington, D.C.*



Photo by Tracy Pogal-Sussman

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by Adam Donnell //  
Class of 2011 President

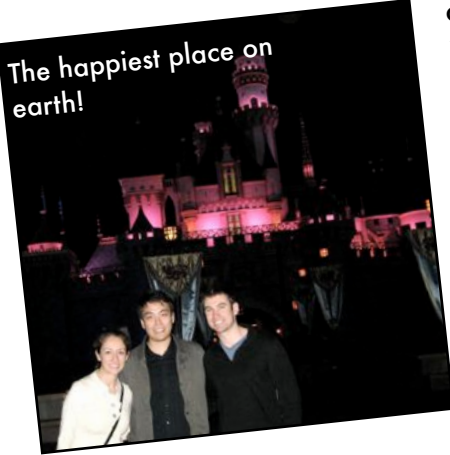
"If you're not at the table, you're on the menu."

This thought best articulates the need for advocacy in today's political climate: Washington has lobbyists advocating for issues from guns to foreign aid, so it is important that you bring your issue to the table by lobbying members of Congress. If not, other issues swallow yours. Specific to dentistry, federal and local government shape dental education,

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# Annual Session Recap: Where, What, Why?

The first weekend in March, ASDA held its 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Session in Anaheim, CA at the Disneyland Resort. Harvard ASDA sent four individuals representing the first, second, and third year classes (Derek Hou, Peter Dennis, Colleen Greene, and Young Yi). You may be wondering, 'What is Annual Session?' All of us have



asked this question at one time or another. While individual answers may vary, there are some key points. Annual Session is an opportunity for individual chapters and their representatives to choose who they

want to represent dental student at the national level. These elected officials are then our voice in debates on topics like patient-based licensure exams. Our new national officers include President Adam Shisler (Houston '12), VP Brittany Bensch (Washington '12), VP Ken Randall (Kentucky '12), and Speaker of the House Stephanie Vlahos (Virginia '13).

Beyond representation, Annual Session provides a setting for an exchange of ideas between chapters concerning local challenges. Few chapters face a unique issue that others have not already overcome. This networking allows valuable insight into successful approaches. The four of us brought home some great ideas we plan to present as future goals in upcoming meetings. Another purpose is to allow a forum for individuals to propose

resolutions for the association to adopt or deny by vote. These can be viewed on the ASDA website. One states that ASDA encourages students participating in outreach programs to only perform procedures after proper training under the guidance of licensed dentists. A second resolution states that ASDA will urge governmental organizations to add dentistry to a list of academic programs that give foreign students more time to find employment following graduation before visa expiration.



Some of the most exciting parts of the conference are the numerous awards presentations. Harvard had an incredibly successful showing. We're extremely proud that our own First Delegate Young Yi was the recipient of the Ryan Turner Memorial Scholarship, which includes a tuition prize as well as chapter funding. Additionally, we won for Best Newsletter in Competition, thanks to the incredible dedication of Colleen Greene, Vivian Yee, and our awesome writers and photographers.

Finally, Annual Session provides a multitude of personal enrichment sessions and opportunities to socialize with students from across the nation. Daily events are set up to ensure that networking opportunities are inevitable during meals and breakout sessions. Sending four students from Harvard was the best turnout in recent years. Being such a unique school, we received many questions regarding our curriculum and student life. It will be fantastic to send another strong delegation to Minneapolis, MN, for ASDA Annual Session 2012.



Photos by Young Yi and Caught in the Moment Photography

Peter Dennis // 2013 Second Delegate



Five members of the Class of 2011 are entering dental practices immediately after graduation, without further formal training. They are heading around the world to establish general dentistry careers.

Many thanks to Keith Levesque, Paul McBratney-Owen, and Preetha Thomas for their candid responses. Best of luck!

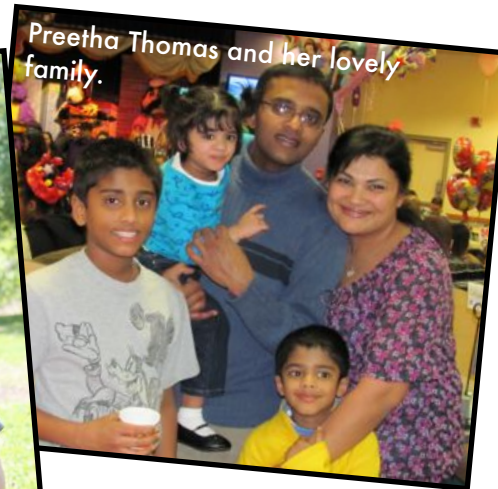
### 1) When did you decide to pursue private practice?

