

AWARDS

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

Michelle Wheeler, Ph.D, interim assistant dean, Academic Administration, Research, and Scholarly Achievement

Dental – School of Dentistry Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has attained the highest scholastic standing throughout his or her years of dental study.

Recipient: Angeline George

Dental Hygiene – School of Dentistry Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Presented to the dental hygiene graduate who has attained the highest scholastic standing throughout his or her years of dental hygiene study.

Recipient: Bailey Begley

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Recognition

Election into this national dental honor society recognizes, in addition to scholarship, exemplary traits of character and potential qualities for future growth and achievement.

Nicholas Ancona

Angeline George

Sekna Dabaja

Jodie Gold

Jessica De Rose

Michael Hodgson

Randall De Young

Dylan Salem

Austin Dunn

Steven Santarossa

Jacob Flyte

Brittany Schweiger

CLINICAL DENTISTRY

Nahid Kashani, D.D.S., M.S.D. & Dincer Gurun, D.M.D., D.D.S. directors, Division of Clinical Dentistry

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons - Dental Implant Student Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and performance related to the placement and restoration of dental implants.

Recipient: Allen Hwang

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons - Dental Student Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has excelled in oral surgery studies and has demonstrated interest and superior skills in managing oral surgery patients.

Recipient: Alexander Kakaris Porter

Academy of General Dentistry Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has shown great interest, knowledge and proficiency in general dentistry during the senior year.

Recipient: Alexander Kakaris Porter

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

Presented to the dental graduate who exemplifies outstanding achievement in operative dentistry.

Recipient: Pranati Akilla

Academy of Osseointegration Outstanding Student in Implant Dentistry Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated excellence in implantology.

Recipient: Catherine El Hadi

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated the greatest clinical proficiency and interest in esthetic dentistry.

Recipient: Jacob Flyte

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Achievement Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has excelled in oral and maxillofacial radiology.

Recipient: Sekna Dabaja

The American Academy of Orofacial Pain Outstanding Senior Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated excellence in TMD.

Recipient: Emily Maynard

American Academy of Periodontology Dental Student Achievement Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has displayed exceptional didactic and clinical interest in periodontology and who has excelled in the technical aspects of surgical and non-surgical periodontology.

Recipient: Trisha Nguyen-Luu

American Association of Endodontics Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated outstanding interest and exceptional ability in endodontics.

Recipient: Yousif Brikho

American Association of Orthodontists Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated exceptional interest in the development of the oral-facial complex.

Recipient: Nicholas Ancona

American College of Prosthodontics Undergraduate Achievement Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated excellence in fixed and removable prosthodontics.

Recipient: Simon Shamoon

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Horace Wells Senior Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has shown exceptional proficiency in anesthesia in dentistry.

Recipient: Michael Hodgson

Detroit Mercy Dental Senior Oral Surgery Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated excellence in didactic and clinical oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Recipient: Seongnoh Lee

International Congress of Oral Implantology Pre-Doctoral Achievement Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has shown outstanding growth and development in implantology.

Recipient: Vevake Tandon

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated excellence in periodontics.

Recipient: Jessica De Rose

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated excellence in restorative dentistry.

Recipient: Angeline George

Russell W. Bunting Periodontal Society Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated didactic and clinical proficiency, as well as an outstanding interest and achievement in periodontics.

Recipient: Ashley Houck

Whip Mix Hanau Best of the Best Prosthodontic Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated excellence in prosthodontics.

Recipient: Brittany Schweiger

F. B. Vedder Society Award Nominees

Presented to the dental graduates who have demonstrated proficiency in fixed partial dentures. The award recipient was chosen based upon excellent work in crown and bridge.

Yusri Alabbadi

Randall De Young *awardee**

Catherine El Hadi

Sahil Sawnani

Brittany Schweiger

Patrick Sweeney

DENTAL HYGIENE

Maureen VanHook, director, Dental Hygiene

Colgate Student Total Achievement Award

Presented to the dental hygiene graduate who has demonstrated dedication to the dental hygiene profession, compassion in patient care, enthusiasm for community service and enjoyment of the profession.

Recipient: Lauren Puzio

East Shore District Dental Hygienists' Society Award

Presented to a dental hygiene graduate who has displayed outstanding leadership and dedication to organized dental hygiene.

Recipient: Noura Isa

Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award

Presented to the dental hygiene graduate who has demonstrated outstanding clinical skills.

Recipient: Keri Molloy

Loa Petri Clinical Dental Hygiene Award

Presented to the dental hygiene graduate who has demonstrated the utmost respect, compassion and empathy for patients. This award in honor of the late Loa Petri, a beloved former dental hygiene faculty member.

Recipient: Jenna Giordano

School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Periodontology Achievement Award

Presented to the dental hygiene graduate who has demonstrated exceptional didactic and clinical practices in periodontology.

Recipient: Allison Konja

Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society

Inductees of this dental hygiene honor society demonstrate scholastic standing character, and potential for continued growth within the profession.

Recipients: Bailey Begley, Noura Isa

University of Detroit Mercy Dental Hygiene Alumni Award

Presented to the dental hygiene graduate who has demonstrated excellence in comprehensive patient care.

Recipient: Kelly Solak

Clinical Enrichment Recognition

Presented to dental hygiene graduates who have displayed outstanding achievement in clinical dental hygiene for the design of individualized clinical experiences.

Recipient: Noura Isa, Allison Konja

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Juliette Daniels, Ed.D, assistant dean, Student Services & Enrollment Management
Divesh Byrappagari, B.D.S., M.S.D., director, Community Outreach

Academy of Dentistry International Student Servant Leadership Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated meritorious servant leadership and volunteerism; whose lifestyle reflects community, national, or international giving of oneself in the field of dentistry.

