

THE INCISAL EDGE

LASDA Newsletter



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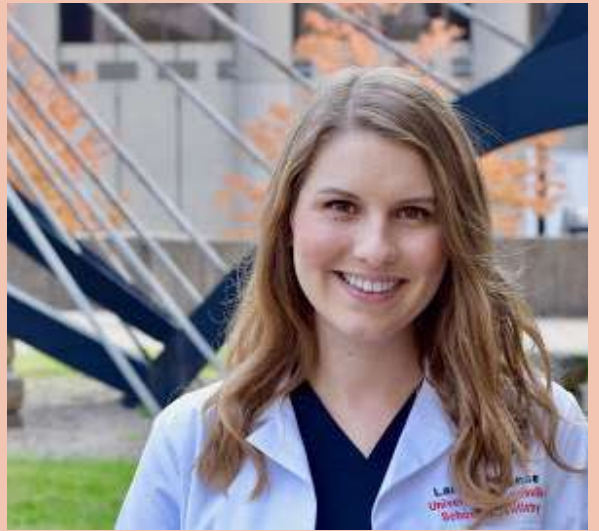
Letter From The Editor

BY LURA FRYE

Welcome to the summer issue of the Incisal Edge! This will be my last issue as LASDA Newsletter Chair and .I want to say thank you to all of the readers. I hope you all have enjoyed the articles as much as I have!

Lastly, thank you to all of the writers and photographers! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Happy reading!



Words From The President

BY STELLA PETROFF

Thank you for the awesome year, ULSD! It has been a wonderful experience serving the student body as LASDA President, but the time has come to pass the baton. I am excited to see the incredible things that Alex and the rest of LASDA have in store for the coming year!





PHILIPPINES SERVICE TRIP

Written by Sara Jane Hubbard

Last December, 13 dental students and 2 dentists embarked on a journey around the world to provide dental care to children from four local high schools- Paril, Cambinocot, Mabini, and Binaliw. The experiences we shared in Cebu, Philippines are undoubtedly something that we will never forget.

After a 15-hour flight from Atlanta to Seoul, South Korea followed by a 4-hour flight to Cebu, Philippines, we were ready to begin exploring this new country. We spent two days enjoying Cebu's interesting culture and magnificent beaches while trying to adjust to the 13-hour time difference from Louisville. On Monday morning we were ready to begin our week serving the children of Cebu! This was the 10th year that the University of Louisville has traveled to Cebu with the International Service Learning group.



Upon arrival at Paril National High School, the children gifted each one of us with necklaces and we watched the dances they prepared for us. After the welcome ceremony, the dental group began triaging patients based on their need for a prophylaxis, restorations or oral surgery. Throughout the week we were able to see nearly 200 patients! For most of these students, this was the only time this year that they will have access to dental care, so many of them had been in pain for several weeks prior to our arrival. Due to their limited access to dental care, we reinforced oral hygiene instructions with each of them and gave them toothbrushes and toothpaste to help prevent further decay.

For one of the work days, we were sent with the other students to help teach at a local school. I went to Mabini on the last work day, where the high school students were tasked with teaching us different aspects of their culture. We had the best day learning about the process of making sticky rice- from cracking open the coconut to burning the banana leaves and cooking the rice. They also taught us a Filipino stick dance which we were able to perform at the closing ceremony.

This experience was one that I will never forget, and it made me remember why I wanted to go into dentistry. I gained so much valuable clinical knowledge, learned about a new culture, and strengthened relationships with fellow classmates and dental faculty.

ANNUAL SESSION 2019

ARTICLE BY ALEX STEWART



Annual Session is ASDA's House of Delegates Meeting in which student leaders vote on resolutions that support the pillars of our organization and elect the new Executive Committee members. This meeting steers our national association in terms of endorsements, statements, and selection of leadership that will ultimately guide the future of the organization for years to come. The event also features a Dental Expo, various CE courses (practice management, esthetics, ergonomics, etc), caucus meetings, and many social activities.

Annual Session is a fantastic educational opportunity and great for professional development - the latter being my largest take-away. Receiving the chance to meet such amazing student leaders from other dental schools across the nation is an honor; the environment at the meeting promotes useful discussion that directly serve as a source of inspiration to create positive change to our own ASDA chapter.

