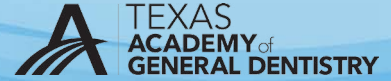


TAGD FELLOWTRACK STUDENT PERSPECTIVE



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Class of 2018

Hi, I'm Amaris Caraballo, a student at the University of Texas Health San Antonio School of Dentistry, and involved with the San Antonio student AGD and FellowTrack - San Antonio.

I'm in the Class of 2018, so soon I will be reaping the benefits of what FellowTrack can provide dental students – in addition to those I already have, that is.

I got involved with the San Antonio AGD after I went to an informational meeting with a friend. I was so excited to find that we could obtain excellent CE during dental school that not only did I join up, but I liked it so much that I became 2017-2018 Social Chair for our chapter.

I've gotten to hear some great lecturers speak on topics that are not thoroughly covered in dental school, such as involvement in advocacy and the main challenges facing our profession in the coming years. Every meeting we interact with local dentists -- many faculty at our school are members of the TAGD -- making the world of dentistry seem less daunting and more of a community of individuals with a common goal in mind, to become lifelong learners and help others to do the same.

Not only that, the networking value of this organization is a real asset to its members. Not only are we visiting over pizza during many of our events, this past summer several of us traveled to Austin to participate in the New Dentists Conference, and we also attended the National AGD meeting in Las Vegas.

Of course FellowTrack is there to help you in your future career, and I've already gotten a return to that end. Recently I accepted a position at the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the Olin E. Teague Veterans Hospital in Temple, Texas. During my interview we discussed my involvement in FellowTrack, and my interviewer was also working towards her Fellowship. When someone sees FellowTrack on your resume it shows you have made a commitment to lifelong learning and that you value your education.

FellowTrack is an excellent opportunity to get high quality CE while still in dental school to get started towards your Fellowship. It provides you opportunities to travel for CE; accessibility to mentors; and windows into more job opportunities. It is the most affordable organization to join on a dental school budget, and -- free pizza doesn't hurt, either.



(L to R) - Michael Grant, Amaris Caraballo, Dr. Daniel Lavin, DMD, Rose Duong, and Juliette Tran attending AGD Annual Conference.

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