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All three ADEA application services launched their 2010 cycles in May and June, and immediately eager candidates for predoctoral, advanced standing, and postdoctoral positions flocked to them. (You can read details below.) Behind these high-profile activities, though, the ADEA Division of Educational Pathways (ADEA DEP) is changing its staffing and functions, both within the ADEA organization and in connection with the hundreds of dental education programs it serves. Gone are the silos defined by the discrete application operations. All production and dissemination functions, as well as applicant customer service, have been shifted to the Boston offices of our software provider, Liaison International, Inc. Liaison is a longtime ADEA Corporate Member and has been instrumental in

positioning our applications on the leading edge of centralized services in higher education.

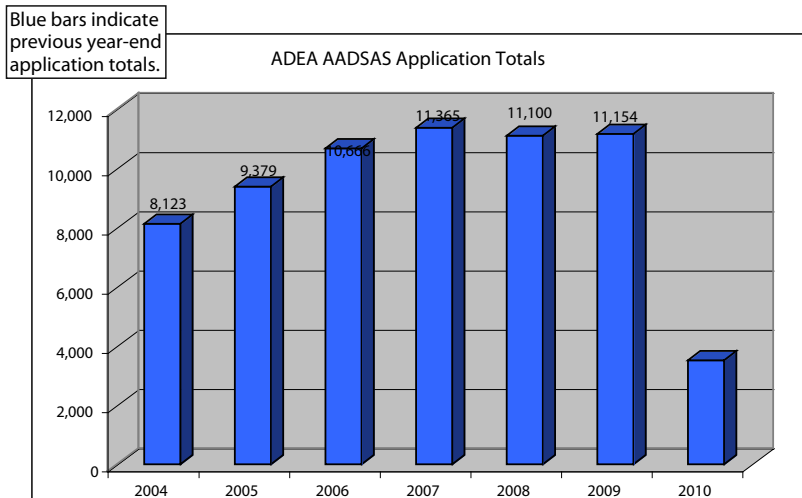
Now the more strategic ADEA DEP is engaged in refashioning its mission to not just provide nuts-and-bolts services, but become a source of collaborative ingenuity, helping colleagues within dental education find opportunities to connect and consider together our common objectives. In short, we're aiming to contribute new initiatives to the "Voice of Dental Education."

-Peter Storandt, Director of ADEA PASS and CAAPID
-Chonte James, ADEA AADSAS Director
-Anne Wells, Ed.D., ADEA Associate Executive Director for Educational Pathways

2010 ADEA AADSAS Update

The 2010 ADEA AADSAS application launched on June 1. As of June 30, more than 7,400 individuals have already created accounts.

If you would like to see how applicants apply through ADEA AADSAS, you are welcome to create your own application. Just don't submit it, and please use the word "test" as part of your username so we can identify your application.



Weekly Updates

ADEA AADSAS will begin sending weekly updates to the ADEA AFASA listserv starting in mid-July. Please forward your contact information to Ms. Chonte James at jamesc@adea.org if you are interested in receiving these updates.

-Chonte James, ADEA AADSAS Director

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New Dental School Joining ADEA AADSAS

ADEA is pleased to welcome Louisiana State University School of Dentistry (LSUSD) to ADEA AADSAS. Located in New Orleans, Louisiana, LSUSD will accept its 2010 entering class through AADSAS. Information about this school can be found on its website, www.lsusd.lsuhs.edu, and in the ADEA *Official Guide to Dental Schools*.

Among the comments of Dr. Jim C. Weir, Assistant Dean for Admissions at LSUSD, in announcing LSUSD would become part of ADEA AADSAS:

LSUSD enrolls an entering class of 65 students. As a state-supported institution, the majority of LSUSD students are Louisiana residents. LSUSD also accepts up to four Arkansas students in a special tuition arrangement and considers up to five other out-of-state residents on a space-available basis.

In 2005, the flooding following Hurricane Katrina forced the school to relocate to Baton Rouge for two years. In 2007, all faculty, staff, and students returned to the New Orleans campus. The facilities in Baton Rouge are now used as satellite clinics and classrooms, continuing care for the patient base that we developed during our two years in Baton Rouge. The school is also experiencing a rebirth of research with the remodeling of three floors for laboratory space.

As with any great institution, the dental school is so much more than our buildings. One source of enormous pride to everyone affiliated with the school is that every class since Katrina graduated on time. We never skipped a beat, despite the unprecedented challenges faced by the school in the aftermath of Katrina.

Each year, LSUSD students and residents are responsible for nearly 100,000 patient visits in 17 locations throughout Louisiana. Since its founding in 1968, the school has educated 4,258 dentists, dental hygienists, and lab techs. This translates to 75% of the dental health care providers in Louisiana.

We look forward to receiving applications from students desiring to join our LSU School of Dentistry family.

2010 ADEA AADSAS Admissions Officers Portal

The 2010 ADEA Admissions Officers Portal was released to dental schools on June 30. If you need access to the portal, please email Ms. Chonte James at jamesc@adea.org.



ADEA AADSAS presented a webinar for dental school admissions staff on June 17, showing the new interface and features of the 2010 ADEA AADSAS Admissions Officers Portal and AClient. If you are interested in training, please send a message to Ms. Chonte James at jamesc@adea.org.

-Chonté James, ADEA AADSAS Director

ADEA AADSAS Fee Reduction Processing Goes Online

The number of Fee Reduction Program (FRP) applicants has risen significantly from this time last year. As of June 30, 2009, a total of 115 applicants had submitted FRP application. This is equal to the total number of applications submitted through August of last year.

Due to the FRP application becoming electronic for the 2010 cycle, applicants find the application more accessible and user friendly. It is anticipated that FRP applicants will receive determinations much sooner than in the past.

