Meeting Minutes 4/1: Midwestern Student Panel GBM

* Midwestern has two campuses: Glendale, AZ and Downers Grove, IL
* ASDA- American student dental association benefits
  + Periodic subscription that provides dental related knowledge
  + Talk about mental and physical health and how to stay healthy while in and out of school
  + Talks about 5 dimensions of life
  + On the pre-dental ASDA site: talk about tips, blogs, timelines, events to help you be a more well-rounded applicant
* June 29th- Pre-dental day at Midwestern
  + By may 12th the early bird price is $85
  + After May 12th the price is $110
  + Includes breakfast and lunch
  + Includes activities such as waxing activities, taking impressions, and more hands on activities ( get to take home things you work on)
  + Tour of the campus and panel for questions
  + Tips from admissions, discounted DAT resources, raffle prizes
  + Registration link should be out in the next week or so (will be in our future emails)

Notes from the Q & A session

* Advice studying for the DAT: set a schedule and stick to it
* On day of DAT use your breaks wisely and eat if possible
* Don’t have to take a full practice test but take separate exams so you’re familiar with how much time you have
* You don’t need more than a couple months because you’ll forget everything if stretch out studying too far apart
* Don’t worry if you have to take the DAT twice
* Keep doing practice tests
* Utilize free exams on Kaplan and DAT Bootcamp
* Extracurricular are some of the most important thing to your resume

Extracurricular

* Admissions wants to see you do a lot
* Having experiences to talk about is the most important thing to fall back on during the interview
* Don’t try to preprogram your answers, come up with a genuine answer because interviewers will known

Other information

* Midwestern is a newer program so many people aren’t familiar with it
* Applying is expensive to pick wisely. Don’t apply to many schools that only take 1 out of state applicant
* Midwestern offers no specialty programs
* If you do research/leadership🡪 interviewer will hit with hard questions about these things
* Can do non dental related research
* If come from community college🡪do your research because some schools do not accept community college credit for pre requisites and some don’t accept community credit at all.
* Close to 30 kids in the D2 class did a biomedical program after their bachelor. If you do well in the biomedical program you get an interview🡪 want you to work super hard to get the interview

What did you do in your gap year?

* worked for an oral surgeon
* was a dental assistant
* took a master’s program and classes
* worked as a pharmacy tech at Walmart

Dental schedule

* Within first month of D1 students are at the clinic (new implementation)
* Beginning at 7:30 until last patient
* First two years you focus on hard core sciences
* Stimulation clinic split into smaller groups
* Take one science class at a time so finish 2-3 science courses in a quarter
* Have 4 short breaks. In first year have around 10 weeks off
* Don’t have to go to science classes🡪 can listen to recording (except for dental classes)
* No homework
* Difference between undergrad and grad: amount of material you need to know in a short period of time
* There are dorms but most people are commuting