



## Upcoming Events

December 17 – D4D End of Semester Party  
December 22 – JDRF Spirit Night at Yeah! Burger in Virginia-Highlands, GA  
January 8-10 – Camp Kudzu Teen Winter Retreat in Maggie Valley, NC  
January D4D Meeting  
January 21 – Registration for Camp Kudzu Summer Camp opens  
February D4D Meeting  
March D4D Meeting  
April 15-17 – Camp Kudzu Family Camp at Camp Twin Lakes, Rutledge, GA  
April D4D Meeting

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## WHO WE ARE-

*The mission of DAWGS FOR DIABETES is to provide information to the community about Diabetes and support for those living with and affected by diabetes.*

Dawgs for Diabetes, D4D is a student run organization at the University of Georgia. Members do not have to have, know anyone with, or know anything about diabetes.

Our Goals- 1) Raise Awareness  
2) Community Involvement 3) Fundraising

## Fundraising

Don't forget to use Amazon Smile when making purchases on Amazon to go towards your favorite (Diabetes) organization; Such as the College Diabetes Network

## Want to donate to D4D?

<http://www.gofundme.com/827728>

Or email us!

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## Diabetes News

The 2015 Camp Kudzu Benefit Luncheon on November 10th raised over \$190,000 to support the mission and vision for Camp!

The JDRF Walks in Georgia raised over \$1.2 million and counting for diabetes research!

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## D4D News

### JDRF One Walk in Athens

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, members of Dawgs for Diabetes participated in the JDRF Walk to Cure in Athens. Members helped set up a photo booth with props with help from members of Alpha Gamma Delta, and D4D had a sno-cone and face paint station for children at the Walk to enjoy. Members had a wonderful time reaching out to the diabetes community and spending time with each other. The D4D walk team raised \$465 for the event and had a blast participating. D4D would like to thank Georgia Collier for putting on a great Walk in Athens! The 2015 Athens Walk raised almost \$40,000 for diabetes research.



Riley at the face paint station



D4D members having an awesome time volunteering for the One Walk!



Morgan, Megan, and Meagan in the D4D photo booth



Laura, Ellie, and Meagan at the sugar-free sno-cone station

## Diabetes Awareness Month in November

### WDD Bake Sale

Many of members tabled at University of Georgia's Tate Student Center on World Diabetes Day on November 14. We educated, drew blue circles, and sold several baked goods to raise money for D4D, along with selling merchandise. All month our members helped to raise awareness through social media, classes, and events. D4D was active of Facebook by participating in Project Blue November, which raised awareness for diabetes. Our bake sale on World Diabetes Day was not only a successful fundraising opportunity, but we were also able to raise awareness! Also, thanks to our executive board member Trevor, we were able to set up an awesome deal with the Athens local store Dynamite – anyone who stopped by our bake sale and contributed was able to get 10% off of their next purchase at Dynamite. A win win!



**A blue selfie in honor of World Diabetes Day!**



**Blue circles to represent World Diabetes Day**



**Meagan, Will, Trevor, and Karyn having a blast at the D4D World Diabetes Day Bake Sale**

### Lighting Tate Blue

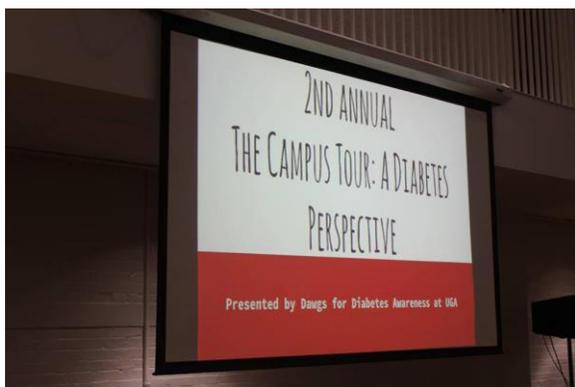
D4D was able to replace the normal white lights in the Tate lawn area with blue lights, bringing 'diabetes to light' and giving some more awareness to diabetes. Pictured below is our President Sarah with a handful of blue lights! We think that campus looked great with blue lights – we wish it could look like that all the time!



