

PDS Meeting on November 1, 2007

- Audrey continued to collect \$10 dues from members. She will continue to collect them next meeting!
- Also, the *t-shirt design* was voted on by all who attended. It is an original design specifically for the UConn PDS.
- The spotlight school of the meeting was BU. It is one of the newer dental schools in America and gives no preference to Massachusetts residents. The average DAT is 19 and the average GPA is 3.55 or 3.25 science. The BU dental school is not associated with any medical school.

There are several upcoming event reminders:

- Philadelphia Alternative Break: apply by Nov. 9th for this spring break trip (www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/co_alternative_breaks.html)
- Passport to Dentistry (UConn Health Center): 2 days before students return to school for the Spring semester in January
- The Yankee Dental Conference: Saturday, February 2nd

- Next semester, Dr. Crivello is running a class for both pre-med and pre-dental students. In the course catalog it is *PNB279* on Tuesday nights from 6-8pm. This course is one credit and can be used as Honors credit.
- This year, we have tried to implement a **directory** of students involved in PDS. We would like to complete the directory with pictures and make the released information available on the website so students can begin networking with one another! Please send a picture to Tony Cavallaro who is coordinating the directory. He has two emails: anthony.cavallaro@uconn.edu and tcavallaro@snet.net
- This year we are also trying to improve the club with several new leadership positions. There are three new officer positions which all members are allowed to run for **next meeting**:
 1. Website Design (Webmaster): this position requires knowledge about how to repair and maintain a website. The current PDS website is in dire need of a "face-lift" so we will need a webmaster (or 2) to work on updating the site.
 2. Shadowing Coordinator: this job includes calling dentists in the area to ask if they are willing to take on UConn PDS students as shadows throughout the academic year. Once we have a list of dentists, students from the society will be matched up according to their schedules.
 3. DAT Study Group Coordinator: this coordinator will help create DAT study groups for students who are interested in working together on DAT prep or even coursework.
- If anyone is interested in running for one of these new offices, come prepared to the next meeting with a brief speech and we will hold elections.

- At the meeting, the Crack DAT PAT information sheet was passed around. Those interested in improving their PAT skills for the DAT can sign up to order any package and group discounts will apply according to the number of students that sign-up.
- Anyone interested in participating in the chalk carving contest should obtain a piece of chalk and use any tools necessary to carve it into something. These pieces will be collected toward the end of the semester and judged in a contest.
- The *next meeting* is *TUESDAY, November 13th* at 7pm in Chem304 and we will be voting for the new officer positions. The final meeting of the semester (it flew by!!!) is on November 28th. This is an important meeting to attend because we have invited a panel of UConn dental students to come for a question and answer session.