

# NEWSLETTER

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## Sept. – Nov Updates



### ASDA Tailgates

ASDA tailgates came back in full force this year. Thanks to our Wonderful tailgate chairs, Braden Bowker and Laurel Kazazian for organizing. We hosted tailgates for UNLV, Rutgers, Indiana, and Rutgers games this season, and hosted with Ohio State ASDA a combined tailgate for The Game this year! Topped off with a win at the Big House, we can't wait for next year!

## 2023 Turner's Trot

In September, we held our annual Turner's Trot 5K in honor of Ryan Turner. Huge thank you to our chairs who put all the time in to plan this event and to our ASDA members, friends, and community for supporting the memory of Ryan Turner. Ryan was a young man and classmate who passed in 2007. He was an exceptional friend, son, brother, dental provider, and leader in ASDA and in the country. The funds from this 5k go to the Ryan Turner Memorial Fund which provides scholarships for current ASDA members.



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## National Leadership Conference 2023

From October 20-22, 2023, dental students from ASDA chapters nationwide met in Chicago for opportunities in networking and to increase their knowledge of the dental field.

The NLC serves to enhance ASDA members understanding of what it means to be a successful business owner, team leader and manager--which are fundamentals not often discussed in curriculum.

Through educational sessions and meetings with industry leaders and technology, ASDA members to build understanding of services and career opportunities.

Thank you to our members who represented our chapter and ASDA for organizing such a successful event!

## District 6 Conference 2023

Members of the University of Michigan ASDA Chapter had the opportunity to participate in the Annual ASDA District 6 Conference in Cleveland, OH.

ASDA members were able to attend various sessions regarding owning a dental practice, life after dental school, and opportunities for advocacy in dentistry.

By meeting with other dental students in ASDA District 6 schools, members were able to expand their understanding of the mission of ASDA and the future of ASDA.



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## Detroit Lions & Team Smile

This year, we partnered with the Detroit Lions and Team Smile to volunteer at Ford Field. This opportunity focused on providing dental care to underserved children in our community. This experience, was incredible, and we are so grateful to have the chance to be help out those in need.



## Wellness Month - Sept.

Septemeber was Wellness Month! We kicked it off with a group fitness class hosted by The Barre Code. Our members enjoyed a BRAWL class to get there daily exercise in..

We also hosted a Lunch and Learn on Burnout this month with Dr. Vince Buscemi talking to us.

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## Members of the Month – Dominika & Adam

In October we recognized 2 members of the month: **Dominika Burbul** and **Adam Grabowski**.

**Dominika** serves as the Mr. Molar Chair and has loved participating in wellness activities including the Workout1 class and pickleball tournament this summer.

**Adam** serves as our Turner's Trot Chair. He has enjoyed participating in the ASDA golf outing and the NLC Conference in Chicago.

We appreciate both of your hard work and contributions to our ASDA chapter!

## Member of the Month – Braden Bowker

Braden Bowker, the ASDA D3 Tailgate Chair, was our September Member of the Month!

One of Braden's favorite ASDA memories was bringing his puppy, Gracey, to her first ASDA tailgate this past season.

Thanks for all of your hard work this season to make our ASDA tailgates a success!

—Braden Bowker  
D3 Tailgate Chair



## BRADEN'S FAVORITES

- tailgate snack: Buffalo chicken dip 🍗 I'll gobble up those points
- team to play against: beating any team ending in "State"
- ASDA memory: Bringing my puppy Gracey to her first ASDA tailgate last season

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## Member of the Month – Brennan Metzler

Brennan Metzler, our ASDA chapter's Merchandise Sales Chair, was our November Member of the Month!

Brennan's favorite ASDA events include the ASDA Golf Outing and the long awaited ASDA tailgate for the Michigan vs. OSU game (GO BLUE!)

Thanks for all of your hard work in making ASDA merchandise sales successful!

## November ASDA Advocacy

Thank you to our wonderful Legislative Liaison, Skyler Duda, for organizing an enriching series of events to help ASDA member's better understand what advocacy is and how each of us can participate.

Presentations included information regarding current ASDA advocacy initiatives, how to participate in these initiatives as a student and as a new dentist, and current barriers to care.

As November comes to a close, let us continue to remember our roles individually in advocacy and its importance in dentistry!

Year: D2

Position: Merchandise Sales  
Chair

Favorite event: ASDA Golf  
Outing

Favorite D2 moment:  
Learning from all the L&Ls

Looking forward to: ASDA  
tailgate for Michigan vs.  
OSU



Brennan Metzler