ATSU-ASDOH Alumni Ambassador Programs

PURPOSE:
The ATSU-ASDOH Alumni Ambassador Programs offer select alumni the chance to assist with the recruitment of prospective students, build further relationships with fellow alumni, and provide leadership to all ATSU students. Alumni considered are members of the Board of Trustees, ASDOH Alumni Board, former Student Ambassadors, and other select alumni. Ambassadors act as regional resources for students and other ATSU alumni.

GOALS:
- To assist the Admissions Office in the recruitment of prospective students.
- To positively represent the osteopathic healthcare professions.
- To provide information to potential applicants.
- To report back to Admissions and Alumni Services about communication with students.
- To provide support at ATSU sponsored events in your area.
- Refer students interested in other ATSU programs to Admissions.
- To increase the number of highly competitive and qualified students considering ATSU.
- To act as a regional information source for inquiring students, applicants, and admitted and enrolled students.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Stay current on admissions requirements and process.
- Assist in coordinating events in your area. Ex: College presentations, retention events, speaking to students.
- Maintain contact with the Assistant Director Alumni Services via mail, email, fax, or phone.
- Respond to all correspondence from the Alumni Services department.
- Welcome the opportunity to meet a prospective or current ATSU student, promote the osteopathic healthcare profession, and promote ATSU.
- Relate personal experiences about being an ATSU-ASDOH student, living in Arizona, and life as an individual in the osteopathic healthcare field. Reflect on how ATSU has changed since your graduation.
- Be sensitive to prospective student’s background, heritage, gender, religion, sexual orientation, etc.
- Refer questions that you cannot answer to Admissions or Alumni Services, do not guess or make-up answers.
- Do not speak negatively about other colleges or other professions.
- Do not promise prospective students an on-campus interview and/or acceptance into any ATSU program.
- Allow student to tell you about him/her background, goals, and motivations.
- Allow student to ask questions.
• Remember, your experience makes the University a real place for students--one that they'll want to experience first-hand.

INTERACTION TIPS AND GUIDELINES

Do’s for Alumni Ambassadors

Do…
• Be friendly, attentive, and smile. The best thing you can do is to convey your enthusiasm for ATSU with those who come to talk to you. They are more apt to remember an impression of ATSU than the details you discuss.
• Realize that the way you represent yourself is the way you are representing ATSU. You are ATSU in the eyes of the students and their families.
• Know the basics (admissions requirements, costs, facts)
• Make sure that if you say you will get back to someone that you do.

Don’ts for Alumni Ambassadors

Don’t…
• Don’t be afraid to say you don’t know the answer to a question. Have the student contact the Office of Admissions or Alumni Services directly.
• Don’t say negative things about other institutions. Discuss ATSU’s strengths, not other schools’ perceived weaknesses.
• Don’t guarantee admission, or even speak of specific possibilities. Only the Office of Admissions can make admissions decisions.

TRAINING

• The Alumni Services Department and the Office of Admissions recognize the importance of providing training information and resource materials. Each Alumni Ambassador will have access to an electronic copy of the training manual on the portal. In addition, information updates will be emailed or posted on the portal as soon as changes take effect. Additionally, a newsletter will be emailed twice a year-in the spring and fall.
• A Microsoft PowerPoint presentation will be made available to Alumni Ambassadors upon request. The presentation will either be emailed or mailed on a CD-Rom to the requesting Alumni Ambassador. This presentation can be used when presenting to undergraduate Pre-Med Clubs, community organizations or other public discussions relating to the medical profession. To request a copy of the presentation Alumni Ambassadors by email, phone, or fax ATSU Alumni Services.
RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALUMNI SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Alumni Services Department will work in partnership with the Alumni Ambassadors to provide the following support:

- Recruitment materials to be distributed at programs.
- Updates on policies, programs, and campus facilities.
- Answer questions and concerns you have as an ambassador.
- Bi-annual newsletter.
- Maintain Alumni Ambassador Portal.
- Yearly program evaluations to all Alumni Ambassadors.
- Track how many prospective and current students are using the program.
- Notify Alumni Ambassador when their name and contact information has been given to a prospective or current student.
ADMISSIONS PROCESS ASDOH

Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D) Admissions Requirements

1. A minimum of three years (90 semester hours or 135 quarter hours). A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution is preferred.
2. Computer literacy in the operation and management of a laptop computer.
3. Applicants are required to submit to a criminal background check at their own expense.
4. All applicants are required to complete the American Dental Admissions Test (DAT). Preference is given to those who provide DAT scores by December 15 of each application year. No scores older than three years will be accepted.
5. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative and science grade point average of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale). The overall and science GPA, the school(s) attended and the rigor of the academic course load are all assessed on an individual basis.
INFORMATION GUIDE

Below are some frequently asked questions (FAQs)

When does the application cycle begin? We participate in AADSAS, the centralized, online application service. Applications are available mid-May at www.adea.org. We will accept applications from May 15, to December 1.

What is considered demonstrated community service? Demonstrated community service through volunteerism or service-oriented employment is preferred. Categories of community service go beyond the profession of dentistry and healthcare. Just a few examples of volunteer organizations are Habitat for Humanity, local hospice, Community Health Center, migrant clinic, and homeless shelter. While shadowing a dentist is a good way to learn about the profession and patient care, shadowing is not considered community service. Keep in mind that applicants are also evaluated based on academic coursework, performance on the DAT, AADSAS essay, letters of recommendation, and interviews.

Do I need a bachelor’s degree to apply? No, we do not require a bachelor’s degree, although it is recommended.

What is the class size? 60

Does state residency play a role in admissions? No, we are a private not-for-profit school, so state residency does not play a role in admissions or for tuition purposes.

Is ASDOH accredited? The dental education program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation may be contacted at 312.440.4653 or at 211 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611.

This designation provides the full benefits of accreditation for the next four years to all ASDOH students. This includes eligibility for scholarships, student loans, the ability to sit for state licensure exams, and the opportunity to apply to postgraduate programs.

What is your DAT code? 03. We only accept U.S. DAT scores.

Can I be selected for an interview if I have not yet taken/submitted my DAT scores? No. The application must be complete and include official U.S. DAT scores to be reviewed for interview selection.

What are the application deadlines? December 1 (submitted) – AADSAS

*DAT taken by December 1 January 31 (postmarked) – secondary

Could you please explain the application process to me?

- Applicant submits materials to AADSAS.
• Application is forwarded to Admissions Processing Center to verify complete.
• If applicant meets all requirements, secondary application is sent in mail.
• Secondary application is returned to processing center, along with application fee.
• Application is then forwarded to ASDOH campus for review.
• We select students for interviews and admissions on a rolling basis, and interviews take place between October and March.

What is a completed application? A completed application includes 1) AADSAS application, 2) secondary application with fee, 3) Official U.S. DAT scores, 4) 2 letters of recommendation.

Why does my application go to Kirksville? ASDOH is a school of A.T. Still University. The Admissions Processing Center for all schools and programs that are part of A.T. Still University is located in Kirksville. Your ASDOH application is processed there, but all application review, interview selection, etc., is done on our Mesa Campus.

I am interested in visiting campus. What should I do? Call 480.219.6000 for upcoming dates of scheduled tours.
ATSU-ASDOH Fast Facts

- Arizona's first dental school.
- Mentors in both the pre-clinical and clinical phases of the degree program.
- Integrated Public Health: the four year program includes a certificate in Public Health.

- **Entering D.M.D. Student Profile**
  
  Class size: 68  
  Average DAT: 17.7  
  Average GPA: 3.4 cumulative; 3.3 science  
  Average Age: 26  
  23 states represented

- **Clinical Placements**
  
  Year 3: Campus clinic  
  Year 4: Community-based health centers

- **Accreditation**
  
  The dental education program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.
Mesa, Arizona Fast Facts

