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# HONORS

## BACHELOR DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE GRADUATES WITH HIGH ACADEMIC DISTINCTION\*

The Dental Hygiene high academic distinction award recognizes students who rank within the highest 10% of the graduating class, with a cumulative GPA of 3.800-3.899.

Recipients: Jordyn Nickels & Taylor Vance

## DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY GRADUATES WITH HIGH ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

The DDS high academic distinction award recipients rank within the highest 10% of the graduating class, with a cumulative GPA of 3.800-3.899.

Recipients: Ashley Blankenbaker, Sarah De La Cruz, Jose Herrera, Ashley Trotter, Alyssa Whalen

## DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY GRADUATES WITH HIGHEST ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

The DDS highest academic distinction award recipients rank within the highest 10% of the graduating class, with a cumulative GPA of 3.900.

Recipients: Sara Alhaffar, Brittany Gehlhausen, Jonathan Hollar, Kylie Langdon, Gabriella Meyering, Poojaben Patel

## THETA CHAPTER, SIGMA PHI ALPHA DENTAL HYGIENE HONOR SOCIETY - ALUMNI MEMBERS\*

This award from the Theta chapter of the Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society recognizes Dental Hygiene students pursuing an undergraduate degree with a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Recipients: Jared Hitzel, Taylor Vance

## THETA THETA CHAPTER, OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON DENTAL HONOR SOCIETY ALUMNI MEMBERS

The graduating DDS students who rank in the top 20% of the class are considered for election into Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society as an alumni member. Faculty members of the Theta Theta chapter select only 12% of the DDS class who demonstrate exemplary ethical character and potential for professional growth and attainment.

Recipients: Sara Alhaffar, Michael Brown, Ashley Blankenbaker, Sarah De La Cruz, Brittany Gehlhausen, Jose Herrera, Jonathan Hollar, Kylie Langdon, Gabriella Meyering, Patel Poojaben, Devon Roese, Ashley Trotter, Alyssa Whalen

## INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY STUDY COACHES CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This award recognizes the individuals who have served their academic community as study coaches.

Recipients: Danielle Kluttz, Kylie Langdon, Gabriella Meyering, Michelle Quan, Jacob Rexing, Mariam Silman, Alyssa Whalen, Ariel Zalesin

## INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY TEACHING ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This award recognizes the individuals who have served their academic community as teaching assistants.

Recipients: Ejaz Ahmad, Sara Alhaffar, Srirama Bandari, Matthew Beaverson, Ashley Blankenbaker, Todd Boothe, Abby Bridwell, Michael Brown, Mikayla Bundy, Sarah De La Cruz, Jageer Chhina, Aparna Chintapalli, Miranda Cornejo, Deepthi Devireddy, Andrew Doan, Alexa Dresner, Patricia Flores, Zeel Gajera, Brittany Gehlhausen, Mohamed Baqer Ghandour, Anastasia Golodaeva, Holly Granfield, Arshdeep Grewal, Julia Gruver, Hadi Hachem, Sean Haddow, Geoff Halversen, Emily Hasik, Alexa Haulk, Jose Herrera, Jonathan Hollar, Cody Holmgren, Onkarpreet Jawanda, Parham Karimi, Justin Kim, Danielle Kluttz, Balaji Kolasani, Alex Liang, Kylie Langdon, Steven Mah, Brenda Mayorga de la Cruz, Tatianna McKissick, Armelle Metangmo, Gabriella Meyering, Cordin Mirise, Bradley Moon, Jenelle Munoz, Anghitha Nimil, Elizabeth Nolan, Navia Novosel, Ella O'Connell, Hetal Patel, Chase Perkins, Michelle Quan, Jacob Rexing, Cameron Rigley, Marly Rizkalla, Devon Roese, Marissa Scheid, Mariam Silman, Alex Todd, Ashley Trotter, Claire Weesner, Alec Weiss, Alyssa Whalen, Kapi Wisler, Nidhi Yadav, Ariel Zalesin, Bianca Zero

\* Presented at the December 2023 Dental Hygiene Awards

# AWARDS

## DENTAL ASSISTING

### DENTAL ASSISTING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award honors the Dental Assisting students with the highest academic record for the fall semester.