**KL:** I knew from the start I was going into private practice.

**PMO:** I only ever flirted with the thought of specializing late in 3rd year. I have yet to fully decide on whether I wish to devote my career to private practice or to also



Keith Levesque and his sweet (little) lady Jane.



Preetha Thomas and her lovely family.

incorporate public practice [in Australia].

**PT:** I did my orthodontic residency in India. I briefly considered applying to an orthodontics residency. Somewhere along the way, I made a decision to put my children ahead of my profession and career.

### 2) Where will you be practicing?

**KL:** I will be practicing in Nashua, NH. It is a family practice that started with my grandfather but now involves my father and sister.

**PMO:** I will be practicing in Melbourne, Australia. I am hoping to work in a community health center part time and in private practice.

**PT:** Before I joined the Advanced Standing program, I worked as a Limited Licensed Dentist in Holyoke Health Center (Western Massachusetts) for 5 years. I feel a sense of obligation toward the health center and the undeserved population there. So when I was given an outstanding offer to go back and work there, I could not turn it down.

### 3) Do you see yourself specializing in the future?

**KL:** Not in a formal sense, but would like to narrow my practice to implant and cosmetic procedures.

**PMO:** No. I enjoy every aspect of dentistry that I've been

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## Big News for Students at Harvard!

by Pukar Malla  
Kennedy School, MPA '11  
Harvard Grad Council President

We are thrilled to announce that Harvard will be initiating a pilot program to establish University-wide student groups. The concept was born out of student frustration that student groups based at one particular Harvard school, felt limited by their lack of access to the broader Harvard community. This issue was brought to the attention of the Harvard Graduate Council, which worked closely with graduate student leaders, the Council of Deans and Students, the Office of the Provost, and the Office of the President to arrive at a viable solution.



Student groups at Harvard provide valuable educational and social opportunities for students and give them the opportunity to form connections around common academic, cultural, political, and social interests. Groups may also contribute to the overall academic and social life of the University.

This May, Harvard will be accepting applications for a maximum of 10 student organizations to operate as University-wide groups in 2011–2012. This will be a pilot, with the possibility of extension, for groups with a compelling justification for University-wide status.

A handbook and application form, as well as appropriate contact information, can be found at [universitystudentgroups.harvard.edu](http://universitystudentgroups.harvard.edu).

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# ASDA BUDGET UPDATE: 2010-2011 Academic Year

by Diana Montagu // 2013  
Treasurer

Even as the economy takes a downturn, Harvard ASDA is happy to report that we have had a successful 2010-2011 year financially. This would not have been possible without the hard work of our ASDA members. Fundraising Chairs organized and co-sponsored several profitable fundraisers this year: Fall Scrubs Sale, two Book Sales, and the HSDM Flask Sale. Upcoming fundraising opportunities include a Red Sox event for the HSDM community in July.

Harvard ASDA members also worked together to obtain funding for our chapter from other sources. We received \$1420 from Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) to send more members to ASDA Annual Session. With the financial help of MDS, we were able to have four representatives at Annual Session in Anaheim, CA. Through participation in two information drives sponsored by ASDA at the national level, our chapter also received \$600 in extra funding.

Young Yi, Harvard ASDA president, was awarded the Ryan Turner Memorial Scholarship at the ASDA Annual Session this year. The scholarship is awarded each year to one ASDA member nationwide that demonstrates dedication and service to ASDA. In addition to his individual reward, Yi also received \$500 in extra funding for the Harvard ASDA chapter as part of the scholarship.

