Hello PDCer’s,

Thank you everyone who came to our meeting this past Wednesday, November 1st, where we practiced mock-interviewing with partners. We had a great turn out, and hope you all found these tips, tricks, and example questions helpful. Below is a summary of some key points, and you can also see the PowerPoint “Meeting 11-1-17” for the full meeting presentation. As always, if you have any questions feel free to email us at [uicpdc32@gmail.com](mailto:uicpdc32@gmail.com)

* **Key Points**
  + *Know yourself –* why do you want to go into dentistry?
  + *Know the school –* why do you want to go to the specific CoD you’re interviewing at? What are their values and mission, types of learning, etc.?
  + *Don’t ask questions that take away from what you want to accomplish –* this is not the time to ask your interviewer why they wanted to go to dental school, this is a short amount of time for them to learn why YOU should be accepted.
  + *It’s OK to ask questions that you’re interested in –* if you have legitimate questions that you couldn’t find on the school’s website, its fine to ask. It’s also OK to ask for clarification with questions they ask you.
  + *Be aware of your bad habits and avoid them –* if you know you tap your foot or scratch yourself when you’re nervous, practice this and make sure you are aware and break the habit by interview day.
  + *Be confident but not big-headed, but most of all be comfortable –* you received an interview and should be proud you’ve come this far, but understand this is a very competitive process and you are not entitled to acceptance. Be comfortable, be true, and be yourself!
  + *Be thankful –* be respectful and say thank you and be personable. Know that this could be the potential start of a relationship with a future teacher, future advisor, and future school.
* **Check out the tips and tricks from the *American Student Dental Association***

→ <https://www.asdanet.org/index/get-into-dental-school/post-application/interview-tips>

* **Example questions to practice with a friend** yourself
  + - What are your weaknesses? Tell me about a failure and how you overcame that.
    - What are your strengths?
    - What did you gain from your work/volunteering/shadowing/research experience?
    - Tell me about your research/work/shadowing/etc.
    - Why is teamwork important in dentistry?
    - What do you think makes a good dentist?
    - Why dentistry?
    - How do you cope with stress?
    - What is diversity, and what experience highlights this?
    - Why did you apply to this school?
    - Tell us about an ethical situation and how you handled it.
    - What would you do if you saw a student cheating on a test?
    - What event has made the biggest impact on your life?
    - What motivates you?
  + **Next Meeting**;

***When?*** Thursday, November 16th, 2017

***Where?*** UIC College of Dentistry

***What?*** Pre-dental Night at the College of Dentistry; one of the biggest CoD events of the year, and a great opportunity to see the school and get questions answered. RSVP at [www.uiccodfallpredentalnight.eventbrite.com](http://www.uiccodfallpredentalnight.eventbrite.com) SEATS ARE ALMOST FILLED

* **Other announcements**;
  + Watch out for **two important emails**: t-shirt voting and t-shirt size form
  + Carolyn and Aisha from the CoD visited yesterday as well and said they are still accepting applications for the Volunteer Ambassador program. See the last email we sent today for the form and where to scan and send it ASAP
  + Next Tuesday, November 7th from 11:00AM-1:00PM there is a volunteer event here at UIC (SCE 713) to assemble hygiene kits for donating to the less fortunate. Spots will fill fast so sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/EBDRGK1DqxNcIzJu1> ONLY IF YOU ARE 100% SURE YOU CAN ATTEND. PDC members will receive **2 points** for volunteering this event.