

Research and Academic Achievements - Dr. Todd Walker

Dr. Todd Walker, of Tufts University, has received numerous awards and academic achievements for this research in dental adhesives and composites.

Walker's research poster, "Comparison of Total Etch, Self Etch and AIO Adhesives" won first place at the Tufts Bates-Andrews Research Day in 2008 and 2009, the Yankee Dental Conference in 2009 and 2010, and the 2009 ADA/DENTSPLY National Competition in Honolulu, HI.



Dr. Todd Walker with his award winning poster presentation "Comparison of Total Etch, Self Etch and AIO Adhesives"

Walker also presented his research at the 2008 ADA/DENTSPLY National Competition in San Antonio, TX where he won 2nd place, and at the AADR in 2009 and 2010 and Chicago Midwinter Dental Meeting. Walker's research, which was conducted under the direction of Dr. Gerard Kugel, earned him the honor of Dean's Research Scholar from 2008 to 2010.

Service is an important part of Walker's dental school experience. He is grateful for the opportunity to have worked with Dr. Aidee Herman leading a group of students to Haiti for a dental humanitarian trip and subsequently assisting Dr. Herman with an international salt fluoridation project for the people of Haiti.

Walker has also used his Portuguese language skills to develop a Portuguese terminology program for dental providers. He received a Tufts Tisch Civic Engagement Grant and Tufts Dental Department of Public Health Grant to develop this program.

In his fourth year at Tufts, Walker simultaneously served as President of the Tufts Bates-Andrews Research Society, President of the Tufts Student Research Group (SRG) and the AADR/SRG North-East regional representative. He received the Dr. Erling and Mrs. Inger Johansen Student Scholarship, and was selected for the Student Teaching Assistant Program.

The Student Teaching Assistant Program provided Walker the opportunity to help and teach in the Radiology Department and in the clinical and pre-clinical settings.

Additionally, Todd served as the ASDA Pre-Dental Committee Chair, offering him the opportunity to reach out to students preparing for dental school.

After graduation, Todd looks forward to beginning the postgraduate Periodontics program at the University of Oklahoma and eventually hopes to divide his time between private practice and research.