As we move closer to the start of the 2011-2012 academic year, Harvard ASDA expects a starting balance of \$4089.74. This is a substantial improvement compared to the 2010-2011 starting balance of \$3141 last August. The ASDA General Board is confident that due to the hard work of our members in securing funds this year, we will have a comfortable budget for the next academic year. ☺

Budget Area	Budget Amount	Amount Used	Remaining Amount
General	1650	572.02	1077.98
Conference	3820**	3989.2	-169.2
Service	440	472.74	-32.74
Class	825	206	619*
Social	935	930.24	4.76

\*\*The majority of the Conference Budget was supplemented by outside funding (not chapter funds). This included: \$1420 from MDS, \$500 from the Ryan Turner Memorial Scholarship, and \$250/person from ASDA members that attended Conference activities.  
\*The remaining classes will most likely use their allocated class budget, so we did not include the \$619 in our estimated remaining balance

## First-year Summer Plans Excite and Astound

by Justin Nguyen & Lisa Simon //  
Class of 2014 President and VP

Summer is fast approaching, and first year students are eagerly watching the final weeks of immunology fly by until their eight-week summer vacation begins. The class of 2014 is planning on a lot more than sleeping late and getting a tan. Harvard is unique in requiring the completion of a research project as part of the pre-doctoral curriculum. Students are preparing a diverse array of riveting projects to keep them busy over the summer.



These projects span the globe and many fields of study. Supporting Harvard's commitment to global oral health, students are enacting public

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research and training. At the end of the day, there were small group breakout sessions so that we could practice lobbying with our peers.

On the second day, we departed early for Capitol Hill to meet with our members of Congress. At 10am, we teamed up with BU and Tufts students and met with Shae Fitzpatrick, a legislative correspondent for Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown. As a team, we went through the agenda items and spoke about the two key issues. Later, we also met with Sara Schaumburg, a legislative assistant for Congressman Edward Markey. Both staff members were very interested in what we had to say.

Lobby Day was an incredible experience. It was an honor to attend as representatives from HSDM and to meet with political leaders on Capitol Hill. It was not only an educational an informative experience, but also a lot of fun. Outside of the workshops and meetings, we walked around the National Mall in downtown Washington DC and enjoyed the beautiful cherry blossoms. We also had the chance to meet and network with many dental students from other schools including the University of Michigan, University of Detroit Mercy, Penn Dental School, Tufts, BU and others.

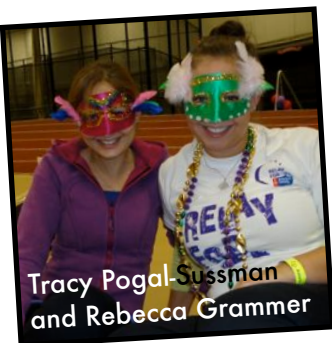
A big "Thank you!" to HSDM and ASDA for making this trip possible! ☺

## AO leads HMS/ HSDM Team to Fight Cancer

by Rebecca  
Grammer // 2011  
co-Social Chair

Alpha Omega organized an HMS/HSDM team for the Harvard University Relay for Life at Gordon Indoor Track. The overnight fundraiser was held from 6pm-6am on April 22-23 to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The team captain, Adrienne Weisner '12, led the team to a fundraising total of \$1,246, exceeding the \$1,000 goal. With a Mardi Gras theme, the team held an on-site fundraiser of baked goods

and Mardi Gras mask-making for other relay participants. Everyone stayed up for the whole night, participated in activities and contests, and danced the night away to remember and honor those members of



Tracy Pogal-Sussman  
and Rebecca Grammer

experienced. I feel I would miss the breadth of practice that would give me the most satisfaction.

PT: At this point in my life, I would say no.

### 4) Why do you think so few HSDM students pursue private practice immediately?

KL: They may think they will automatically make more money by specializing. Private general practice owners sometimes make much more money than a non-owner specialist. It depends on the quality of the business, the overhead, and the clients.

PMO: I think that given our small class size, close interaction with the specialty residents, and our reputation of academic excellence, specializing is a much more realistic option than at other institutions, so much so that it has become the norm.

PT: It's not just HSDM, but new graduates from around the world do not feel equipped to pursue private practice immediately out of dental school. I would be lying if I said I was capable of practicing dentistry with out any help and guidance back in 2000 when I first graduated dental school. ☺



our community touched by cancer. Cancer never sleeps, so neither did we!

