Get Involved!

As members of the Dental School Admissions Officers and Student Affairs-Financial Aid sections, we are passionate about our work. The enthusiasm and engagement of our colleagues is evident when we meet in October and March-- discussion is always productive. We all benefit from sharing ideas and experiences.

Your contributions to the conversation are welcome anytime, during the Fall Meeting and the Annual Session, and when you are back at work. Share your thoughts with your section officers or with a member of the fantastic team at ADEA that supports our efforts throughout the year. Your perspective is valued, and your voice is important.

Consider serving as a section officer

If you are interested in serving as a section officer, or if you would like to nominate another AFASA member, contact your Chair-Elect. The Chair-Elect for each section will collect nominations at the end of the year, for individuals interested in serving as section secretary. Voting takes place at the section business meeting at the Annual Session in March. See page 2 for information about ADEA Section Officer Duties.

ADEA Online Resources

ADEA Online Library
- ADEA Surveys & Reports, Trends in Dental Education
- Presentations from ADEA Educational Events

GoADEA AFASA
ADEA Division of Educational Pathways staff
ADEA AADSAS Dental School Admissions Contact List
ADEA Division of Educational Pathways Task Forces
- ADEA AADSAS, PASS & CAAPID

Academic Software Plus (ASP) AClient, CClient and WebAdmit

For Applicants:
GoDental www.GoDental.org

Centralized application services:
- ADEA AADSAS Associated American Dental Schools Application Services (DMD, DDS).
- ADEA CAAPID Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (accelerated US predoctoral programs for dentists trained outside the United States or Canada).
- ADEA PASS Postdoctoral Application Support Service.
ADEA AFASA Listservs

AFASA listserv  
afasa@listserv.adea.org

About 1,000 members of the ADEA Sections of Dental School Admissions Officers and Student Affairs/Financial Aid subscribe to the AFASA listserv, a place to broadcast announcements far and wide.

Add yourself to the AFASA listserv
Log in to the ADEA member center ➔  
ADEA Service Center/Self Service ➔  
Manage MY Sections & SIGs ➔  
Specify Your Contact Preferences (Listservs) ➔  
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Edit My Preferences ➔  
Check the relevant Receive Email boxes ✓

AFASA2 listserv  
afasa2@listserv.adea.org

Membership to the AFASA2 listserv is open to anyone who wants to join. Subscribers share ideas, chat, and address issues related to recruitment, admissions, student affairs and financial aid.

To join the AFASA2 listserv, email Chonté James, Director of ADEA AADSAS (jamesc@adea.org).

ADEA Section Officer Duties

AFASA is comprised of two sections that share interests and resources: Dental Schools Admissions Officers and Student Affairs and Financial Aid. Each section has a councilor who serves a three-year term, and a chair, chair-elect, and secretary, who serve one-year terms in each office in succession.

An individual must be an ADEA member and a member of the relevant section to be eligible for office. Each year the secretary succeeds to the office of chair-elect, and the chair-elect succeeds to the office of chair. A councilor must first serve through all the officer positions and be elected to the role.

Councillor
- provide continuity of leadership for the Section and mentoring of new Section officers
- attend the ADEA Annual Session and interim Fall meetings of the ADEA Council of Sections
- serve as a delegate in the ADEA House of Delegates during the ADEA Annual Session
- assist in planning, implementing, and assessing Section programs and projects
- prepare and submit the Section annual report after each ADEA Annual Session
- serve as Section liaison with the Council of Sections Administrative Board

Chair-Elect
- serve as chair in the absence of the chair
- perform any Section-related duties requested by the chair
- serve as chair of the nominating committee to select candidates for Section office
- serve as the program chair for the Section
- submit program proposals for review annually to the ADEA Annual Session Program Committee

Secretary
- record the minutes of Section meetings and disseminate them to the Section membership
- submit the minutes and current officer contact information to the Section councilor for submission with the Section annual report
- publish and disseminate a Section newsletter
- perform any Section-related duties requested by the chair
### Meet Your 2012-2013 Section Officers

