



Student Professionalism and Ethics Association

National Newsletter

SPEA National Registration

SPEA March 2017

Become a National SPEA Member:
Why should you become a member?

A place on our national roster.
—As our organization grows, we want to see who is interested.
Joining will provide you and your organization with visibility to the national SPEA Board

—As we guide SPEA, we want to keep you in mind.
SPEA Lapel will be mailed to your chapter

—As you promote professionalism, proudly display your affiliation
National SPEA membership is free!

—As a dental student, rarely is anything without charge (so take advantage of this opportunity!).

Register today: <http://www.speadental.org/national-spea-registration/>

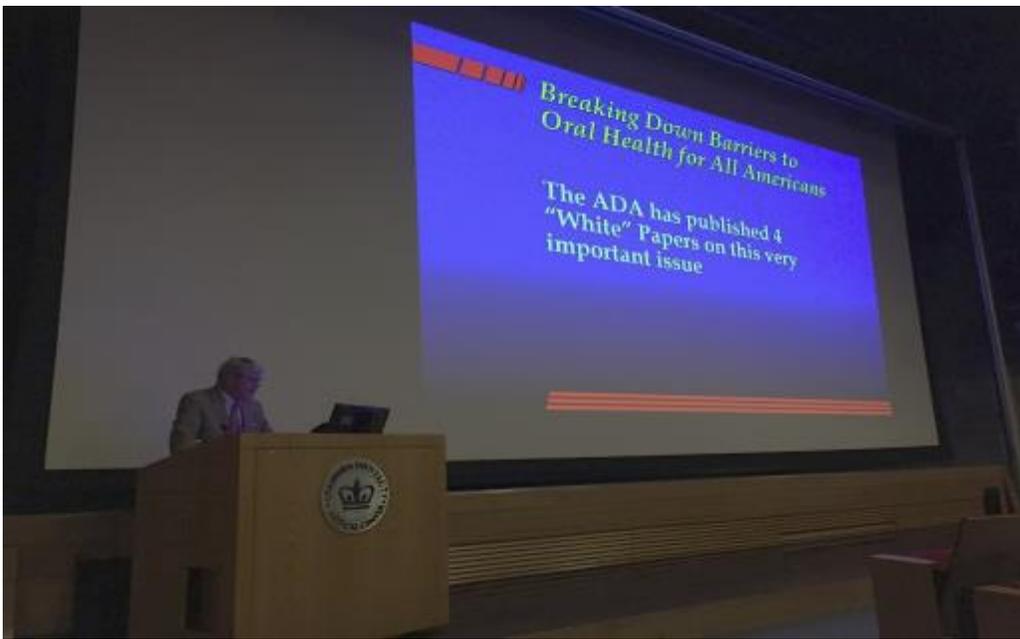


SPEA Lapel Pin

National Officers Meeting

The Student Professionalism and Ethics Association Executive Officers and Regents will meet to plan the 7th Annual Session which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia from October 20-21, 2017. The team will meet in Draper, Utah from June 16-18, 2017

Executive Director Dr. Mike Meru will direct the meeting along with Executive Chair Erik Klintmalm, Chair of Organizational Affairs Rasha Dubuni, Chair of Membership Affairs Colin Young, Immediate Past Executive Chair, Michael Hall. The team will discuss the speakers and logistics of the Annual Session.



SPEA SPOTLIGHT: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Regency:

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Regent:

Steven Daws

Location:

Manhattan,
New York,
NY

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Members of SPEA at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine held a debate focusing on barriers to dental care and oral health for Americans and the importance of ethics within these issues.

Their event was aimed to provide a discussion of this current topic and how to help students develop thoughts on access to care.

Event Title:

Debate: Access to Care

Reflection By: Juliet Tchorbajian,
Columbia University College of
Dental Medicine '18

Our event was a lunch-and-learn which consisted of a Debate on the Access to Care hosted by one of our clinical professors Dr. McManus.

During this lunch and learn we had a stimulating debate covering if health care is a human right, the role of the dentist in treating underserved areas and the role and value of dental therapist in underserved and rural areas.

[CDM Chapter of SPEA in Dentistry.](#)

We applaud them for their devotion to ethics, professionalism and peer engagement!



6TH ANNUAL SESSION REFLECTION

By W.J. Behlke

Roseman University '19

Last October, I had the privilege to attend the 6th Annual Session for the Students Professionalism and Ethics Association in Dentistry held in Denver, Colorado. Each year, the SPEA Annual Session is held in conjunction with the ADA Annual Session.

By going to the annual session I was hoping for an experience that would add value to my time in dental school and future career in dentistry. The speakers and events at the annual session provided this and much more. I learned valuable lessons that will impact my career in dentistry, my personal life, and my choices and values as a leader. One of these lessons was the importance of setting goals and generating the motivation to pursue them. I have learned that setting goals in all areas of your life is important. It is more about who or what you become in pursuit of the goal instead of whether or not you achieve it.

Another reason I attended the SPEA Annual Session was to meet SPEA members from other dental schools. I knew by doing this we would get the chance to discuss and share ideas about what we are doing at the local level in regards to SPEA. The breakout sessions that were designed for this as a part of the conference were highly beneficial and I know what I gained from them will have an impact on SPEA's presence at my school.

This was my first time attending the SPEA Annual Session, but will not be my last. I am excited to attend the 7th Annual Session in Atlanta this upcoming October, and hope to see new and familiar faces!

Register now: <http://www.speadental.org/register-now/>

-Regards,
WJ Behlke
CIO Committee
Roseman University, '19

