

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: Clara Poparad-Steazar

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: Hala Ibrahim

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.

Omar Abdelrahman

Lena Akkad

Anela Avdic

Alexander Chevalier

Amanda Croskey

Taryn Gladwish

Marian Ibrahim

Devonn Israil

Elizabeth Macchione

Nikolina Milidrag

Clara Poparad-Steazar

Timothy Schafer

Hussein Yassine

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: Tanner Trombley

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: Clara Poparad-Steazar

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: Ryley Tolman

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

Presented to the dental graduate who exemplifies outstanding achievement in operative

dentistry.

Recipient: Katie Kim

Academy of Osseointegration Outstanding Student in Implant Dentistry Award

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

Recipient: Rola Rayes

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award

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

Recipient: Alexander Chevalier

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Achievement Award

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

Recipient: Timothy Schafer

The American Academy of Orofacial Pain Outstanding Senior Award

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

Recipient: Omar Aref

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: Hussein Yassine

American Association of Endodontics Award

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

Recipient: Andrea Callaway

American Association of Orthodontists Award

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

Recipient: Lena Akkad

American College of Prosthodontics Undergraduate Achievement Award

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

Recipient: Firas Zako

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Horace Wells Senior Award

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

Recipient: Omar Abdelrahman

DENTSPLY International Merit Award in Removable Prosthodontics

Presented to the dental graduate who has completed the undergraduate program in complete denture prostheses with dental leadership distinction.

Recipient: Alixandria Pappas

Detroit Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Senior Oral Surgery Award

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

Recipient: Christian Arcolin Lo Monaco

Hu-Friedy Golden Carver Award

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

Recipient: Marian Ibrahim

International Congress of Oral Implantology Pre-Doctoral Achievement Award

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

Recipient: Sejal Patel

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics

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

Recipient: Omar Aref

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry

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

Recipient: Chelsea Watkins

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: Christian Arcolin Lo Monaco

Whip Mix Hanau Best of the Best Prosthodontic Award

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

Recipient: Nikolina Milidrag

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.

Chelsea Anthony

William Garcia

Xiaoyu Guo

Elizabeth Macchione *awardee**

Tara Vattadi

Firas Zako

DENTAL HYGIENE

Maureen VanHook, director, Dental Hygiene

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Achievement in Community Dentistry and Dental Public Health

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

Recipient: Toufic Abbas

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: Alexandria Kelly

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: Shelby Harris

Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award

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

Recipient: Vrushi Patel

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: Rebecca Langlands

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: Ryanne Redburn

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: Kristen Bailey, Justin Schoenfeldt

University of Detroit Mercy Dental Hygiene Alumni Award

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

Recipient: Hannah Howard

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: Bilal Ibrahim

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: Helin Jacksi

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: Elizabeth Macchione

Delta Dental Foundation Community Commitment Award

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

Recipient: Robert McDonald

Delta Dental Foundation Student Leadership Award

Presented to the dental graduate who has demonstrated leadership skills, and a commitment to public service and outstanding service in dentistry.

Recipient: Amandeep Kaur

Falcon Family Award

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

Recipient: Anita Dallo

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: Helin Jacksi

International College of Dentists Humanitarian Award

This award is given to a student who exhibits an altruistic attitude to assist the underserved and motivates others to serve.

Recipient: Casey Rhines

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: Ragda Hindi

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: Elizabeth Macchione

School of Dentistry - Leadership Recognition

Graduates recognized for their service in the following leadership positions:

Dental Hygiene Class of 2020 Officers

President: Shelby Harris

Secretary: Samantha Thomson

Treasurer: Alexandria Kelly

Dental Class of 2020 Officers

President: Ragda Hindi
Vice President: Anthony Laszlo
Secretary: Alexis Georgoff
Treasurer: Adam Hadsell
Class Representative: Lena Akkad
Class Representative: Timothy Schafer

Student Government Class of 2020 Officers

President: Tyler Young
Dental Hygiene Representative: Katelyn Shivel

Class of 2020 Student Admissions Ambassadors

Ravneet Dhillon
Taryn Gladwish
Samer Jassar
Elizabeth Macchione
Nikolina Milidrag
Misha Mullen
Antonia Neal

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: Madison Fantin

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: Amandeep Kaur

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: Arsen Melkonyan

School of Dentistry Pediatric Award of Excellence Recognition

Demonstration of outstanding achievement in pediatric dentistry.

Lena Akkad
Amanda Croskey
Jessica Dinh
Ravneet Dhillon

Alethea Fei
Shelby Koschuck
Nikolina Milidrag
Younis Mohamed

Ashley Ortiz
Alixandria Pappas
Sejal Patel
Meghan Polack

Clara Poparad-Steazar
Timothy Schafer
Ryley Tolman

RESEARCH & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

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

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: Bilal Ibrahim

American Academy of Oral Medicine Award

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

Recipient: Nicolette Bassett

School of Dentistry - Excellence in Research Award

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

Recipient: Sahand Eslaamizaad

Quintessence Award for Research Achievement

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

Recipient: Tingxi Liu

School of Dentistry Research Academic Leadership Recognition

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

Timothy Schafer
Mariam Ibrahim
Michael South

Lena Akkad
Rezan Doku
Clara Poparad-Steazar

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: Clara Poparad-Steazar

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: Rebecca Langlands

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: Devonn Israil

School of Dentistry Student Research Recognition

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

Nihan Akhtar

Adam Hadsell

Dina Murad

Lena Akkad

Bilal Ibrahim

Clara Poparad-Steazar

Ravneet Dhillon

Devonn Israil

Shabaz Randhawa

Sahand Eslaamizaad

Tingxi Liu

Herschel Ungar

Alethea Fei

Jayce Matthew

Chelsea Watkins