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Martin Luther King Jr. Day Photos



This year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration took place in the afternoon on Monday, January 16th, in the FAL. After a fun activity called "What's my line?" in which audience members identified which well-known personalities had said certain quotes, Dean Polverini awarded this year's Ida Gray Awards.

**Congratulations to the
2012 Ida Gray Award
winners:**
Students: Ricardo Lugo
Faculty: Dr. Henry Temple
Alumni: Dr. James Lee



Photos were provided by
Dr. Henry Temple



37th Annual King's Feast

Every year, students of the Student National Dental Association (SNDA) host a memorable event that commemorates the dream of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., and his continued influence to create opportunities for success in future generations.



A beautiful cake depicting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Provided by Pratika Iyer

A World of Holidays

June 2012

June 14 - Flag Day
June 17 - Father's Day
June 20 - Summer Solstice
June 28 - Lailat al-Miraj

July 2012

July 3 - Asala - Dharma Day
July 4 - Independence Day
July 9 - Martyrdom of the Bab
July 15 - St. Swithin's Day
July 20 - Start of Ramadan
July 22 - Parent's Day
July 24 - Pioneer Day
July 29 - Tisha B'Av

August 2012

Aug. 1 -Lughnasadh - Lammas
Aug. 2 - Raksha Bandhan
Aug. 6 - Transfiguration
Aug. 14 - Lailat al Qadr
Aug. 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug. 18 - Jamshedi Noruz
Aug. 23 - Khordad Sal

September 2012

Sept. 3 - Labor Day
Sept. 8 - Nativity of the Theotokos
Sept. 9 - Grandparent's Day
Sept. 11 - Patriot Day
Sept. 16 - Stepfamily Day
Sept. 17 - Citizenship Day
Sept. 26 - Yom Kippur
Sept. 28 - Native American

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The theme of this year's event was *"Achieving human dignity through global relationship."* The funds raised at the event will go towards the yearly community outreach trip to Jamaica that dental students, faculty and alumni participate in an effort to sponsor the dental treatment provided for patients in Jamaica that will help improve their quality of life. Therefore, it was a pleasure on February 19, 2012, to have support for this event from individuals ranging from Dean Polverini to incoming first year dental students. The atmosphere was enriched with a spirit of benevolence. Entertainment was provided by Kevin Kuo, a D3, and local performers. Everyone was delighted and inspired by the words delivered by Mr. Floyd Clack, a former president of the Flint NAACP, who discussed his participation in the civil rights movement and the importance of knowing your history. He addressed the fact that past history plays an important role in shaping the opportunities individuals have in the times in which we live now.

*Attentive audience
being addressed by
Mr. Clack*



Overall, it was an eventful evening filled with enriching stories, appetizing entrées, and the witnessing of the collaboration for support by faculty, staff, alumni, family, and friends to the Student National Dental Association and one of the missions they embrace as an organization.

Text provided by Saliah Miles, D2

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Relay for Life

The University of Michigan held the 10th annual Relay for Life on Palmer Field on April 14-15. Relay for Life is a 24-hour event and the Dental School team, Smile for Life, participated in this event. Smile for Life has been fundraising all year for the American Cancer Society and promoting oral cancer awareness. At the event, the team set up their campsite to promote oral cancer awareness with posters, informational handouts, and awareness buttons. Smile for Life raised a total of \$3,209 and received special honors for being an All-Mission team! University of Michigan Relay for Life brought together 145 teams, 2600 participants, and as a University we raised \$365,217 for the American Cancer Society. This truly was a great event where people from all walks of life came together for a common cause. Thanks to all of the fundraising efforts, U of M is sponsoring the American Cancer Society in their goal to have a world with more birthdays and less lives lost to cancer.

Text provided by Ashley Copus, RDH

SHDA Orgullo Project

The Student Hispanic Dental Association participates in a yearly competition called the “*Orgullo* Program.” *Orgullo*, which stands for “pride”, is designed to involve the organization in outreach and recruitment. The outreach component of the program is designed to be a delivery of services such as oral screenings and oral health education

HSDA members showcasing the Orgullo Project Poster with Faculty advisor Dr. Kenneth May.



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With the sponsoring of Procter & Gamble CREST Oral B, the University of Michigan School of Dentistry SHDA chapter was able to provide outreach services to Michigan communities and present a poster at the HDA Annual Meeting. In the 2011 poster presentation, SHDA was able to showcase these projects and many others. In the 2011 poster presentation, SHDA won second place in nationals and hopes to continue participating in the upcoming years.

In the past year, HSDA held many screening events in in Detroit, predominately to African-American students and their families. In addition, they partnered up with Migrant Health promotion to visit various migrant farmers' camps in the state to provide education, screenings, and emergency referrals if needed. As part of the recruiting component, SHDA encourages young Hispanics to strive for a career in dentistry. HSDA in collaboration with SNDA held a dental emphasis day in which students from the greater Detroit were bussed to the School of Dentistry to learn about the profession and how to apply to dental school. The students brought in were mainly from underrepresented groups. This year, HSDA began participating in conversation tables. HSDA understands the need for a larger number of dental providers that speak Spanish and understand Hispanic and Latino cultures. In order to educate students within the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, HSDA started conversation tables for students at any level of Spanish speaking skills. The goal of these tables is not to transform students to be fluent in Spanish but rather to immerse them in the language and culture so that they may be better able to serve their Spanish speaking patients.

Text provided by Isabel Castillo, D3, and Ovy Quintanal, D2

University of Michigan - School of Dentistry - Women's Tea

This year's Women's Tea event took place on Friday, March 30, 2012, over lunch. The student members of the AAWD contributed a quiz concerning famous women in dentistry and the MAC group had identified leaders among students, staff and faculty members that the audience members had to guess based on a short description provided. See photos of our own women leaders below. How many do you recognize?

