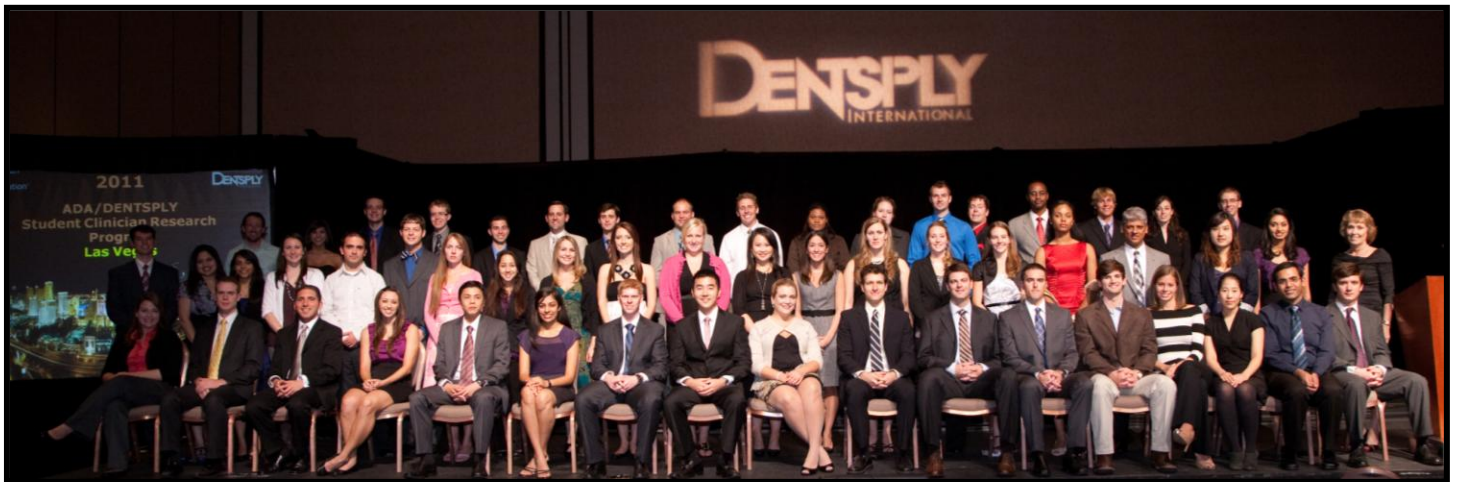


DENTSPLY awards the 2011 Student Clinicians of the American Dental Association

DENTSPLY International assembled the 52nd Annual ADA/DENTSPLY Student Clinician Research Award Program and Reception on October 10, 2011. The awards program took place in Las Vegas, Nevada, during the 2011 ADA Annual Session. Approximately 70 student clinicians participated in this year's program representing research conducted across 36 countries.



The 2011 American Dental Association/ DENTSPLY Student Clinician participants.

The Student Clinician Research Program (SCADA) began during the centennial of the ADA in New York City in 1959, as a joint venture between DENTSPLY and the American Dental Association. Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, then Executive Director of the ADA and Mr. Henry M. Thornton, then President of DENTSPLY International, initiated the first program in New York City to promote student research and participation in organized dentistry.

Today, over 5,000 students participate in this program annually, including students from 36 countries. Originally, the program consisted of a table clinic presentation where students demonstrated a new technique. It has grown immensely, with students currently presenting their research results of their clinical, basic science or public health research.

Three awards are presented in each category for first, second and third place. The scientific presentations are divided into two categories: Basic Science Research and Clinical Science/Public Health Research. First place recipients in both categories received \$750 each and a travel price to present their research at the Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Second place winners received \$750 and third place winners were awarded \$500.

Dr. Linda Niessen, VP and Chief Clinical Officer for DENTSPLY International, congratulated the participating 54 predoctoral dental student clinicians from the U.S. Dental Schools and the winning students from throughout the world. "This year's student research competition represented some of the most rigorous research we have seen to date. The next generation of dentists has much to contribute to the profession in the future based on their research contributions at this year's ADA Annual Session," noted Dr. Linda Niessen.

The 2011 ADA/DENTSPLY Student Clinician Research Program winners are:

Clinical Science/Public Health:

1. Eunice Dongyoon Lee – Tufts University School of Dental Medicine presenting *"Effect of Chlorhexidine on the Bond Strength of a Self-Etch and Total-Etch Adhesives to Dentin"*
2. Vanessa N. Browne – Loma Linda University School of Dentistry presenting *"Sterilization of Used and Contaminated Implant Healing Abutments and Impression Copings: A Cost Benefit Analysis"*
3. Christopher J. Walker – University of Colorado Denver School of Dental Medicine presenting *"Modifications in Dental Adhesives by the Addition of Nanoscale Polymeric Particles"*

Basic Science Research:

1. Sam S. Bae – New York University College of Dentistry presenting *"Local Effect of IB4+ Neurons in Carcinogenesis and Pain"*
2. Elizabeth Scisci – State University of New York Stony Brook Health Sciences Center School of Dental Medicine presenting *"Porphyromonas Gingivalis Interactions with Dendritic Cells and Polymorphonuclear Leukocytes"*
3. Barbara A. Graham – University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine presenting *"Bioengineering Salivary Glands Using Elastomeric Poly (Glycerol Sebacate) Scaffolds"*

Students who present their research at their national research program become members of SCADA (Student Clinicians of the American Dental Association), an alumni association designed for former student clinicians. Members of SCADA serve as judges for future Student Clinician Research Programs held in conjunction with the ADA Annual Session and help mentor students. In addition the student awards, SCADA grants fellowship funding to qualified members' to help support their graduate education. SCADA also presents a faculty advisor award annually to honor the efforts of faculty in their mentoring of student research. To learn more about SCADA, visit www.scadaresearch.org.