STUDENT AWARDS

OUTSTANDING CLINICIAN AWARD (SECOND YEAR)
Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award (provided by Hu-Friedy)
Awarded to a student who has achieved high standing in clinical dental hygiene; demonstrating clinical excellence. The award is given to the dental hygiene student displaying the following qualities:

1. Exceptional Professionalism
2. Highly motivated
3. Proactive in seeking patient experiences
4. Team player
5. Positive attitude
6. Demonstrates compassion for patients
7. Strong interpersonal communication skills
8. Successful completion of requirements on or before due dates
9. Efficient and competent in all aspects of clinical patient care
10. Overall GPA 3.0 or higher

COLGATE STAR AWARD
The Colgate Star Award is offered to graduating dental hygiene students who display excellence and commitment to the hygiene profession by:

1. Demonstrating true dedication to the profession
2. Exhibiting extraordinary compassion in patient care
3. Displaying enthusiasm and follow-through for community service
4. Demonstrating outstanding patient education and motivation skills

Potential awardees must provide a one page essay supporting the above criteria. In addition to the essay, the potential awardee must provide a portfolio documenting participation in professional activities, community service hours, and SADHA involvement. Essay and supporting evidence should be submitted to award committee by March 1 each year.

MDHA-MISSOURI DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION AWARD
MDHA honors a graduating student from each dental hygiene program who exemplifies leadership qualities throughout their student experience. Criteria are outlined by the Missouri Dental Hygienists’ Association. According to the criteria, first and second year student peers nominate and vote on the awardee.

DR. CROCKETT PROFESSIONALISM AWARD (Joplin)
The professionalism award is awarded to the second year student who attains the highest standing in the general area of professional conduct. Among criteria to be considered are:

1. Student prioritizes patient care based upon patient needs.
2. Exhibits ethical decision making skills.
3. Shown a commitment to the profession of dental hygiene through active involvement in SADHA.
4. Demonstrates a professional attitude in his/her relationships with instructors, patients, and fellow students.
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PROFESSIONALISM AWARD (Rolla & Sikeston)
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1. Student prioritizes patient care based upon patient needs.
2. Exhibits ethical decision making skills.
3. Shown a commitment to the profession of dental hygiene through active involvement in SADHA.
4. Demonstrates a professional attitude in his/her relationships with instructors, patients and fellow students.

SIGMA PHI ALPHA
Sigma Phi Alpha is the National Honor Society of the Dental Hygiene Profession. Membership in Sigma Phi Alpha includes dental hygiene educators and graduates with high scholastic achievement. The Missouri Southern State University Chapter is Chi Chi Zeta. Criteria are outlined by the chapter. Potential awardees must have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher. Potential awardees are invited by the chapter to submit an essay as consideration for the award.

OUTSTANDING FIRST YEAR STUDENT AWARD
This award is presented to a first year student who displays outstanding pre-clinical skills in DH 103; 105; 220; and 165. Based upon the following criteria:

1. GPA of 3.5 or above in pre-clinical courses.
2. Demonstrates a professional attitude in his/her relationships with instructors, patients, and fellow students.
3. Displays pre-clinical skills above average as evidenced through scores on instrumentation skill evaluations, radiology series scores, dental material lab skill sheets.
4. Students nominated for this award must submit a one page essay, along with a portfolio containing a copy of graded skill evaluations as evidence.