When in an arena that schools are present from the entire country, my pride for the University of Louisville tremendously grows. Staying up late at night delving into conversations about issues we grapple with at ULSD, having laughs over those issues, coming up with absurd inside jokes, and really getting to know my peers at a more stripped level are the experiences that I will forever reflect on when I think about my professional school experience. I feel so grateful to go to an institution with such bright and interesting humans - the potential that we have to serve as catalysts of thought and action is truly amazing to me. From rocking a fake beard and creating togas out of Brawny paper towels to combating the issues that we as an organization face, I cannot recommend students enough to attend ASDA events. They will give each student a galvanizing energy that will last them years down the line and show them the importance of organized dentistry.

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- ALEX STEWART



LOBBY DAY

Article by: Inah Lagason

This year, 12 of our LASDA members will be attending the 2019 ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day in Washington D.C. alongside dentists to advocate for their patients, profession and their practice. Attendees will have to opportunity to meet and network with members of Congress and receive training on how to lobby to issues affecting both dental students and practitioners.

Students will lobbying three main issues during the congressional appointments: the Student Loan Programs and the Higher Education Act, the McCarran-Ferguson Act, and the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act (ELSA).





ENSURING LASTING SMILES ACT (ELSA)

One in every 33 children in the U.S. is born with a congenital anomaly or birth defect that affects their daily lives. Specialized surgery is typically needed to correct these anomalies. However, most insurance companies consider the procedures, including dental work related to the anomaly, to be cosmetic and would therefore not be covered by insurance. The Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act would require that all health plans cover medically necessary services from a congenital anomaly or birth defect. From a dental perspective, this would include adjunctive dental, orthodontic or prosthodontics support.

MCCARRAN-FERGUSON ACT

Attendees will be urging Congress to amend the McCarran-Ferguson Act to empower the Federal Trade Commission and U.S. Department of Justice to enforce the full range of federal antitrust laws against health insurance companies engaged in anticompetitive conduct. With the amendment of this act, consumers would face lower prices and greater consumer choice.



STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS & THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

Most dental students rely on federal student loans to finance their dental education. With this act, we will be urging Congress to reauthorize the Higher Education Act and to alleviate the excessive amounts of dental student debt.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

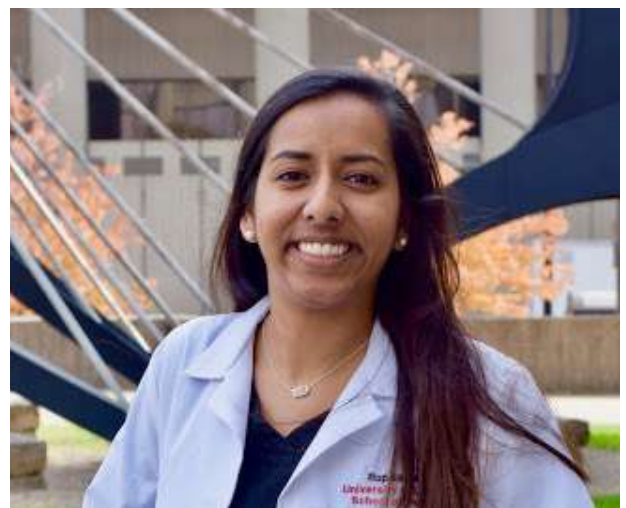


RUPIKA NARAIN

Written by: Laura Spence

Rupika Narain is a Louisvillian, born and raised. She loves cheering on the basketball team, the football team, and the Ladybirds (as a former dancer herself). Her favorite color is burgundy. She served as LASDA's fundraising chair for the 2018-2019 school year, creating awesome T-shirts, selling erasers, being an all-around amazing person.

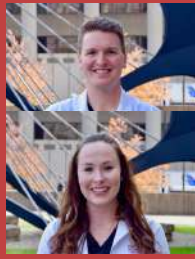
She is also a member of SNDA and served as treasurer for AAWD and HSDA throughout this school year. Can't wait to see what the next school year will bring with her serving as LASDA treasurer!!



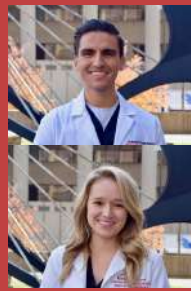
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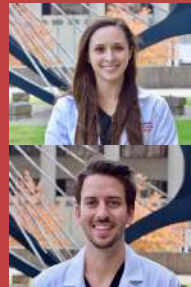
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