Recipients: Errallyn Henry, Kirsten Robinette

### DENTAL ASSISTING CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes the Dental Assisting student who has shown the most improvement clinically over the fall semester.

Recipient: Kayla McFarland

### CRIMSON CARVER AWARD

This award honors a Dental Assisting student who has excelled in all classes, has received positive comments from predoctoral students and faculty, and has demonstrated understanding of the anatomy of preclinical and clinical restorations, a good attitude in pre-clinic and clinic, and productivity.

Recipient: Ashlynn Smith

### DENTAL ASSISTING RADIOLOGY EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award honors a Dental Assisting student who has excelled in radiology during the course of studies.

Recipient: Ella Klevickas



## **DENTAL HYGIENE**

### **A. REBEKAH FISK MEMORIAL AWARD OF THE INDIANA DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION**

This award, sponsored by the Indiana Dental Hygienists' Association, honors a Dental Hygiene student who has displayed clinical proficiency during the second year of the Dental Hygiene program.

**Recipient: Abilene Drake**

### **HU-FRIEDY GOLDEN SCALER AWARD\***

This award, sponsored by Hu-Friedy, honors a Dental Hygiene student who has displayed outstanding clinical performance throughout the Dental Hygiene program.

**Recipient: Denise Garcia**

### **COLGATE S.T.A.R. AWARD\***

This award honors a Dental Hygiene student who has displayed dedication to the dental hygiene profession, compassion in patient care, enthusiasm for community service, and enjoyment in the role of dental hygienist. This award is sponsored by Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals Company.

**Recipient: Jordyn Nickels**

### **DR. TILLMAN E. MILLER CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS\***

This award honors a Dental Hygiene student who has displayed overall clinic achievement, patient management skills, and professional behavior.

**Recipient: Jared Hirtzel**

### **INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HARRIETT F. HINE AWARD\***

This award, sponsored by the IUSD Alumni Association, honors a Dental Hygiene student who has displayed professional attitude and habits. The Dental Hygiene graduating class chooses the award recipient.

**Recipient: Denise Garcia**

### **ROSSYA KAUFMAN MEMORIAL AWARDS IN DENTAL HYGIENE\***

This award honors Dental Hygiene students who have displayed clinical and academic proficiency during their program.

**Recipients: Taylor Vance, Jordyn Nickels**

### **R. HUNTER RACKLEY JR. SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship recognizes a first-year Dental Hygiene student who has demonstrated enthusiasm toward the mastery of clinical skills during their pre-clinical technique course and whose enthusiasm continues through their first semester of clinical patient care.

**Recipients: Eden Amis, Katherine Salkie**

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## DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

### INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MAYNARD K. HINE AWARD

Selected by his or her class, this award recognizes the DDS student who the class believes demonstrates the highest level of professional attitude and behavior.

Recipient: Alex Todd

### DR. CYRIL S. CARR DENTAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award honors a DDS student who has displayed outstanding achievement in original dental research in any field of dentistry.

Recipients: Brittany Gehlhausen, Jose Herrera, Parham Karimi

### STUDENT RESEARCH HONORS PROGRAM – CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The IUSD Undergraduate DDS Student Research Honors Program recognizes students committed to quality research. The student's research begins the summer between the first and second year and continues until graduation, while maintaining active membership in the IUSD Student Research Group and the American Association for Dental Research.

Recipients: Sara Alhaffar, Aparna Chintapalli, Deepthi Devireddy, Andrew Doan, Brittany Gehlhausen, Jose Herrera, Carrie Runyon, Parham Karimi, Navia Novosel

### QUINTESSENCE PUBLISHING COMPANY AWARDS IN RESEARCH

This award honors a DDS student for outstanding achievement in dental studies.

Recipient: Aparna Chintapalli

### DEAN'S AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

This award honors a DDS student who has displayed outstanding achievement in original dental research in any field of dentistry while demonstrating the ability to think critically, assimilate and synthesize the work of others, and state/defend research hypotheses through oral and written communication. In addition, the student displays an interest in furthering the public's understanding of dental research and education.