- Located in south-central Arizona.
- Third largest city in the state; a suburb of Phoenix.
- Population of 437,454.
- The amount of land area in Mesa is 122+ sq. miles.
- Mesa elevation is 1,241 feet above sea level.
- 5 minute drive to Phoenix.
- Mesa median income is $30,273.
- The Mesa median home price is $86,500.
- Public Transportation available.
- Quality neighborhoods.
- 76 schools in Mesa.
- Apollo College, Arizona State University East, and DeVry University are located in Mesa.
- The weather in Mesa is enjoyable with warm sunny days and cool night air. There are 313 average days of sunshine each year.
- Mesa average temperature is 84 degrees F.
- Superstition Mountains and Phoenix Mountain Parks close by.
- Many attractions and sites to see: History or art museums, Grady Gammage Auditorium (at ASU), Nelson Fine Arts Center (at ASU), Phoenix Symphony, Phoenix Zoo, Red River Opy, Desert Botanical Garden, Arizona Science center, many restaurants, nightclubs, shopping, and events to participate.
- Professional Sports teams: The Arizona Cardinals (NFL Football), Phoenix Suns (NBA Basketball), Arizona Diamondbacks (Major League Baseball), Phoenix Coyotes (NHL Hockey), Phoenix Mustangs (West Coast Hockey League), Arizona Rattlers (Arena Football), Arizona Thunder (Indoor Soccer), Phoenix Mercury (Women’s NBA), Professional golf tournaments during the season, Phoenix Greyhound Park Racing, Phoenix International Raceway, and Chicago Cubs’ spring training operations held in Mesa.
Student Services

Counseling Services:

Counseling Services provides individual, couple and group counseling, as well as referral and consultation services. All services are provided free of charge for ATSU students and their significant partners/families.

Counseling is a confidential service. Anything you say to a counselor and/or the fact that you used this service will not be disclosed to other persons or agencies without your consent, within ethical limitations. No information about counseling goes on your academic record.

Counseling Services can also assist students in locating resources and other services available on campus or in the city that are specific to their needs. Programs using a workshop format are offered to enhance personal growth and skill development. These may include stress management, relationship enhancement, anxiety, depression and eating disorders.

The Counseling Services staff adheres to the ethical code of the American Counseling Association.

Financial Services:

Investing in your future as a student is one of the most important steps you will take in your life. ATSU can help you put together a financially sound aid package that will let you focus on your education instead of worrying about how you will finance it.

To get started, choose your program from one of the drop-down menus below. With assistance from various sources, we hope to make applying for financial aid to attend ATSU an easy process for all.

Registrar:

ATSU's Office of the Registrar supports the institutional mission by providing quality services to students, faculty, academic and administrative departments, and alumni. The Registrar's Office protects the integrity of the University through fair and consistent application of the academic rules and regulations established by the faculty, administration, and state and federal governments.

Core Functions

- Collect and record student and instructional academic program information, including processes related to registration, grades, and verifications
- Officially respond to requests for information about students and programs, and serve as the official manager for access to and release of academic and educational information (e.g. requests for student information, including all issues related to FERPA)
• Provide support for determining academic progress (e.g. degree audits, dismissal and probation, withdraws, and commencement certification)
• Monitor compliance with Student Health Insurance policy and Criminal Background Check policy
• Advise and provide services to international students
• Provide support and services to prospective, current, and former students
• Provide training to university personnel regarding FERPA policies and guidelines

Student Resources:

Individual consultation is available for students who would like help improving their study strategies or their test taking skills. Student Resources staff provide academic advising in the areas of note taking, memorization techniques, determining study priorities, using resource materials, studying for tests, reducing test anxiety, effectively using a tutor, and studying in a small group.

Throughout the year a variety of seminars and/or workshops may be offered for both students and faculty. Students may be offered sessions on study strategies, test-taking, preparing for boards, becoming an effective tutor, etc. Workshops for faculty could include such topics as teaching strategies, working with students with special needs, test writing, research findings from cognitive science research, etc.

Students may contact their campus Student Resources Office to request services by telephone, email or by mail.
Directory:

Mailing Address:
A.T. Still University
5850 E. Still Circle
Mesa, AZ 85206

Toll Free Phone:
866.626.2878

Admissions
Ext. 2237
Email: admissions@atsu.edu

Alumni Services
Ext. 2307
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Counseling Services
Ext. 2424
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Financial Services
Ext. 6117
Email: financialaid@atsu.edu

Registrar
Ext. 2356
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