

WSDA Dental Students' Services and Programs

WSDA Student Membership. University of Washington dental students are automatically members of the Washington State Dental Association at no cost throughout their schooling at the UW's SOD.

Please contact Wendy Wilson, at (206) 448-1914 or wendy@wsda.org, for more information.

Washington Dentists Insurance Agency

Students at the University of Washington School of Dentistry receive complimentary group disability insurance from the Washington Dentists' Insurance Agency (WDIA). This is a unique program that is only available to dental students in Washington state – no where else in the country do state dental associations offer group disability at no cost.

Unlike other insurance companies, Washington Dentists' Insurance Agency was designed by dentists and is the only insurance agency geared specifically to meet the needs of dentists in Washington state. WDIA provides one stop shopping for the insurance needs of dentists and their staff by offering insurance such as: Disability, Life, Loan Protection, Medical and Long Term Care.

Because Washington Dentists' Insurance Agency is a subsidiary of WSDA, when dentists work with WDIA, they further support the Association. 100% of revenue WDIA earns over the operating budget is returned to WSDA to help sponsor dental seminars, workshops, special programs at the University of Washington School of Dentistry and dental legislative efforts.

Please contact the WDIA office, at (206) 441-6824, for more information.

Northwest Dentists Insurance Company (NORDIC)

NORDIC provides personalized claims, risk management and underwriting service to protect you and your practice. The company provides high-quality claim services to dentists and maintains only the most qualified attorneys experienced in the defense of malpractice litigation. NORDIC is jointly owned by the Washington State Dental Association and The ODS Companies; much of the proceeds generated are returned to programs and services provided by the WSDA to its members.

NORDIC offers free professional Liability coverage for your board exams and great first year dentist rates. NORDIC also offers moonlighting coverage for post-graduate students.

Please contact the NORDIC office, at (800) 662-4075, for more information.

Mercer Advisors. Mercer Advisors helps dentists and their families achieve financial success, security, and freedom. Mercer Advisors will help you create and monitor a customized Economic Freedom Program (EFP), which includes financial planning, investment management, retirement planning and estate planning.

Mercer Advisors has a lecture for dental students called "Launching Your Dental Career." This is a two-hour seminar that covers such topics as the importance of practice vision, associate

compensation, what to consider when buying into a practice or starting a new one, how to pay off student debt while saving for retirement, how to get involved in win-win transitions, and other topics that will help new dentists maximize their career opportunities. Contact the WSDA if your class is interested in this lecture, as we have to notify the speaker in advance.

Please contact Mercer Advisors, at (877) MY360PLAN, for more information.

Viking Bank. Viking Bank serves the dental community with a full range of financial solutions designed to fit the demands and size of any practice. They are dedicated to providing personalized service with local decision making and face-to-face relationships you don't find with a megabank. Whether just starting out, or firmly established, you can rely on Viking Bank for a financing program that will put a smile on your face.

Please contact Melissa Hayes, at (206) 658-4035, for more information.

Verizon Wireless. WSDA members receive a 15% discount (some restrictions apply) on monthly access plans in addition to a 25% discount on most cellular accessories.

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Student Loan Consolidation

The WSDA recommends US Bank for federal student loan consolidation. Contact (800) 242-1200 or visit:

http://www.usbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/personal/products_and_services/student_banking/stud_loans_ps.cfm

Hotel discounts. Special members-only rates at the Monaco Hotel and any Starwood Hotel properties.

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Pacific Northwest Dental Conference. Complimentary registration is available to all UW's SOD students. The annual Pacific Northwest Dental Conference is sponsored by the Washington State Dental Association and will be held in June. The PNDC offers two days of continuing education with over 60 nationally-renowned speakers and a dental trade show of more than 300 exhibitors.

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RIPP (Rural Internship in Private Practice). Every year, two first year dental students are given an opportunity to live and work alongside a WSDA member in a rural community. This program provides dental students with the opportunity to experience what life is like as a dentist with a practice in a rural community, and to learn about living and raising a family outside of a major metropolitan area. It is intended to highlight the differences in rural and metropolitan practices. The students will work as dental assistants in the dental practice while experiencing a

rural lifestyle. Each student will receive a stipend. It is a two week program between June and August.

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D.C. Intern. This yearly internship is an opportunity for dental students to be exposed to the workings of a Congressional office, including constituent service and legislation development, especially in the area of health policy. The WSDA also sponsors the selected student to attend the ADA Washington Leadership Conference. The WSDA developed this program to strengthen future dental leadership in the public affairs arena. This program started in 2005 and was awarded ADA's Golden Apple for Outstanding Leadership in Mentoring. The selected student will receive a stipend plus travel and lodging expenses.

Please contact Zach Snyder, at 206-448-1914 or zach@wsda.org, for more information.

Mentor Program. In affiliation with the UW SOD, the WSDA has implemented the Mentor Program to pair dental students with practicing member dentists. The level of involvement between Mentors and Mentees is entirely up to the parties involved. We encourage contact throughout the year, office shadowing, and study club and component society visits. We ask our Mentors to support and encourage the student during their schooling, educating him/her in areas of professional ethics, and helping to increase their awareness of the importance of organized dentistry.

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