-Leslie Payne, ADEA DEP Administrative Assistant

2010 ADEA PASS Update

The long-sought desire to provide ADEA PASS and Dental Match applicants with common-site registration came to fruition this spring with the launch of the 2010 application cycle on May 15. Now students who need one or both services can sign up within the ADEA PASS application portal. Uniform information required by either the Match or PASS is automatically routed to the service(s) selected by the applicant, and the payment summary displayed before submission of the data reflects the chosen options. Operations and customer service remain separate, so that students who register for the Match deal directly with National Matching Services, Inc. (NMS), and ADEA PASS applicants self-manage their materials within their secure, password-protected accounts. Payments for ADEA PASS and the Match are made by credit card on the PASS website or by checks or money orders mailed to ADEA; Match fees are sent by ADEA to NMS on a regular basis throughout the cycle.

Other enhancements to ADEA PASS for 2010 include additional fields for detailing background experiences (replacing the formerly required two-page resume or CV) and expanded notification services for applicants and evaluators. These changes should enable most ADEA PASS applicants to expedite their applications without worrying about whether trailing paper documents have been received at ADEA.

Electronic ADEA PASS mailings to programs now include the option to print applicant labels for internal processing purposes. Programs that organize applicant materials in folders may place these labels according to their local file-handling system.

As of June 30, 3,093 ADEA PASS applicants had begun or completed their applications, approximately 80% of the 2009 total for the entire cycle. Not a bad start!

-Peter Storandt, Director of ADEA PASS and CAAPID

2010 ADEA CAAPID Goes Live

June 8 marked the launch of the inaugural season of the ADEA Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (ADEA CAAPID). Approximately half of all U.S. and Canadian advanced standing programs for international dental graduates (a total of 18) are participating in the 2010 ADEA CAAPID cycle, and the new service has attracted about 550 applicants in its first weeks. Since the overall pool of applicants for these diverse programs has never been fully assayed, we are hopeful that after ADEA CAAPID's first year we will glean useful information about the number of positions available and the demand for them from elsewhere in the world.

Later this summer, CClient, an applications management program modeled on AADSAS's widely used AClient, will be available from Academic Management Systems, and participating dental schools will be notified.

If you would like to follow ADEA CAAPID's development and participate in discussions about it, please send a request to Ms. Yolanda Jones, ADEA CAAPID Operations Manager, at jonesy@adea.org to be placed on the CAAPID listserv.

-Peter Storandt, Director of ADEA PASS and CAAPID

What's Behind A Successful Application Launch?

You may believe ADEA DEP gets a break between application cycles. However, planning for a successful launch of a new season is an ongoing process.

We start creating a list of desired enhancements for the next cycle the day an application goes live, based on our own experiences as well as customer comments. We detail requested enhancements as early as possible. After the programmers have an opportunity to review them, we meet to go over the feasibility of providing all the desired enhancements.

Next, we create a timeline of when things need to be completed. All enhancements need to be thoroughly tested and announced, with workshops for admissions and program personnel and online instructions for applicants.

Third, we actually test all features of the portals, new and old, to ensure everything is functioning properly.

Finally, we spend two days at Liaison International prior to the launch, combing through the application and its features with the programming staff and customer service team members to ensure that everything goes smoothly upon launch.

The day the application goes live, our stress level returns to normal and we feel a sense of relief. Then we start over again for the next application cycle!

-Yolanda Jones, ADEA PASS and CAAPID Operations Manager

ADEA DEP Implements Social Networking Tools

As you can see on Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, and LinkedIn, social networking is the now and future communication vehicle of choice. We've moved from being able to send short 150-character messages to friends, family, and colleagues and sharing articles to transmitting photos and live-streaming video. Social networking has proven itself to be indispensable to today's students and many educators.

ADEA DEP is pushing the envelope in the higher education spectrum by using social media to interact with potential applicants, applicants, parents, and even dental schools. In a fast-paced society with limited time to browse a newspaper, fill out an application, or even pick up the telephone for something other than text messaging, ADEA DEP is bringing dentistry updates, application information, and streaming video to the palms of our customers' and partners' hands.

ADEA took the first leap into the social networking macrocosm when ADEA DEP launched ADEA Video Mentors and AADSAS Answers, both YouTube channels sponsored and monitored by ADEA staff and the ADEA Council of Students, Residents, and Fellows (ADEA COSRF). The response from students and prospects alike was immediate. Students noted that ADEA was the first health professions education association to give them a real voice. As ADEA and DEP continue to listen to the voice of the students, look forward to more innovative methods in communication from ADEA and especially DEP.

-Joshua Hargrove, ADEA AADSAS Administrative Services Manager

Register for the ADEA 2009 Fall Meetings

ADEA Members are eligible for multiple discounts in connection with the ADEA Fall 2009 Meetings. Take advantage of the advance registration rate, a savings of more than 25% available until September 30. Continue the savings by booking travel through ADEA's travel agency, ATC. You don't have to break the bank or miss the chance to Converge, Connect, and Create with colleagues from across the dental education community. The three-day conference hosts these meetings:

- ADEA Sections on Admissions Officers and Student Affairs and Financial Aid (AFASA)
- ADEA Council of Faculties Interim Meeting
- ADEA Council of Hospitals and Advanced Education Programs Interim Meeting
- ADEA Council of Sections Interim Meeting
- ADEA Council of Students, Residents, and Fellows Interim Meeting
- ADEA Meeting of Academic Deans
- American Dental Association (ADA) Student Ambassadors

For complete information on ADEA Fall 2009 Meetings registration and hotel accommodations, visit www.adea.org/events/Pages/Fall2009Meetings.aspx.