**Dentistry Officer**

**Joanne Cheong (BDS V)**

**dentistry@insight.org.au**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Name of position:** | Dentistry Officer |
| **Elected:** | At 2019 AGM, by secret ballot |
| **Position description and main roles:**  | **Educating, Inspiring and Empowering** The Dentistry Officer is a multi-faceted role comprised of; acting as a liaison point between Insight and Adelaide University Dentistry and Oral Health students, creating education opportunities, and creating opportunities for dentistry students to undertake outreach opportunities. **Practical Aspects of the Role** * Be an active member on both Insight and AUDSS committees – seek out and create opportunities for Insight to involve AUDSS, and Dentistry and Oral Health students in its activities
* Chair the Insight Dentistry Subcommittee
* Organise the following specific events/programs:
	+ Future Callings – Dentistry and BOH students only (May)
	+ The Amazing Raise (August/September)
	+ CWF program (end of the year/throughout the year) – coordinate trip details with Dr Ogle, the dentistry school and Insight
* Coordination with the relevant officers to promote and organise educational events related to dentistry covering various aspects of health in developing communities
* Help promote all Insight events among Dentistry students and liaise with other Insight Committee members for events, such as Birthing Kits Workshop, Quiz Night etc.
 |
| **Positives of position:** | * An opportunity to work with and meet great people outside of dentistry
* Working in teams (Insight Committee, AUDSS and Dent Subcommittee) of excellent like-minded people with a common goal of making a difference
* The experience of being a leader of a committee and representing the dental school is a privilege and helps develop skills that will definitely help with future life endeavours
* Achieving small but significant positive impacts for disadvantaged communities
* Can make a large difference in the dental school and Insight through new and exciting opportunities
 |
| **Negatives of position:** | * A role with responsibilities throughout the entire year, with good consistent organisation and time management needed
* A lot of emails and coordination/liaison between different people
* Having to be a part of the Insight and AUDSS committee as well as running your own subcommittee can require a lot of time in your schedule
* Anything dentistry related falls on your shoulders, but hopefully in the future this will lessen with more dentistry students being a part of the Insight Committee
* Can sometimes feel like a thankless job (Just need to keep remembering the difference you’re making in the lives of people all around the world that actually need it, and everything seems worth it)
 |
| **Time required:** | * Around 10 hours per week, varies throughout the year
* More around Dentistry events (early-mid year)
* Less hours as we get to the end of the year as well as near mid semester/end of year exams
 |
| **Ideas for the future:** | * Hopefully continue and expand the overseas placement opportunities/programs with the dental school that was started this year
* Integrate dentistry students in all Insight events and continue to provide more opportunities for dental students to become involved with Insight committee
* Expand scope of some events to include Dental related topics (e.g. Global Health Short Course, Education Symposium etc.)
* Continue partnership with AUDSS Student Affairs (2015 Combined AAPDP Lecture on Indigenous Oral Health Research – Indigenous Oral Health Uni Presentation)
* More smaller fundraising activities for Cambodia World Family project to supplement Amazing Raise e.g. the Bake Sale in 2018 and 2019
* Each new officer will have their own ideas/goals for their term but the end goal of expanding Insight’s involvement in the dental school should be the same
 |
| **Experience required:** | * Having previous Insight experience such as being a member/attended events is necessary.
* Previous involvement in the dentistry subcommittee is highly desirable, but not strictly required if a candidate is truly exceptional.
 |
| **Past office bearers:** | 2019: Joanne Cheong (BDS V)2018: Anchal Verma (BDS IV) 2017: Carmen Chau (BDS V) 2016: Eunice Vun (BDS V)2015: Ramya Avvari (BDS IV)2014: Shivani Kamalainathan (BDS V)2013: Li Wen Foo (BDS V)2012: Guru O (BDS V)2011: Radhika Singh2010: Mansoor Walipoor2009: Chun Wu2008: Jennie Han |