Recipient: Matthew Stratton

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Senior Dental Student Recognition Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated special interest and achievement in community dentistry and dental public health.

Recipient: Bayan Aloran

Brian D. Stone Memorial Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has exemplified the spirit of volunteerism and care for patients with special needs, as well as demonstrated determination to provide charitable care throughout his or her dental career.

Recipient: Erica Eden

Delta Dental Foundation Community Commitment Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated commitment to community service and underserved populations.

Recipient: Jordan Spavor

Falcon Family Award

This award is presented to a student who has shown remarkable strength in overcoming significant personal challenges throughout dental school.

Recipient: Kayla Tile

School of Dentistry - Community Service Award

Presented to a dental graduate who has demonstrated outstanding service to the community, dedication to Detroit Mercy community partnerships, and exemplification of the Detroit Mercy mission to serve others.

Recipient: Salwa Saleh

International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and has great potential for continued future leadership.

Recipient: Michaela Wiseman

Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated leadership, dedication to the advancement of dental literature, and excelled academically and clinically.

Recipient: Erica Eden

School of Dentistry - Leadership Recognition

Graduates recognized for their service in the following leadership positions:

Dental Hygiene Class of 2021 Officers

President: Bailey Begley

Vice President: Keri Molloy

Secretary: Rachel Rhoney

Treasurer: Sarah Bennett

Dental Class of 2021 Officers

President: Simon Shamoon

Vice President: Bayan Aloran

Secretary: Natasha Obradovich

Treasurer: Mae Hegagi

Class Representative: Michael Hodgson

Class Representative: Myron Hampton

Student Government Class of 2021 Officers

President: Michaela Wiseman

Dental Hygiene Representative: Noura Isa

Class of 2021 Student Admissions Ambassadors

Temitayo Akinyemi

Myron Hampton

Aimee Matthews

Tuan Nguyen
Pallavi Patodia
Mouhamadou Seydi

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Salwa Atwan, D.D.S., M.S., chief of Pediatric Services

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to improving oral health of children in our community, as evidenced by exceptional involvement in community-based prevention-oriented activities related to pediatric dentistry.

Recipient: Brittany Schweiger

School of Dentistry Pediatric Dentistry Clinical Excellence Award

Presented to a dental graduate who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in pediatric dentistry, specifically the ability to manage patients' behavior and oral disease.

Recipient: Rayyan Jaber

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence

Presented to dental graduate who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in pediatric dentistry, specifically the ability to manage pediatric patients and communicate with faculty and staff.

Recipient: Temitayo Akinyemi

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Demonstration of outstanding achievement in pediatric dentistry.

Bayan Aloran
Rima Anani
Sekna Dabaja
Randall De Young
Nadine Hussein

Allen Hwang
Carley Kolb
Cassidy Kraker
Ashlynn Loenser
Margaret Pailes
Jordan Spavor

RESEARCH & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

David Fischer, Ph.D., interim director, Integrated Biomedical Sciences

Eric Krukonis, Ph.D., assistant director, Research

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Dental Student Award

Presented to dental graduate who has demonstrated exemplary aptitude and achievement in oral & maxillofacial oral pathology.

Recipient: Jacob Flyte

American Academy of Oral Medicine Award

Presented to a dental graduate who is outstanding in oral medicine.

Recipient: Ashna Rao

School of Dentistry - Excellence in Research Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated excellence in research or scholarly activity.

Recipients: Jessica De Rose, Nazanin Tanha

Quintessence Award for Research Achievement

Presented to the dental graduate who has made significant contributions to dental research.

Recipient: Lucas Mathes

School of Dentistry Research Academic Leadership Recognition

Presented to the dental graduates for their participation in the academic leadership program "Explorations in Dentistry."

Temitayo Akinyemi

David Aldaz

Kaldoun Barawi

Devin Hodell

Alexander Kakaris Porter

Ashley Muehleise

Dylan Salem

School of Dentistry - Biomedical Sciences Award

Presented to dental graduate who has excelled academically in biomedical science courses and has demonstrated an ability to apply scientific principles in dental medicine.

Recipient: Angeline George

School of Dentistry - Dental Hygiene Biomedical Sciences Award

Presented to dental graduate who has excelled academically in biomedical science courses and has demonstrated an ability to apply scientific principles in dental medicine.

Recipient: Bailey Begley, Sheikh Mamoon

School of Dentistry Excellence in Academic Leadership Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has shown outstanding academic leadership characteristics and the potential to excel in academic dentistry.

Recipient: Alexander Kakaris Porter

ADA/DENTSPLY Student Clinician Research Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has shown a commitment to dental research. This graduate will represent Detroit Mercy Dental at the 2022 AADR/Dentsply Sirona Student Competition for Advancing Dental Research and its Application.

Recipient: Haipei Luan

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

Dental graduates recognized for their participation in the Student Research Program.

Bayan Aloran

Rima Anani

Nicholas Ancona

Kaldoun Barawi

Hannah Collison

Jessica De Rose

Randall De Young

Jacob Flyte

Haiyun Hou

Alexander Kakaris

Porter

Haipei Luan

Nora Katib

Scott Knurek

**Lucas Mathes
Aanchal Mohan
Thomas Raffail**

**Dylan Salem
Steven Santarossa
Sahil Sawnani**

**Jordan Spavor
Nazanin Tanha
Michaela Wiseman**