Recipients: Andrew Doan, Navia Novosel

### ACADEMY OF DENTAL MATERIALS AWARD

This award recognizes a DDS student for excellence in dental materials science.

Recipient: Parham Karimi

### ACADEMY OF OPERATIVE DENTISTRY AWARD

This award recognizes the DDS student exemplifying outstanding achievement in operative dentistry.

Recipient: Cody Holmgren

### QUINTESSENCE PUBLISHING COMPANY AWARD IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

This award honors a DDS student for outstanding achievement in research dental studies.

Recipient: Brenda Mayorga de la Cruz

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY AWARD

This award honors a DDS student who has demonstrated a special interest and/or achievement in community dentistry and dental public health.

Recipient: Aparna Chintapalli



#### **BRYAN D STONE AWARD**

This award honors a DDS student who has demonstrated outstanding work with special needs patients and has volunteered extensively in the community.

**Recipient: Patricia Flores**

#### **DELTA DENTAL FOUNDATION COMMUNITY COMMITMENT AWARD**

This award recognizes an outstanding DDS student who has demonstrated commitment to community service by agreeing to practice in an identified underserved community located in Indiana for at least one year immediately following graduation.

**Recipient: Patricia Flores**

#### **JOHNSON PUBLIC HEALTH DDS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

This award honors DDS students who have exhibited outstanding achievement in public and community health programs.

**Recipients: Mandeep Kaur Dhami, Sabrina Ghazi, Julia Gruver, Gabriella Meyering, Kapi Wisler**

#### **JOHNSON PUBLIC HEALTH DDS/MPH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

This award honors DDS/MPH students who have exhibited outstanding achievement in public and community health programs.

**Recipients: Brittany Gehlhausen, Jose Herrera, Parham Karimi**

#### **U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DENTAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

This award is intended to recognize dental students in the final year of dental school who are committed to public health dentistry and the USPHS core values of leadership, service, integrity, and excellence.

**Recipient: Kendra Holliger**

#### **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN ENDODONTICS**

This award recognizes a DDS student who has demonstrated a broad interest in endodontics and has excelled in didactic endodontic courses.

**Recipient: Alex Liang**

#### **DR. JOSEPH J. LEGAN AWARD IN ENDODONTICS**

This awards honors Dr. Joseph Legan a longtime and beloved faculty professor and recognizes a student who shown interest and proficiency in endodontics.

**Recipient: Matthew Murphy**

#### **AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY DENTAL STUDENT AWARD**

This award honors a DDS student who has demonstrated exemplary aptitude and achievement in oral and maxillofacial pathology.

**Recipient: Michael Brown**

#### **AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL MEDICINE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AND AWARD IN ORAL MEDICINE**

This award honors a DDS student who has demonstrated proficiency in the clinical management of medically complex patients, the diagnosis and non-surgical management of medically related conditions of the oral and maxillofacial regions, as well as academic achievement and interest in oral medicine.

**Recipient: Bianca Zero**

#### **AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY AWARD**

This award honors a DDS student for exceptional interest and accomplishment in oral and maxillofacial radiology.

**Recipient: Alyssa Whalen**

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## AMERICAN DENTAL SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGY HORACE WELLS SENIOR STUDENT AWARD

This award recognizes a DDS student who has demonstrated proficiency in the field of dental anesthesia.

Recipients: **Andrew Doan, Navia Novosel**

## ACADEMY OF OSSEOINTEGRATION OUTSTANDING DENTAL STUDENT IN IMPLANT DENTISTRY AWARD

This award recognizes an outstanding DDS student in implant dentistry.

Recipient: **Todd Boothe**

## GLENN J. PELL AWARD

This award recognizes an outstanding dental student in oral and maxillofacial surgery who has also been accepted into a post-graduate program in oral maxillofacial surgery.

Recipient: **Gabriella Meyering**

## THE DR. CHARLES L. NELSON ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY SCHOLARSHIP

This award recognizes a graduating DDS student who has been accepted into an accredited Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency program in the United States.

