

## 2019 AAPHD Student Merit Awards Program

### ***Dental Hygiene Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry***

First Place: Colleen R. Freund

Title: Retrospective Study of Opioid Prescription Trends in a Dental School Clinic Using Electronic Health Record Data, 2012-2017

School: School of Dentistry, University of Michigan

Nominator: Professor Jennifer Cullen

Second Place: Christian Waterman, Brittany Badders, and Mackenzie Blackwell

Title: Improving Caregiver Dental Hygiene Knowledge in a Long-Term Care Facility for Residents with Irreversible Physical Disabilities

School: School of Dentistry, Virginia Commonwealth University

Nominator: Dr. Patricia Bonwell

Third Place: Tuongvi Tran, Alexandra Manson, and Erin Lewis

Title: Community Service Project: Petersburg Home for the Ladies

School: School of Dentistry, Virginia Commonwealth University

Nominator: Dr. Patricia Bonwell

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

First Place: Jevae L. Nelson, DDS

Title: National and State Specific Prevalence Estimates of Past Year Dental Visits Among Children aged 1-17 years, United States, NHANES, 2016

School: Harvard School of Dental Medicine

Nominator: Dr. Mary Tavares

Second Place: Matthew M. Oishi, DMD, MS

Title: A National Study of Dental Care Delivery, Focus, and Utilization of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

School: College of Dentistry, University of Iowa

Nominator: Dr. Leonardo Marchini

Third Place: Muath Aldosari, BDS, MPH

Title: Oral Cancer Screening Practices and Smoking Cessation Counseling Among Dentists in the United States, NHANES, 2016

School: Harvard School of Dental Medicine

Nominator: Dr. Mary Tavares

Honorable Mention by Student (in alphabetical order by last name):

Nyla Balakrishnan, BDS, MPH, MS

Title: Legally Authorized Representatives' Awareness of Oral Health Needs of Long Term Care Facility Residents

School: College of Dentistry, University of Iowa  
Nominator: Dr. John Warren

Elías Moisés Morón, DDS  
Title: Hospital Inpatient Admission for Non-traumatic Dental Conditions Among Florida Adults, 2006-2016  
School: NYU Langone Health  
Nominator: Dr. Scott Tomar

Sarah Shoffstall-Cone, DDS, MPH  
Title: Dental Outcomes of Having an Established DHAT in Rural Alaska Communities  
School: School of Dentistry, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio  
Nominator: Dr. David Cappelli

### ***Predoctoral Dental Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry***

First Place: Alisha-Jimenez Thompson  
Title: Incorporating Dental Case Management into Medical Case Management for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)  
School: School of Dental Medicine, Case Western Reserve University  
Nominator: Dr. Kristin Williams

Second Place: Rachael Vernon  
Title: Victors for Veterans: Expanding Access to Oral Health Care for Lansing, Michigan Underserved Veterans through a Nationally Reproducible Model  
School: School of Dentistry, University of Michigan  
Nominator: Howard A. Hamerink

Third Place: Tzi-Cha Wang, Jamie Mojica, and Vaidehi Shah  
Title: Oral Health Surveillance System and School Nurses' Competency in Identifying Dental Conditions/Diseases and Performing Appropriate Dental Referrals  
School: Maurice H Kornberg School of Dentistry, Temple University  
Nominator: Dr. Vinodh Bhoopathi & Dr. Marisol Tellez-Merchan

#### Honorable Mention by Student (in alphabetical order by last name):

Lee Rodems  
Title: Community Health Needs Assessments and Oral Health in Pennsylvania  
School: School of Dental Medicine, University of Pittsburgh  
Nominator: Dr. Deborah Polk

Jodie Smith  
Title: The Effects of Racial and Socioeconomic Infrastructure on Health Professional Shortage Area Rankings  
School: School of Dental Medicine, Case Western Reserve University  
Nominator: Dr. Kristin Williams