The HSDM AO chapter has been busy this spring. Other events included a social at the Yankee Dental Congress with the Tufts and BU alumni chapters, lunch with the international AO president on his visit to HSDM, and brunch at Dean Donoff's home. Upcoming events include the AO Spring Leadership Conference in Philadelphia and Special Smiles at the Special Olympics. Our AO chapter is one of hundreds of chapters with more than 6,000 members making up the oldest international dental organization in the world. Primarily an educational and philanthropic organization, AO includes dental students, general dentists and specialists. ☺

# 2014 SUMMER

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health projects on five continents. These include countries as distant as Belize, Vietnam, and Malawi, as well as nearby New York and western Massachusetts. All will work to improve oral health care in many rural and urban areas. Two lucky class members will be completing basic science research in laboratories in Tokyo, Japan and Vienna, Austria. These globe-trotting first-year students exemplify HSDM's focus on international exchange, scholarship, and creating leaders in the field of dental medicine.

In a class-wide survey, many students stated that they were most excited about exploring their new homes for the summer and having the opportunity to hone their language skills. One class member is spending the summer crafting a pilot dental clinic for the Maya in Belize. She is most excited about "the chance to travel, meet new people, and explore a new culture." This is an opinion many classmates share.

Students who are choosing not to stray far from Boston have exciting plans too. Taking advantage of Harvard's renowned research facilities and faculty mentors, students will be performing bench work and clinical research at Children's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Brigham and Women's Hospital. They studying topics from implant technology to craniofacial development. In addition to research breakthroughs and collaborating with leaders in their field, students are excited to spend a summer in Boston, attending Red Sox games ("more than I probably should," confides one student), picnicking on Boston Common, and enjoying good weather and study-free evenings.

It has been an incredible first year at HSDM. Between group study sessions for Oral Physiology and parties too numerous to count, the class of 2014 has become very close. As thrilled as everyone is for their summers of exploration and research, it is certain that the class will be equally excited to reunite in August and continue their journey to becoming dentists. ☺

## What's a Wicked Summah?

People watching and performers in Harvard Square



Kickball with your classmates (yeah, 2012!)



Lobstah and Bahston!



## Spend Your July 4th with the Red Sox & ASDA!

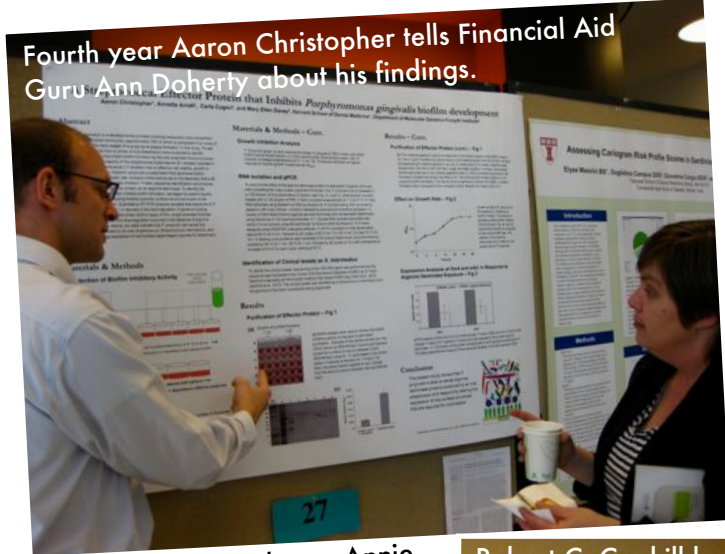
by Rachel Gentz // 2013  
Justin Maccaro // 2013  
Kanika Sharma // 2014  
co-Fundraising Chairs

After a successful year of fundraising, we are happy to be planning one of our biggest ASDA fundraising events for this summer. On **July 5th** there will be an ASDA student-alumni Red Sox event! Tuesday the 5th the Sox play the Blue Jays and ASDA will be arranging group seating for students and alumni! It's a great way to wrap up your 4th of July weekend, so keep your calendar clear! We hope to have a great turnout from all of the classes and alumni! ☺



Stay posted for more details about ticket sales! There will also be an ASDA get together before the game in Fenway, location TBD!





Fourth year Aaron Christopher tells Financial Aid Guru Ann Doherty about his findings.

