

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 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