Hi PDC Members,

Thank you everyone who came to our meeting this past Thursday, November 16th. This meeting was the annual Pre-Dental night at the UIC College of Dentistry. Being one of the biggest events of the year for us at the College of Dentistry, tons of information was given. This event included a tour, hands on activity, and dental student Q&A. Below are key points from the event since a lot was covered. As always, if you have any questions feel free to email us at [uicpdc32@gmail.com](mailto:uicpdc32@gmail.com)

* **Key Points**
  + Demographics for the D1 class of this current year
    - GPA: 3.58/4.0 (cumulative), 3.5/4.0 (science)
    - DAT: 21 (Academic Average), 20 (Perceptual), 20 (Total Science)
    - Students: 41/70 (male), 29/70 (female), average age – 24
    - Degrees: 70/70 (Bachelor’s), 11/70 (Master’s)
  + ADA’s recommended pre-dental timeline
    - [http://www.ada.org/predental\_timeline](http://www.ada.org/en/~/media/ADA/Education%20and%20Careers/Files/predental_timeline)
  + Useful links
    - American Dental Association: [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)
    - American Dental Education Association: [www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org)
    - American Student Dental Association: [www.asdanet.org](http://www.asdanet.org)
  + Upcoming GoDental Fairs ([www.godental.org](http://www.godental.org))
    - May 23-24, 2018 – application process
  + \*NOTE\* - applications are opening BEFORE June 1st this year
* **Questions/Other Information**
  + *How many letters of recommendation can I submit and where can I submit them early?*
    - Applicants can submit 3-4 letters of recommendation. Two from science professors, and one from a dentist you’ve shadowed. A letter from a pre-health board can replace the 3 required letters. Ask Misty Huacuja-LaPointe ([mistyhl@uic.edu](mailto:mistyhl@uic.edu)) in the pre-health office for the website to submit them early
  + Common interview questions
    - Know your strengths and weaknesses
    - Know about the school you’re applying to
    - Know why you want to go into the profession
  + Personal Statement Tips
    - Why do you really want to go to dental school?
    - Follow the directions on how to upload your statement
    - You don’t need to be lengthy to be effective
    - What has brought me to this point in my academic career?
    - What confirmed my desire to be in the field?
    - What perspective can I bring to the profession?
  + Below is information on the U.S. Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP)
    - <https://www.navy.com/joining/college-options/hpsp.html>
  + **Next Meeting**; **TBA**
  + Other Announcements
    - if you paid dues, please **submit your size** (we will most likely be doing crewnecks) on the following form; <https://goo.gl/forms/zhfmXbbWDzdiFuw73>

*Thanks so far for a great PDC semester, and good luck on any upcoming exams! Remember to keep smiling bright* 😊