

Spring 2024
Meeting 6
3/7/24
Minutes

Reminders & Announcements

- Crewnecks will be given to all who completed the requirements to be an active member
- There are 2 oral health presentation opportunities coming up in Vernon
- You can sign up for both or just one and rides can be provided
- Sign up using the QR code below
- Dental assisting opportunity in East Hartford
- Columbia dental ASDA is looking for a pre-dental fellow
 - Make social media posts
 - Use QR code in presentation to apply
 - Is due next week

Meeting Topic: Crewneck design selection, how to choose which dental schools to apply to, and how to begin your personal statement.

How to learn where to apply?

- Main factors to consider
 - Distance from Home
 - Cost of education
 - Varies a lot between state schools and state students vs out of state tuition
 - Cheapest option is UConn which is our in-state school
 - Pay out of state your first year but once you begin to live in CT you can be considered in-state and pay in-state tuition
 - Other schools also offer this residency rule
 - NYU is the most expensive school is \$153,000 a year
 - Tufts is \$90,000 a year
 - Future Plans
 - If you are thinking about residency you will need to pay for further education so possibly look for a cheaper school
 - Know which schools produce what
 - Midwestern produces qualified and experienced general dentists
 - UConn produces specialists
 - Some schools provide combined degrees
- Apply where you have a good chance of getting in

- To do this you need to know what your statistics are
- Use the Sheets calculator provided to determine what your science GPA is
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vSTp9ktzGrCBFoBowd8M5p1Sx3-jy2ZVXJuy1oAPtps/edit#gid=18001884>
- Dental School Stats List
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-84nBej3lUuZfLM91fz7l9ZipxWlKTYRPaKiToZfESs/edit#gid=0>
 - Information is here about school stats as well as if they accept out of state students, also includes which schools offer MBA programs etc.

Personal Statements

- Is meant to answer the question: Why dentistry
 - Needs an intro, body paragraphs, and conclusion
 - Want to engage reader from the start
 - Need to talk about something unique to you. Something personal
 - Should show why you are a unique and good applicant to dental school
 - Connect your hobbies to dentistry as well. Find something unique to you that will make you stand out as an applicant
 - Mention shadowing in your personal statement. Want to see if you shadowed and if you built a relationship with patients
- Make your voice stand out
 - Want to statement to sound like you
- Brainstorm different things about you
 - Make a list of things you've done to realize what you can write about. Anything that can showcase this side of you
- Most personal statements online have a pattern
 - Why dentistry
 - Why they are a good fit for dentistry
 - What they are currently doing to get into dental school
- Want to begin with a hook that tells the reader this is personal and not a generic story
- Do not make your personal statement all about other people. Focus on yourself not just about your parents, or grandparents, or mentors, etc.
- Talk about your past and future. Talk about things that have truly impacted you. Show your passion to be in healthcare, show your dedication to it.
- Talk about a personal experience from shadowing that shows your passion and ability to relate to a patient.
- In your conclusion

- Reiterate the main points of your statement
- Want to keep it short and to the point
- Focus on one or two things, they've already seen everything you do in your resume. Pick the things that are the most important to you
- Bundle everything up in a bow to end it
- Definitely want your statement to be a story that has a good flow. Line of reasoning needs to make sense.
- Possibly end with a sentence about what you'll do in the future if given the opportunity to be a dentist.

Crewneck Selection

- Please fill out the polls in the groupme in order to get your vote in! And if you have not please fill out the crewneck form. If you do not fill it out you won't be able to receive a crewneck. Also keep in mind you will only receive a crewneck if you are an active member who has paid dues and attended 5 meetings before the end of this semester.