Recipient: **Gabriella Meyering**

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS DENTAL STUDENT AWARD

This award honors a DDS student with high academic standing and outstanding performance in undergraduate study and clinical training in oral and maxillofacial surgery and anesthesia.

Recipient: **Gabriella Meyering**

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS DENTAL IMPLANT STUDENT AWARD

This award honors a DDS student with high academic standing and outstanding performance in undergraduate study and clinical training in implant placement.

Recipient: **Todd Boothe**

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ORAL IMPLANTOLOGISTS PRE-DOCTORAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award honors a DDS student who has displayed the greatest interest in and commitment to oral implantology/implant dentistry.

Recipient: **Tony Wren**

## AMERICAN ACADEMY OF IMPLANT DENTISTRY AWARD

This award recognizes the DDS student who has demonstrated the most academic and clinical interest in implant dentistry.

Recipient: **Tony Wren**

## AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OROFACIAL PAIN OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

This award is presented to an outstanding student who has demonstrated the greatest commitment and interest to temporomandibular disorders (TMD) and orofacial pain

Recipient: **Navia Novosel**

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS AWARD

This award honors the DDS student who has demonstrated exceptional interest in the development of the orofacial complex.

Recipient: **Carrie Runyon**

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY PREDOCTORAL STUDENT AWARD

This award recognizes the DDS student who has displayed the most promise in pediatric dentistry.

Recipient: **Abagael Bridwell**





#### INDIANA SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY AWARD

This award recognizes a DDS student who has demonstrated excellence in pediatric dentistry studies and has been accepted into a graduate pediatric dentistry program.

**Recipient: Devon Roesse**

#### ROLAND R. DITTO AND MARCUS R. DITTO PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY SCHOLARSHIP

This award recognizes a fourth-year DDS students who has been accepted into the postdoctoral residency program in Pediatric Dentistry at IU School of Dentistry.

**Recipient: Alec Weiss**

#### DENNIS P. ZIMMERMAN, DDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship recognizes students enrolled in the graduate pediatric dentistry program who have demonstrated a love for dentistry, dedication to the oral health care of Indiana children, and true friendship to fellow classmates.

**Recipient: Julia Gruver**

#### AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PERIODONTOLOGY DENTAL STUDENT AWARD

This award recognizes a DDS student for the highest level of academic and clinical achievement in periodontology.

**Recipient: Danielle Kluttz**

#### INDIANA SOCIETY OF PERIODONTISTS AWARD

This award recognizes a DDS student for outstanding achievement in periodontology.

**Recipient: Emily Hasik**

#### QUINTESSENCE PUBLISHING COMPANY AWARD IN PERIODONTICS

This award honors a DDS student for outstanding achievement in dental studies.

**Recipient: Alexa Dresner**

#### AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ESTHETIC DENTISTRY AWARD

This award recognizes the DDS student who has demonstrated the most clinical proficiency and interest in esthetic dentistry.

**Recipient: Sara Alhaffar**

#### AMERICAN EQUILIBRATION SOCIETY AWARD

This award honors an outstanding student who has demonstrated the greatest commitment to and interest in temporomandibular disorders or orofacial pain.

**Recipient: Jonathan Hollar**

#### THE AMERICAN PROSTHODONTIC SOCIETY STUDENT OF MERIT AWARD

This award honors the DDS student who has demonstrated the highest level of clinical proficiency and greatest interest in prosthodontic dentistry.

**Recipient: Kylie Langdon**

#### AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTISTS AWARD

This award honors the DDS student who has shown high academic and clinical proficiency in prosthodontics and has indicated an interest in pursuing graduate training in prosthodontics.

**Recipient: Jose Herrera**

# AWARDS

## WHIP MIX HANAU BEST OF THE BEST PROSTHODONTICS AWARD

This award recognizes a DDS student who has excelled in the study and clinical application of prosthodontics.

**Recipient:** Brenda Mayorga de la Cruz

## JOHN F. JOHNSTON AWARD

This award recognizes a DDS student who has demonstrated exemplary proficiency in fixed and removable partial prosthodontics.