## It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Here at HSDM, our students and faculty are known for their dedication to research, and Student Research Day is the time to show it off! Every April, visiting scholars, students, residents, and faculty gather for poster presentations and lectures throughout the day.

Dean Nadeem Karimbux and second years Austin Eckhard, Virginia Hogsett, and Harlyn Susarla.



Third years Anita Matthews, Annie Zhujiang, Susie Kim, and Archana Nadig



Robert C. Coghill lectures about the sensation of pain.



Photos by Vivian Yee

## Ice, Ice Baby

This year's annual skating festival "Ice Chips" was presented by the Skating Club of Boston. This was the 99th showing and proceeds went to the Division of Sports Medicine at CHB. Olympic gold medalists Xue Shen and Hongbo Zhao, as well as, Dr. Jarshen Lin's daughter, Jessica, were among the many performers. Hot cocoa, nachos, and a good time were had by all!



Olympic champions Shen and Zhao, one of the greatest pairs (and couples) ever!

Some of the Class of 2012 enjoying the show. Thanks Dr. Lin!



Jessica Lin glides on during one of her solos.



The grand finale!

Photos by Vivian Yee

## Back to Our Roots

Green is definitely the new crimson, especially during Earth Week! A new composting program was unveiled in the cafeteria as well as bike tune-up clinics and marigold planting!



Post-consumer waste from HMS/HSDM goes all the way to Brick Ends Farms!

For more information about composting, check out [www.green.harvard.edu/hms/recycling/](http://www.green.harvard.edu/hms/recycling/)

Composting, recycling, trash... oh, my!



Making the marigold seeds happy with fresh compost!



Photos by Vivian Yee

## Join the Party!

The Zumba craze has swept HSDM, with some of the energetic staff holding lunchtime classes. Lookin' good, ladies!



## ADPAC Dinner: A Call to Action

by Derek Hou // 2014 Secretary

In April, the Director of Governmental Affairs from the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS), David White, spoke to students about important political issues facing dentistry. White's background in politics includes working on various campaigns and working as a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. He now works in Grassroots Advocacy at MDS. White said that becoming involved with organized dentistry is an important avenue for shaping and protecting the profession. White discussed the non-covered services bill (a current hot topic in dental policy), the effectiveness of grassroots efforts, and how to get involved as dental students.

White discussed the contentious "maximum allowable fee on non-covered services" bill proposed by dental insurance companies. This proposal affects billing for dental procedures in two ways. First, it allows dental insurance companies to set the maximum fee for services after the patient has exhausted his/her yearly benefits. Instead of billing the usual and customary fee, providers must bill at a capped fee. Secondly, it allows insurers to set fees for services that are never covered by the insurance plan (e.g. implants). These non-covered services must be billed at a limited fee.

Using the example of this specific bill, White demonstrated the effectiveness of grassroots lobbying. At the request of MDS, pro-dental legislators have introduced a bill to prevent dental insurance companies from capping the fees for non-covered services. White showed a list of the different legislators that were sponsors on the bill.

Most of the sponsors had received at least five phone calls from dentists expressing concern. Calling representatives is effective and the grassroots efforts of dentists are important in shaping dental policy.

White ended his talk by describing different ways that dental students can get involved with advocacy for dental issues. The easiest method is to contribute money to American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC). It contributes to the campaigns of bipartisan pro-dental legislators. Student membership to ADPAC is extremely discounted at a cost of \$5 and demonstrates your

"[There are] different ways that dental students can get involved with advocacy"

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# Dental Education

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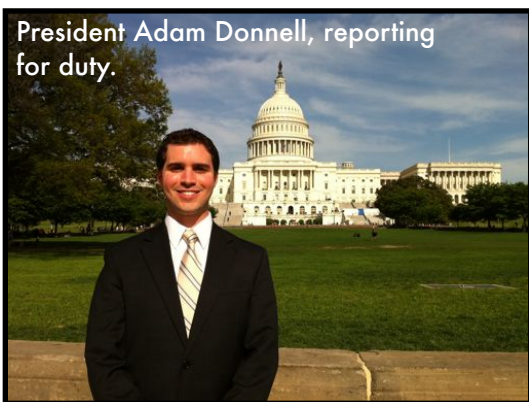
delivery of care, and research resources. With considerable influence on dentistry, it is vital that policymakers understand how the profession is impacted by their votes.

