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There's much to be learned from the recent hurricanes that have devastated the Gulf Coast.

Are we prepared—as individuals, families, states and a nation—for disasters of this magnitude? If not, why not? We all learned about people pulling together, the resilience of the human spirit and the generosity of our neighbors. It will not be an easy or quick task to rebuild businesses and homes but will require an ongoing commitment of support from individuals and organizations like the ADA. ADA staff worked to respond in an effective and efficient way—joining forces with the inspiring leaders of constituents and components in Louisiana and Mississippi who worked tirelessly under prolonged stress and uncertainty. Now, we also are in touch with Texas societies. One outstanding example of many parties working and learning together is LSU 's heroic and successful commitment to making arrangements so all of their students will complete their education in a timely manner. To read personal stories from the frontlines, participate in the Hurricane Discussion Board, and learn more, visit the Hurricane Relief area on ADA.org.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DENTAL EDUCATOR?



This year, the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure is launching a new Annual Session program for practitioners interested in pursuing an academic career. The workshop, developed in collaboration with the American Dental Education Association, will take place at this year's ADA Annual Session.

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What do YOU think?



What opportunities do you find or create to pursue your passion for learning?

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DENTAL STUDENTS WANT REAL WORLD EXPERIENCES



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We know that today's dental students get a comprehensive education at their dental schools but that they also are always hungry for more real-world information and often turn to their friends in organized dentistry for help. The ADA offers a variety of educational programs for dental students, many in cooperation with state and local dental societies.

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SECURING THE FUTURE OF DENTAL EDUCATION



Dental education is the foundation of dentistry. However, given the challenges facing dental education today, including faculty shortages, lack of diversity among dental students, the high cost of dental education and the need for innovative education models, America's dental education system must be strengthened and made more dynamic. We must take action, and it must happen now.

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