**Recipient:** Cameron Rigley

## ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY (AGD) SENIOR STUDENT AWARDS

This award recognizes AGD student members from every dental school in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico who have displayed potential for being outstanding general dentists. They have maintained strong academic standing in clinical and didactic courses and have demonstrated outstanding attributes conducive to exceptional doctor-patient relationships.

**Recipients:** Ria Shah, Shalini Subramanyam

## INDIANA SECTION OF THE ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY (AGD) SENIOR STUDENT AWARD

This award recognizes AGD student members from Indiana who have displayed potential for being outstanding general dentists. They have maintained strong academic standing in clinical and didactic courses and have demonstrated outstanding attributes conducive to exceptional doctor-patient relationships.

**Recipient:** Alexxis Lisman

## INDIANAPOLIS GENERAL DENTISTRY STUDY CLUB AWARD

The Indianapolis General Dentistry Study Club membership selects this award recipient, who plans to practice general dentistry.

**Recipient:** Sara Alhaffar

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN DENTISTS ELEANOR J. BUSHEE SENIOR STUDENT AWARD

In 1921, 12 women dentists met in Milwaukee, Wis., and formed the Federation of American Women Dentists, later becoming the American Association of Women Dentists. This award recognizes a female dental student for demonstrating outstanding leadership and academic excellence.

**Recipient:** Harvi Patel

## DR. CHARLES E. AND JANICE B. KEM AWARD

This award recognizes a DDS student from a farm or small town who has demonstrated excellent clinical skills during dental school training.

**Recipient:** Cody Holmgren

## INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS USA SECTION STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes the DDS student who has ranked in the upper third of the class and has demonstrated leadership in dental school student government, the dental school class, American Student Dental Association, Student National Dental Association, research activities, school committees, or activities. This person also displays the potential to continue in dental community leadership roles.

**Recipient:** Tatianna McKissick

## INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS USA SECTION STUDENT HUMANITARIAN AWARD

This award recognizes the DDS student who has exhibited an altruistic attitude to assist the underserved or less fortunate and motivates others to serve and provide for the common good. This individual demonstrates the potential to continue to be a leader and a participant in humanitarian outreach programs after graduation.

**Recipient:** Sarah De La Cruz



#### AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER AWARD

This award recognizes the DDS student whose dental academic record most exemplifies a combination of both outstanding scholastic performance and demonstrated leadership in student government or similar leadership endeavors.

**Recipient:** Ella O'Connell

#### INDIANA DENTAL ASSOCIATION AWARD

This award honors a DDS student who has demonstrated service to organized dentistry through the American Student Dental Association.

**Recipient:** Chase Perkins

#### AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION AWARD

This award recognizes the DDS student with a superior level of participation, leadership, and service to peers, school, and community.

**Recipient:** Alec Weiss

#### PIERRE FAUCHARD ACADEMY AWARD

This award recognizes a DDS student who has exhibited leadership, demonstrated dedication to the advancement of dental literature, and has excelled academically and clinically.

**Recipient:** Brittany Gehlhausen

#### DR. TILLMAN E. MILLER CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN DENTISTRY

This award honors the DDS student who has demonstrated the highest achievement and skill in clinical production, clinical grades, and patient management.

**Recipient:** Shalini Subramanyam

#### JAMES L. MAUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award honors the DDS student who has demonstrated the most improvement.

**Recipient:** Matthew Beaverson

#### JAMES E. HUMPHREY, DDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes a graduating DDS student who is entering one of IUSD's advanced education programs.

**Recipients:** Julie Gruver, Jose Herrera, Tony Wren

#### THE INTERNATIONAL DENTIST PROGRAM (IDP) LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award honors a graduating IDP student who has served as a liaison to administration and provided exemplary leadership within the IDP cohort.

**Recipient:** Harvi Patel

#### THE DEAN'S INTERNATIONAL DENTIST PROGRAM (IDP) AWARD

This award honors a graduating IDP student who has a GPA in the top 10% of the IDP cohort and has demonstrated exemplary leadership.

**Recipient:** Poojaben Patel



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