2020 AAPHD Student Merit Awards Program

Leverett Graduate Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dental Public Health

First Place: Alaa Qari BDS, DScD
Title: Type and Frequency of Behavior Change Techniques in Popular Patient Oral Health Apps
School: Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine
Nominator: Belinda Borrelli

Second Place: Hesham Alhazmi BDS, MS
Title: Dental Care Utilization Inequalities Among U.S. Adults Who Can’t Afford Dental Treatment: 2010-2018
School: Harvard University School of Dental Medicine
Nominator: Mary Tavares

Third Place: Sepideh Banava DDS, MSc, MPH, MBA
Title: Past Year Dental Visit of San Francisco Kindergarteners and Related Factors: Smile Survey 2015-2018
School: University of California San Francisco
Nominator: Enihomo Obadan-Udoh

Honorable Mention by Student (in alphabetical order by last name)
Shaikha Aldukhail BDS, MSCc candidate
Title: Oral and Emotional Health Assessment for Refugees in the United States: A Qualitative Approach
School: Harvard School of Dental Medicine
Nominator: Mary Tavares

Melvin Thomas BDS, MPH
Title: Children’s Dental Medicaid Expenditures in a Fluoridated & Non-fluoridated Community in Rhode Island
School: NYU Langone Health
Nominator: Myron Allukian, Jr.

Predoctoral Dental Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry

First Place: Christiane Chammas
Title: Dentists’ Knowledge, Opinions, Attitudes, and Prescription Practices of Opioids
School: Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine
Nominator: Kristin Williams

Second Place: Jiwon Lim and Niki Winters
Title: HIP Clinic: Holistic Interprofessional Approach to Dental Pain in the Homeless, Uninsured Population
School: East Carolina University of School of Dental Medicine and Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University
Nominator: Michelle McQuistan

Third Place: Gabi Im DMD(c), MPH(c)
Title: Open Wide, a Look Inside: An Oral Health Needs Assessment of Homeless Youth
School: University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine
Nominator: Joan Gluch