President Sarah helping light the campus blue

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## The Campus Tour: A Diabetes Perspective



On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Dawgs for Diabetes hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Campus Tour: A Diabetes Perspective. The Campus Tour is a time for families with children that are in high school, living with type 1, can come up to the University of Georgia to learn about the transition of living at home to living on their own at a college campus – whatever college that may be.

The Tour consisted of an introduction to Athens, an introduction of the current D4D executive board, a speech from Edward

Fielder, the creator of Faces of Diabetes, a transitional panel discussion, and a walking tour of Athens.

Edward Fielder is a photographer from Alabama who is in the middle of an awesome project called Faces of Diabetes. Edward is a type 1 diabetic himself and had the inspiration for this project while creating his portfolio for a college course. He came to speak to everyone at the Campus Tour to tell us about his story, and why Faces of Diabetes is so important. Edward would like to publish his book, a compilation of photos of type 1 diabetics, within the coming year and would like it to be in hospitals so newly diagnosed families can see that a normal life is still possible even though their child has diabetes.



Later on, there was a panel process that occurred, in which each panel discussed different topics – a split parent/child panel, a nutrition panel, and a freshman panel. The different panels were implemented so that different topics could be discussed in more detail and so that parents and teens could feel more comfortable with the transition from high school to college. Dawgs for Diabetes would like to thank everyone that helped make the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Campus Tour happen. We could not have done it without you and we are so

appreciative of your hard work! We hope that the families that came enjoyed their time and feel more comfortable with their upcoming change in lifestyle. We hope to have many more successful campus tours in the future!



**Executive board introductions**



**Nidhi, Gina, and Ahzuree speaking with guests at The Campus Tour**



**Our awesome volunteer and D4D member McKenna**



**The Parent Panel of the Panel Discussions**



**The Athens walking tour**



**David and Allison, two of our wonderful volunteers and panel members**

## Meet the Executive Board



**The D4D executive board (Top Left: Gina, Briana, Nidhi, Riley, Azhuree. Bottom Left: Laura, Trevor, Meagan, Sarah)**

### **Sarah Gibson, President**

Sarah is a senior here at UGA, studying dietetics with hopes of becoming a Certified Diabetes Educator in the future. She has been involved with Dawgs for Diabetes since 2012. Here's why she loves D4D: "I love the everlasting friendships and memories that have formed from this organization. The fact that we are an organization that advocates for something rather than just raising money allows for education and enlightening conversations. I know the things this organization has done will radiate throughout the diabetes community and maybe even the world! Go Dawgs (for Diabetes)!" – We are so thankful to have such a caring leader to represent Dawgs for Diabetes and will greatly miss her guidance next year!

### **Riley Jenkins, Vice President**

Riley is a sophomore here at the University of Georgia studying biology and nutrition

science. She has been on exec for the past two years. Here's why she loves D4D: "I love D4D because I'm surrounded by wonderful people who truly want to make a difference in not only the diabetes community but every aspect of their lives!" – We are so thankful for Riley's consistency and dedication to D4D! Her calm outlook brings a lot to our executive board!

### **Trevor Jackson, Community Relations Chair**

Trevor is a second year studying fashion merchandising and textile design. Trevor has served on exec for the past two years. Here's why what he loves about Dawgs for Diabetes: "The organization Dawgs for Diabetes has been an incredible group to be a part of! I really enjoy that there is this community that I could go to and call upon no matter what problems I have in regards to diabetes or any college issue." These same sentiments were carried over to this year as he has taken on the responsibility of historian and managing the social media accounts. "It is great to be a part of an organization that works hard to meet its goals, it's even better when those goals help college students like myself strive with diabetes until there is a cure!" – We are so thankful for Trevor's constant positive attitude and the way he represents D4D to the Athens community!

### **Laura Gillespie, College Diabetes Network Representative and Internal Affairs Chair**

Laura is a fourth year at UGA majoring in

biology. She has been involved with D4D since 2012. Here's what she loves about the organization: "I love Dawgs for Diabetes because not only does it provide an outlet to students with type 1, it provides an outlet to the Athens community. I think that every campus should have a group that brings people together like D4D does. I'm so thankful for everything this group has brought me, and I can't wait to see what Dawgs for Diabetes does in the future!"

