



The Children's Oral
Health Institute



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION, DISTRICT ONE WELL PREPARED TO PRESENT OUTREACH INITIATIVE

Ledyard, Connecticut (**February 4, 2024**). At the invitation of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA), District One leadership, The Children's Oral Health Institute prepared future colleagues to present their signature outreach program. The course, *Improving Oral Health Literacy: Teaching Primary School Students Through Lessons in a Lunch Box®* was presented on Saturday, February 3rd during the Annual ASDA District One Conference. The training concluded with interactive workshop exercises, including the *Lessons in a Lunch Box Biz Quiz* and a *Carrot Case Competition*.

The oral health program was also showcased during this ASDA Conference Vendor Fair. Features of the lunch box and carrot case were explained in detail. The braille versions of both were shared with visitors, including some members of the American Dental Association.

The student doctors went on to present the *Lessons in a Lunch Box®* program to elementary school children at the Ledyard Congregational Church on February 4th. The children were convened exclusively to provide this experience during the conference. "These dental students have superbly delivered the program like the professionals they are and on behalf of the profession they represent," said Dr. Winifred Booker, CEO of The Children's Oral Health Institute. Dr. Katie Rothas, Dental Director for Whitney Young Health was on site to witness how well these invested health care leaders executed the presentation.

Tareina Rogers, ASDA, District One Trustee pursued including *Lessons in a Lunch Box®* as part of the meeting agenda after participating in the course during an ASDA District meeting last November. Many student colleagues expressed appreciation and delight for the itinerary that included this oral health education program identified by Rogers, a third year student dentist at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. She is the representative for the Student National Dental Association Corporate Round Table and serves as the American Dental Education Association Diversity and Inclusion Liaison CORSF.

The culmination of this exposure, including the vendor fair, course-workshop and presentation to the school children will help to prepare the ASDA Conference participants to deliver the program. Visit The Children's Oral Health Institute view the photos from this these events.

To learn more about *Lessons in a Lunch Box®* or to register a school for a National Children Dental Health Month presentation, while supplies last, visit The Children's Oral Health Institute at www.mycohi.org.

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