

Annika Guenther, M.S.

LSU School of Dentistry, DDS Candidate 2027 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Academic Experience:

- Louisiana State University School of Dentistry, 2023 – Present
 - o Doctor of Dental Surgery Candidate
- University of Central Arkansas, 2021 – 2023
 - o Master of Science in Biology
- Texas Christian University, 2017 – 2021
 - o Bachelor of Science in Biology
 - o Minor in Chemistry
 - o Minor in Spanish for the Health Professions

Volunteer Experience:

- Pre-Dental Speaker, 2023 – Present
 - o Visited multiple universities in-person and through zoom, speaking to pre-dental undergraduate students about the field of dentistry, sharing my experiences and my passion for dentistry
 - o Led chalk-carving exercises, answered questions about the interview and application process, and led tours of the dental school
- Culture Aid NOLA, 2023 – Present
 - o Packaged meals for underserved communities of New Orleans and distributed to families in need, monthly on Saturday mornings

Research & Teaching Experience:

- Student Researcher, Summer 2024 – Present
 - o Student researcher pursuing Honors in Research
 - o Researched the effects of oral probiotics on the growth of gingival fibroblasts to add to the knowledge of the healing process of gingiva after dental procedures
- Student Teacher, Fall 2024 – Present
 - o Student teacher pursuing Honors in Teaching
 - o Creating a lecture series on Women's Oral Health Across the Lifespan, including various speakers speaking, helping bring light to a previously male-focused learning experience

Leadership Experience:

- ASDA Wellness Chair, 2024 – Present
 - Creating events for Wellness Month in September such as workout classes and wellness events
 - Promoting all aspects of ASDA Wellness – environmental, occupational, emotional, physical, and intellectual
 - Leading monthly committee meetings to promote wellness within the dental school and coordinate wellness events
- Give Kids a Smile Liaison, 2023 – Present
 - Coordinated with various businesses and national companies to donate to the Give Kids a Smile event
 - Creating goodie bags for the children
- ASDA Member, 2023 – Present
 - Active Member
- ASDA Wellness Committee Member, 2023 – 2024
 - Attending monthly committee meetings to promote wellness within the dental school
 - Assisting in various wellness events held throughout the school year