## **Ahzuré Herbert, Member Relations**

Ahzuré is a junior here at UGA. Here's what she has to say about D4D: "I joined D4D near the end of the spring 2015 semester. In middle school I was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and until recently was embarrassed and nervous about others knowing I had diabetes. After becoming a member of D4D and being appointed as member relations, I have enjoyed being more open about diabetes and meeting some of the most amazing and inspirational people through this organization." – We are so thankful for Ahzuré to be involved in Dawgs for Diabetes and appreciate her encouraging attitude!

## **Briana Warner, Member Relations**

Briana is a junior at UGA. Here's what she loves about D4D: "I love D4D because it's more than just an extracurricular club to me, it's like a second family on campus and in the Athens community. It's a place where I know I can be free to express myself without judgment and also a place I can go

to if I'm ever in need of help, whether it be diabetes related or not. Dawgs for Diabetes members are some of the coolest, most outgoing, and talented people I have had the pleasure of getting to know and I wouldn't trade the memories we've shared with each other for the world." – We are so thankful to have Briana's light hearted attitude on the exec board and appreciate her creativity!

## **Meagan Richardson, Freshman Liaison**

Meagan is a first year here at UGA, studying dietetics in hopes of becoming a Certified Diabetes Educator in the future. Here's what she has to say about D4D: "I love D4D because of the encouragement and fellowship I get to share with people just like myself! I love getting the opportunity to be able to spread awareness about something we are all so passionate about all across campus!" – We are so glad to have Meagan join this executive board this year; she brings a new light to the club and through her willingness and passion for diabetes awareness, we are so excited to see Meagan enhance D4D's future!

## **Nidhi Aggarwal, Director of Education and Head of Committees**

Nidhi is a sophomore majoring in Genetics. Here's what she loves about D4D: "I'm ecstatic to begin an educational effort within the organization aimed at enhancing awareness of diabetes around the Athens community. The program will be focused on

education, beginning with local elementary schools, and will commence during the Spring 2016 semester as the origin of a continuous dedication to provide education and awareness.” – Thanks for all of your hard work and bringing diabetes to light in the community!

## **Gina Huang, Director of Development**

Gina is a sophomore here at UGA and has been involved with Dawgs for Diabetes for two years. Here’s what she loves about D4D: “I love it because of all the wonderful things this organization has done and will do in the future. I have learned so much about Type 1 diabetes and have met so many wonderful people through this club. I am truly grateful to have to chance to be a part of it!” – Gina is an awesome exec board member and we are so glad she is involved in D4D!



**Freshman Liaison, Meagan, at Creswell Hall leading an educational program on diabetes**

## **Member Spotlight**

We would also like to take a moment to recognize some of our stellar members of Dawgs for Diabetes this semester. We are so thankful for all of our D4D members and hope they know how appreciated they are!

### **Ellie Pardee**

Ellie is one of our awesome D4D members. She has helped Dawgs for Diabetes volunteer and set up for the One Walk, helped at the bake sale for World Diabetes Day, and has been to several meetings. “Dawgs for Diabetes has a special place in my heart because it has allowed me to embrace my Type 1 Diabetes. Being diagnosed as a sophomore in college, I was flustered, confused, and didn’t know one other person with diabetes. D4D changed that. Since joining the organization, I have met wonderful people that understand what it’s like to juggle homework, social events, and carb counting. D4D has given me a supportive and fun diabetic home and for that, I’m forever thankful.” – We’re thankful for you, Ellie!

### **Karyn Anderson**

Karyn is a great member of Dawgs for Diabetes who has helped us at the JDRP One Walk, our Bake Sale, The Campus Tour, and comes to many meetings. “D4D is important to me because when I was in high school I was part of the mentor program that D4D did called diabuddies and ever since then I have wanted to be a part of this group. Now that I go to UGA I made that happen. Being a part of this group is amazing as I get to spend time with other

people like me and we all love and support each other on a day to day basis.” – We are so thankful for Karyn’s bright attitude we are so glad she’s a member of D4D!

## **THANK YOU!**

We would like to take a moment and say THANK YOU to everyone who has helped us this semester. Without you this would not be possible. We appreciate all your help in the various forms you gave us. Many of you have been with us for years, but we are glad to say thanks to many new groups who helped this semester! We cannot wait for next semester to continue raising funds and awareness for diabetes.