#### Student Affairs and Financial Aid

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<td>Councilor</td>
<td>Hugh Philip Pierpont</td>
<td><em>Call me:</em> Phil</td>
<td>University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston, Professor, Department of Prosthodontics; Associate Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs. Responsibilities include admissions, recruitment, student affairs and alumni affairs. <strong>What path took you to your position?</strong> Initially clinical and preclinical teaching in general dentistry. After the Prosthodontics Program, 50% practice and 50% teaching. Returned full time to academics to assume a department chair position. Subsequently served as a practice leader and Director of Advanced Education. I have been serving in my current position for almost 16 years. <strong>What was the last challenge that you really enjoyed?</strong> The planning and construction of our new School of Dentistry building. <strong>Comment on ADEA AFASA.</strong> What an amazing group of people!</td>
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<td>Chair-Elect</td>
<td>Jeanette DeCastro</td>
<td><em>Education:</em> Rutgers University, Ph.D. in educational psychology, measurement and statistics; academic interests: research methods and meta-analysis. <strong>Dental School and Role:</strong> UMDNJ, Office of Academic Affairs, Assistant Dean. Curriculum planning, accreditation, faculty development. <strong>Previous roles:</strong> Assistant Dean for Student Affairs; Director of Student Support Programs; Assistant Director of Educational Programs in Academic Affairs. <strong>What do you love about your job?</strong> Working collaboratively to improve systems or resolve stubborn problems. I also enjoy my dual role as a faculty member: teaching, writing, and serving on the admissions committee. I am very interested in student support, student selection and in continually evaluating how well our selection methods predict student performance. <strong>What book can you read over and over again?</strong> Crime and Punishment <strong>What makes this an amazing time to live?</strong> Technology</td>
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<td>Chair</td>
<td>James C Betbeze Jr.</td>
<td><em>Education:</em> UC Berkeley, BA Anthropology; San Francisco State University, MPA; UC Davis, EdD in progress, expected 6/13. <strong>Dental School and Role:</strong> UC San Francisco, Asst. Dean for Enrollment Management &amp; Outreach. Oversee management of Pre-doc admissions process, develop and implement outreach and recruiting activities for the school, develop and implement the school's communication plan, represent the school at the campus, system, local, state and national levels on issues related to admissions, outreach and recruitment. <strong>What path took you to your current position?</strong> Student affairs officer at UC Berkeley; Admissions coordinator, UCSF School of Pharmacy. <strong>What was the last challenge that you really enjoyed?</strong> Completing the AIDS Life Cycle (SF to LA). <strong>What do you love about your job?</strong> In part, the cyclical nature - it gives you a sense of accomplishment. The opportunity to work with all of the school's community - students, faculty, staff, potential students.</td>
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<td>Secretary</td>
<td>Herminio Perez</td>
<td><em>Call me:</em> Herm</td>
<td><em>Education:</em> University of Puerto Rico, Bachelor’s in General Science; UMDNJ, DMD; Fairleigh Dickinson University, MBA. <strong>Dental School and Role:</strong> UMDNJ, Adjunct Instructor, Department of Community Health. <strong>What was the last challenge that you really enjoyed?</strong> Going back to school for my master’s. <strong>What interests do you pursue outside of work?</strong> Reading, photography, music. <strong>What book can you read over and over again?</strong> The Power of Positive Thinking <strong>How would you describe a perfect day at work?</strong> Exciting! <strong>What is your least favorite part of your job?</strong> I haven’t found any yet. <strong>What do you love about your job?</strong> Working for dental students to help them to reach their goal... in a profession that we both believe is a gratifying experience.</td>
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Dental School Admissions

Councilor
Venita J. Sposetti
Call me: Nini
Education: Florida State University, BS in Biology; University of Florida, DMD & GPR certificate.
Dental School and Role:
University of Florida College of Dentistry, Associate Dean for Education. Responsibilities include DMD curriculum, student affairs, admissions & financial aid.
What path took you to your position?
Nurse’s aide, waitress, high school teacher....not a direct path to dentistry or academic dentistry.
What do you love about your job?
Working with faculty, students and patients...most of them.
What is your least favorite part of your job?
Working with faculty, students and patients...just a few of them.

Chair
Shelia S. Price
Education: University of Charleston, BS in Biology; West Virginia University, DDS, MA in Higher Education Administration and EdD in Educational Leadership
Dental School and Role:
West Virginia University School of Dentistry, Associate Dean for Admissions, Recruitment, and Access; Professor of Diagnostic Sciences. Responsibilities include overseeing pre-doctoral and postgraduate admissions, dental student recruitment, outreach initiatives that address access to oral health care, and diversity/multi-cultural programs.
Prior roles:
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs; directed WVU’s Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Dental Pipeline program.
What do you love about your job?
Mentoring students and helping them to transform their dental career dreams to reality.

Chair Elect
Richard H. Bigham
Call me: Richie
Education: Missouri Western State University, BA; UMKC, MA in Education Administration.
Dental School and Role:
UMKC School of Dentistry, Director of Dental Admissions. Responsibilities include recruitment, selection and matriculation of students; involved in student support activities.
What path took you to your position?
In my sophomore year I was selected to be a campus ambassador for my undergraduate college. As I was preparing to graduate the admissions director offered me the opportunity to work full-time as an admissions counselor. I accepted and fell in love with the admissions field and working with students.
What is your least favorite part of your job?
My least favorite day of the year is December 2 when the students not accepted begin to inquire. So many students work very hard to gain acceptance and it is difficult to share they didn’t meet their goal.
Comment on ADEA AFASA: Being involved with ADEA AFASA has helped broaden my perspectives into the work I do and connected me with many great colleagues who have shared experiences and given advice. This is a great resource with great people.

Secretary
Linda C. R. Reed
Education: Brown University, AB in English; Lesley University, M.Ed.
Dental School and Role: Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, Director of Admissions.
What path took you to your position?
I was a high school teacher for a short time. When I entered higher ed administration, I first served as academic administrator for chemistry, where I managed postdoctoral admissions. I then became assistant director for admissions and student services in study abroad. In 2005 I joined the dental school’s office of admissions and student services.
Comment on ADEA AFASA: AFASA is fortunate in the tremendously capable and dedicated staff of ADEA Division of Educational Pathways. Their passion and involvement are inspiring. Applicants, students, faculty, administrators – everyone benefits from the work and support of ADEA DEP.

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available for purchase online