This spring I worked at the American Dental Education Association in the Center for Public Policy and Advocacy as the inaugural recipient of the ADEA/Sunstar Americas, Inc. Student Legislative Internship. This position was designed for dental students to gain experience in public policy and advocacy of academic dentistry. This two-month internship consisted of frequent visits to Capitol Hill to meet with members of Congress, meetings with dental public health leaders, and an independent research project related to Medicaid essential benefits. One of the most interesting parts was gaining a thorough understanding of the current national dental education issues. These include:

• **Access to care:**

This is the most broad and pressing issue. It includes addressing oral health literacy among patients, their families, and health and social service providers; affordability of

President Adam Donnell, reporting for duty.



care; and dental workforce issues. Dental workforce issues are related to the small number of practicing dentists that accept Medicaid or reside in underserved areas, coupled with the number of insured individuals predicted to increase significantly due to the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA- "healthcare reform"). This leads to discussion regarding student debt, mid-level providers, new dental schools, and the communal responsibility of dentists to own this problem from dental school through retirement. ADEA was successful in securing provisions ACA and SCHIP laws that increase access to care.

- **Stafford loan subsidies:** The government currently pays the interest on the first \$8,500 of "subsidized" direct loans. However, President Barack Obama, in his FY 2012 Budget Request, proposed eliminating this subsidy for graduate and professional students to make loans available to a greater number of students. ADEA opposes this proposal.
- **Gainful employment:** The Department of Education wants to prevent students from paying high tuition rates for programs that do not lead to gainful employment, such as

those in vocational certificate programs and for-profit schools. They have included post graduate dental education programs in this regulation. Residency certificate programs are now required to display on-time completion rates, median loan debt, program costs, a link to a Department of Labor website, and job placement rates on their websites. It is ADEA's position that this reporting offers minimal benefit, as an orthodontic certificate granted to a DMD is vastly different than a vocational program for high school graduates.

- **Title VII** – The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Health Professions operates and administers Title VII grants for dentistry and medicine designed to increase the primary care workforce. Prior to the ACA ("healthcare reform"), dentistry received funds only for general and pediatric residencies. Following enactment of the ACA, dental programs are now eligible for pre-doctoral grants, additional post-doc grants, faculty development grants, and a faculty loan repayment program. Given the current budget climate, ADEA is urging legislators to maintain funding for these programs.
- **The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR):** The NIDCR, an institute within the National Institutes of Health, received \$413M for dental research in fiscal year 2010. Seventy-nine percent of NIDCR funds go to extramural research outside the NIDCR. ADEA, along with the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) and the Friends of NIDCR (of which our Dean, Bruce Donoff, is the President) are advocating for \$35 billion for the NIH and \$468 million for NIDCR funding, which has not kept pace with the biomedical price index since 2004.

This is a partial list of issues lobbied by ADEA. It does not include other issues that ADEA monitors, such as amalgam, fluoride, tobacco, and sealants. ☺

## ADPAC Dinner

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support towards electing political leaders who value oral health. Students can also participate in National Dental Student Lobby Day, held by ASDA & ADEA in Washington, D.C. in every year. As well, students can participate in Beacon Hill Lobby Day every April, where dentists and students lobby state representatives in MA. Finally, another great way to get involved is by calling your state legislator. The MDS website provides your state legislator's phone number, name and exact instructions as to what to say when you call. More information about these opportunities are available at the MDS website ([www.massdental.org/advocacy](http://www.massdental.org/advocacy)). ☺

# Congratulations to the Class of 2011!

## Name

Julie Adamczyk  
Daniel Bienstock  
Panasaya Buckley  
WaiYin Chan  
Aaron Christopher  
Meghan Cooper  
Chris DeSesa  
Adam Donnell  
Nadia Farjo  
Mindy Gil  
Aleksandra Glodek  
Rebecca Grammer  
Brandon Grunes  
Sara Hahn  
Jenovie Hsia  
Sharon Jin  
Aram Kim  
Jiyeon Kim  
Yuliya Kostenko  
Philipp Kupfer  
Keith Levesque  
Katia Mattos  
Paul McBratney-Owen  
Michelle Mian  
Kevin Oh  
Ashley Orynich  
Tracy Pogal-Sussman  
Ilona Polur  
Judy Rosenbloom  
Elliot Saperstein  
Ariella Spodek  
Roslayn Sulyanto  
Preetha Thomas  
Josh Turnbull  
Kim Whippy  
Suzanne Wise  
Marisa Zarchy

