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MDA Leaders and Students Attend ADA Student Lobby Day in Washington, D.C.



A group of MDA leaders and students from the University of Detroit Mercy and University of Michigan dental schools traveled to the nation's capital city April 7-9 to participate in the American Dental Association's 2024 Student Lobby Day activities.

The MDA group included 10 students from U-M, 10 students from Detroit Mercy, and MDA leaders including then-MDA President Dr. Eric Knudsen, incoming MDA President Dr. Todd Christy, Dr. Naila Farooq, Dr. Chris Gorecki, Dr. Gabe Holdwick, Dr. Beth Knudsen, Dr. Jason Mashni, Dr. Daniel Miller, Dr. Elizabeth Ralstrom,

Dr. Michelle Szewczyk, Dr. Michele Tulak-Gorecki, and Dr. Leigh Ann Wahl. MDA CEO/Executive Director John Tramontana also attended, as did MDA VP/Advocacy and Professional Relations Bill Sullivan and former MDA staffer Neema Katibai.

During the Washington visit groups of students and dentists visited 15 congressional offices, meeting with staff members and discussing issues of interest to the dental profession.

The event provided valuable experience for the dental students, one that will pave the way for future involvement in dental legislative advocacy as they move into their practice careers. ●