

Dr. Daniel Fried and Dr. Ariadne Letra Presented the 2018 Burton C. Borgelt/SCADA Faculty Advisor Award

SCADA presented two Burton C. Borgelt/SCADA Faculty Advisor Awards to Dr. Ariadne Letra and Dr. Daniel Fried during the Dentsply Sirona Student Competition for Advancing Dental Research and its Application (SCADA) Awards Ceremony at the 47th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) and the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research. The program was held on March 21 at Pier 66 Hotel and Maria in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The Burton C. Borgelt Faculty Advisor Award, named in honor of a former Dentsply Sirona CEO, recognizes the work of a faculty member who is committed to mentoring students in research at his or her university.



Dr. Ariadne Letra receives her 2018 Burton C. Borgelt/ SCADA Faculty Advisor Award.



Dr. Daniel Fried receives his 2018 Burton C. Borgelt/ SCADA Faculty Advisor Award.

Dr. Letra has mentored students including undergraduate, pre-doctoral dental students, and post-graduate students at the Masters or PhD level. The quality of her mentorship is clear, resulting with her students having presented more than 70 posters and research presentations, and have received awards for 30 of these. Notable among these awards to her students have included the 2015 Most Outstanding Presentation in Clinical Research at the Hinman Student Research Symposium, and second place at the 2016 AADR Unilever Hatton competition. Dr. Letra commented “We are living exciting times in science and dental research. As the sequence of the human genome is known, microbiomes and metabolomics are defining the cause and

course of diseases providing sustainable efforts into treatment of numerous conditions, I have an immense satisfaction in being a dental educator.”

Dr. Fried mentored more than 40 predoctoral students during his career at the University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry. He has worked with DDS/Ph.D. and Ph.D. students, he served as a master’s degree mentor and thesis advisor for numerous dental residents. Dr. Robert C. Lee, a resident with Department of Orthodontics at University of Washington, stated that, “Dr. Fried’s passion and guidance inspired many of us to pursue research in dental sciences through diligent effort in applied sciences and translational research.”

Dr. Fried is clearly passionate about dental research, actively mentoring the next generation of dentist scientists.

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