## Program

Prosthodontics  
Oral Surgery  
Pedodontics  
Pedodontics  
Orthodontics  
Endodontics  
Oral Surgery  
Orthodontics  
Orthodontics  
Periodontics  
Private Practice  
Oral Surgery  
Pedodontics  
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## Location

University of North Carolina  
Columbia University  
Children's Hospital Boston  
University of Washington  
University of Washington  
HSDM  
Hospital of Saint Raphael  
University of Michigan  
University of Washington  
HSDM  
Massachusetts  
MGH  
Children's Hospital Boston  
UCSF  
University of Washington  
HSDM  
University of Illinois Chicago  
University of Illinois Chicago  
Massachusetts  
Oregon Health & Science  
Nashua, NH  
Columbia University  
Australia  
HSDM  
Montefiore Medical Center  
Harvard Kennedy School  
Buffalo  
Columbia University  
Cambridge Health Alliance  
University of Michigan  
NYU  
Ohio State Children's Hospital  
Springfield, MA  
Harvard Business School  
Queens Medical Center, Hawaii  
Brigham and Women's/MGH  
Temple University

## SCENE and HEARD



Over seventy students volunteered for the day, along with residents and staff to make the day a success. Whitney Mostafiz ('12) provides dental care to her patient as Abraham Itty ('13) assists.

## Say Cheese!

Give Kids a Smile was a huge success and was held in March. 90 patients with ages ranging from 15 months to 17 years were treated.



Becky Kibler ('12) and Susie Kim ('12) inspect and clean their patient's teeth.

Photos by Stephan Yoon



# calendar

May

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## *ASDA Springfest*

*Longwood Playground*  
Come out and enjoy some fun in the sun after clinic or class!

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## *Commencement*

*Cambridge, MA & HSDM*

Hats off to the gradts! You deserve it!

June

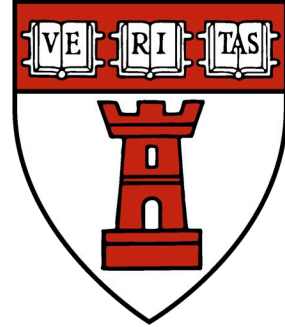
Have a safe, fabulous summer!

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## *Vendor Fair*

*HSDM*

Come out and see the newest in dentistry through vendors and third year presentations.



## Dents + Predents @ HSDM

by Tommy Burk // 2011  
co-Predental Chair

The 2nd annual Pre-Dental Mini Conference on February 11, sponsored by ASDA and the Oral Health Pursuit of Equity Network (OPEN). The purpose of our event was to connect pre-dental students with valuable resources and opportunities as they prepare for applying to dental schools. We provided them with unique perspectives on dental school and the dental profession. In total, 35 pre-dental attendees had the opportunity to meet and chat with the Director of Admissions at HSDM, current HSDM students, and fellow pre-dental students from different schools. Participants learned about the benefits of being a pre-dental ASDA member and were also taken on a tour of HSDM.

"We had a great turnout from both the pre-dental students and from HSDM students who volunteered to lead tours and answer questions. There was a lot of time for one-on-one interaction, which I think the pre-dental students appreciated with

the enthusiasm of the group!" Veronica Mitko, Conference Co-Chair, ('13)

"The pre-dental conference came together really well. It showed how much us students can really do to mentor future dental students! Now I wish I had come to the event last year as a pre-dental student!" Tien Ha-Ngoc, Conference Co-Chair, ('14)

"It was a great opportunity to meet many students from the Boston area and beyond, with

several students coming from out of state to attend! We hope that it was valuable for those that attended and look forward to continue hosting the conference in the future to provide a helpful resource for pre-dental students." Tommy Burk, Conference Co-Chair, ('13)

"I really liked the informality of the event; it allowed me to be myself and ask the questions I really cared about." Attendee



What better way to spend your Friday?



Welcome to HSDM!

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