

UConn Pre-Dental Society

April 20th, 2015
7:00pm PBP 131
In Attendance: 32

1. General Announcements
 - a. President: Thank you to our Advisor, Dr. Abbott, the Societal Board, and members for making this year great
 - b. Treasurer: Welcome to our new treasurer Robert
 - c. Secretary: Member of the semester Jessica DeRobertis, seniors please pick up your graduation cords, welcome to our new secretary Marco
 - d. Oral Health Chair: I have kept a list of people interested in volunteering and I will remember you for next year
 - e. Internal Affairs Chair: Thank you to everyone for a great year
 - f. Involvement Chair: thanks for everyone's help with the Talent Show, Fundraisers at Wally's for the 27th and Insomnia cookies for the 28th, MENTION YOU ARE WITH PDS
 - g. Webmaster: Thank you to everyone for a great year
2. Dr. Christopher DeSesa (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery)
 - a. Helping you get into Dental School
 - i. Grades/ DAT
 1. Schools focus on Trends rather than overall GPA. Are you improving?
 2. Reading Comprehension was once used as an indicator of Board success so was important
 3. PAT is less important, they understand that its test specific and isn't indicative of success
 - ii. Resume/ Personal Statement
 1. Quality > Quantity
 - a. Be passionate about a few things, hold a leadership role
 2. Research in which you get published is a huge advantage to your application
 3. For the personal statement:
 - a. Have multiple people read (Dentist as well)
 - b. Have specific examples, NOT flowery statements
 - c. Don't be dramatic (near death experiences)
 - d. Open with something seemingly unrelated
 - iii. Interviews
 1. Relax (casual conversational)
 2. Prepare questions about school prior to interview
 3. Let there be silence in between answer (shows confidence)
 - b. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
 - i. More than just teeth: cosmetic surgery (Rhinoplasties, botox, fillers)
 - ii. Use 3D virtual treatment planning