



SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

The University of Alabama at Birmingham

STUDENT AWARDS & HONORS 2020

American Association of Public Health Dentistry

Special Interest/Achievement in Community Dentistry and Dental Public Health

Bhakti Desai

American Association of Endodontists

Given to the graduating student who exemplifies the ideals of the American Association of Endodontists and who exhibits the highest proficiency in the field of Endodontics.

Kevin P. Bryant

American Academy of Orofacial Pain

Presented to the graduating student who has demonstrated special interest and skill in the field of TMD and Orofacial Pain.

Daniel Petersen

Horace Wells Award

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology

Given to the graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the field of dental anesthesiology.

Rachelle Cucca

Leonard Robinson Award

American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology

Named for Dr. Leonard Robinson for his many years of dedicated service to UAB School of Dentistry and his accomplishments in the field of Pathology.

Presented to the graduate who has demonstrated the most outstanding academic achievement and aptitude in Oral Pathology.

Cody Hughes

Implant Award

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

Awarded annually to recognize dental school students with high academic standing for outstanding performance in undergraduate study and clinical training in the area of implant placement.

Skyler Williams

Dr. Joseph P. Lazansky Award

American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons

This award is made in memory of Dr. Joseph P. Lazansky who established the Department of Oral Surgery at the UAB School of Dentistry. Awarded to the graduating student who has demonstrated exemplary aptitude and achievement in oral surgery.

Austin Meadows

William H. Bell Award

American College of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons

This award was developed in 2018 for a third year (D3) dental student who has exhibited academic excellence and interest in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Jacob Wolkow

American Association of Orthodontists

Presented to the graduating dental student who is judged by the faculty to have an exceptional interest in the development of the orofacial complex.

Ishita Johal

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Awarded to the graduating student who has shown the greatest interest and proficiency in Pediatric Dentistry.

Claire Walker

Brian D. Stone Memorial Award *Dental Lifeline Network*

The Dental Lifeline Network is a national dental charity providing access to dental care for people with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile and have no other way to get help.

Presented annually to an outstanding fourth year (D4) student demonstrating exceptional volunteer service or care for patients with special needs.

Bhakti Desai

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics

Presented to a student for clinical achievements in Periodontics

Paige Holbrook

Academy of Osseointegration

Awarded to a student with special interest, education, research and experiences in dental implants.

Daniel Petersen

American Academy of Periodontology
Proctor & Gamble Company

Awarded to the fourth year (D4) student who displays outstanding performance in Periodontics.

Lauren Miele

**Quintessence Award
for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry**

Presented to a student for clinical achievement in restorative dentistry.

Paige Holbrook

Academy of Operative Dentistry

Awarded to the graduating student chosen by the faculty for outstanding achievement in operative dentistry.

Kevin P. Bryant

Academy of General Dentistry

Awarded to two graduating students who have indicated a desire in the general practice of dentistry. Recipients must have maintained a balance between clinical and didactic basic courses of study.

Daniel Kuyk & Daniel Petersen

American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Dental Radiology

Awarded annually to the fourth year (D4) student who has shown outstanding accomplishment in dental radiology.

Elizabeth Anne Pickering

American Academy of Oral Medicine

A certificate of merit and a two year membership in the American Academy of Oral Medicine entitles the recipient to attend Academy meetings for two years and a two year subscription to the Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology Journal.

Ishita Johal

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry

Awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated the most clinical proficiency and greatest interest in esthetic dentistry.

Brandon C. Veach

American Academy of Implant Dentistry

Given to a undergraduate dental student who demonstrate the most interest, academically and clinically, in implant dentistry.

Hayden Rathel

International Congress of Oral Implantologists

Dentsply

Awarded to deserving students interested in Oral Implantology.

Tanya Saikaly

Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics

Awarded to a graduating dental student who has demonstrated improvement in his/her dental school career. This person is also one who has proven to be a hard worker and one who accepts challenges that are placed before him/her.

Joseph Newman

Best of the Best Prosthodontics Award

Whip-Mix

Awarded to a dental student who, in the judgment of the faculty of the Department of Restorative Sciences, has achieved distinction in the area of Prosthodontics.

Rachelle Cucca

William L. McCracken Memorial

Ivoclar Vivadent

Presented to the graduating dental student who has shown outstanding accomplishment in the field of removable Prosthodontics.

Ishita Johal

American College of Prosthodontists

Presented to a student who has shown high academic and clinical proficiency
in fixed Prosthodontics.

Brandon C. Veach

The Society for Color and Appearance in Dentistry

Given to a student who demonstrates the highest level of clinical proficiency
with a great interest in color and appearance, either through esthetic clinical
dentistry or research.

Kevin P. Bryant

Quintessence Award for Research Achievement

Presented to a student for research achievement.

