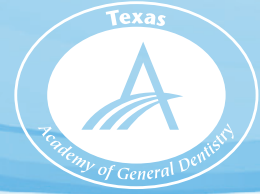


TAGD FELLOWTRACK STUDENT PERSPECTIVES



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Houston AGD FellowTrack has proven to be one of the most educational and worthwhile organizations I have joined during Dental school. Each month we explore topics adjunctive to our curriculum such as business management, dental advocacy, and laser dentistry.

Our FellowTrack program places a strong emphasis on translating these topics into real-world applications. One of the greatest aspects of our FellowTrack chapter is our advisors. They consistently demonstrate a commitment to both our individual and chapter success. They are always supportive of new student initiatives while providing constructive feedback. My years in FellowTrack have provided me with not only great mentors, but life-long friends.

Perhaps my favorite aspect of AGD is their unparalleled commitment to leadership development. Leadership opportunities run the gamut from the local to the national level. My personal experience as a student liaison to the Texas AGD Advocacy Council has been invaluable, helping me become more informed, and become a better leader. I have seen what dedication looks like; I have seen what passion looks like; I have seen what the culmination of hard work looks like. I know unequivocally that being a member of this council, and of the Texas AGD, has made me a better dental student, and has prepared me to be a lifelong advocate for our profession.



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Every successful football team has an outstanding quarterback who is able to lead in the most stressful situations and to call plays that will lead them to victory. A general dentist is similar to a quarterback in that the dentist calls the plays which lead to improved oral health of the patient. For example, the general dentist can treat the patient or refer them to a specialist so that they may receive more advanced care.

Techniques taught in modern day dental schools vary greatly from what Harris and Hayden taught at their first dental school, and dentistry will continue to advance with the development of new technology, materials, and procedures. In a similar manner, the standard of care will continue to grow. It is now more imperative than ever for general dentists to further educate themselves with the latest dental advancements.

As an up-and-coming dentist, I understand the importance of continuing education. The heart and core of the Academy of General Dentistry focuses on furthering our knowledge in the field of dentistry as well as connecting new dentists with veterans in the field. For this reason, I joined the Dallas AGD chapter at Texas A&M College of Dentistry as a second year dental student.

I greatly value the fact that the Dallas AGD invites speakers based on students' requests. Last year, we had the privilege of hearing from veterans in the dental field speak about their speciality. Dr. Frank Higginbottom especially stood out to me. A leading cosmetic dentist in Dallas, he shared his enthusiasm and expertise in full-mouth rehabilitation cases. Another highlight was Dr. Patricia Simon's presentation on how to correct severe malocclusions with orthodontics and orthognathic surgery. She had Dallas AGD members sitting on the edge of their seats! What impressed me the most about these speakers is their passion and knowledge in their respective fields.

These meetings opened my eyes to how vast the field of dentistry has become and how much learning I have ahead. My mission is to continue training and studying the playbooks in hopes of becoming a phenomenal quarterback. With the help of the AGD, I know I will succeed.