Nikhila Nemmarugommula

Pierre Fauchard Academy

Awarded to an outstanding and deserving fourth year (D4) student who has exhibited leadership, and through his or her accomplishments, has demonstrated dedication to the advancement of “Dental Literature.” The recipient has shown excellence in academic and clinical aspects of dental school.

Bhakti Desai

Eleanor J. Bushee Award

American Association of Women Dentists

This memorial award, named after Dr. Eleanor J. Bushee, whose personal and professional accomplishments include being past president of the American Association of Women Dentists, a professor of pediatrics and orthodontics, an assistant dean, an author and a pilot. Accordingly, this award was established to recognize a fourth year woman dental student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and academic excellence.

Jaclyn Bates

Community Care Foundation
Student Leadership Award
Delta Dental

Given to a fourth year (D4) student who has leadership skills, including a demonstrated desire to serve the community and/or accomplishments in the field of dentistry or related science.

Ishita Johal

Award of Excellence
American Student Dental Association

The American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence honors the spirit of volunteerism and recognizes student leadership and participation in service to their school and local community. It is the belief of the faculty of the School of Dentistry that the recipient of this award has the potential to become an active participant in furthering the cause of organized dentistry.

Bhakti Desai

Joseph F. Volker Award

Given annually to a graduating student who has epitomized the team concept by selflessly helping classmates throughout their dental education. The recipient has worked for the good of the school and student body and is selected by a vote of the entire D4 class.

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Pierre Fauchard Academy / Oral Health Foundation

Given to a third year (D3) student who has demonstrated great potential for developing into an outstanding leader in the profession, because of his/her participation in the university, dental school, and community.

Bhumika Patel

Dr. Chau Ngoc Lam Scholarship Award

The award is given to one dental student from a dental school somewhere in the world community in memory of Dr. Chau Ngoc Lam, past president of the Academy of Dentistry International and a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry.

Given to the dental student who has exemplified and demonstrated leadership qualities and selfless service to the disadvantaged.

Tanner Godfrey

Leadership Award

International College of Dentists

In Partnership with Proctor & Gamble Company

Annual Student Leadership Award honors a graduate who not only demonstrated conspicuous leadership during his/her student years, but has great potential to continue to do so.

Ray Dawkins II

Humanitarian Award

International College of Dentists

One of the International College of Dentists organization's objectives is recognition of meritorious service and significant contributions to the profession.

Given to honor a graduate who not only exemplified and demonstrated passion for altruistic humanitarian service during his/her student years, but has great potential to do so as a professional.

Claire Walker

Alabama Dental Association

Scholarship awards given to students entering their fourth year (D4) who demonstrate qualities of leadership, scholarship, and dedication.

Jacob Wolkow
Lacy Petersen
Keaton Hughes
Mary Elizabeth Massey

Student Leadership Award

Alabama Dental Association

Given to a graduating student by the School of Dentistry faculty, with the belief that the recipient has the potential to become a future leader within the profession possessing the motivation and dedication to pursue the betterment of the health of his or her patients and the advancement of the standards of the profession.

Bhakti Desai

Alumni Scholarship Awards

Given by our own School of Dentistry Alumni Association, Alumni Scholarships are typically awarded to second and third year students who are active in their school and/or community and have shown leadership potential.

Second Year Students

Carolina Braga
Austin Stiles
Nia Taylor

Third Year Students

Kiara Garcia
Danielle Ho
Ashley Weaver

Alumni Award for Leadership

Given to a member of the graduating class who has displayed outstanding leadership in school affairs as elected by the upperclassmen of the student body.

Bhakti Desai

Birmingham District Dental Society

Given to the graduating student, selected by the clinical faculty, who has been most outstanding in overall clinical ability, including patient-dentist relationship.

Paige Holbrook

American College of Dentists

Alabama Section of the American College of Dentists

Given to the graduating student who has demonstrated the highest degree of professional technical ability throughout his or her career as a student.

Ishita Johal

William S. Kramer Award of Excellence
Omicron Kappa Upsilon

Given to a rising third year dental student at each dental school who has demonstrated scholarship and service to humanity.

Mary Elizabeth Massey

Leon H. Schneyer Award
Omicron Kappa Upsilon

Given to graduates considered truly outstanding in the basic sciences.

Jaclyn Bates
Kaitlin Byerly
William Catanzaro
Connor Kelley
Austin Meadows
Matthew Wall
Ivy Watts
Patrick Young

Omicron Kappa Upsilon

Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU) is the national honorary dental fraternity.

Students are elected to membership on the basis of scholarship and professional stature. The scholastically highest twenty percent of the graduating class are included among those nominated, and elected students comprise twelve percent of the class.

When considering students for membership, the traditional fourth year (D4) students and the International Dentist Program, D4 students are considered separately as the program of study differ.

OKU members from the Class of 2020

Fourth Year Alumni Members

Jaclyn Bates
Kevin Bryant
Kaitlin Byerly
Paige Holbrook
Daniel Kuyk
Matthew Wall
Patrick Young

IDP Alumni Member

Ishita Johal
