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AADOOCR Announces Recipients of the 2024 Student Competition for Advancing Dental Research Application (SCADA)

Alexandria, VA – The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) has named the recipients of the 2024 Student Competition for Advancing Dental Research Application (SCADA). The recipients were recognized during the Opening Ceremonies of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the AADOOCR, which was held in conjunction with the 102nd General Session of the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research and the 48th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research, on March 13-16, 2024 in New Orleans, LA.

The winners are:

CLINICAL RESEARCH & PUBLIC HEALTH CATEGORY

- 1st – Daniel Rexin**, Loma Linda University, California, *Steam Sterilization of 3D-Printed Surgical Guides Affects Implant Placement Accuracy*
2nd – Robert Zhou, University of the Pacific, San Francisco, California, *Comprehensive Assessment of Deep Overbite Correction Using Clear Aligners*
3rd – Chao Dong, University of Washington, Seattle, *Influence of Gender on OMS Applicants' Recommendation Letters*

BASIC & TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE CATEGORY

- 1st – Ameera Samaher Haque**, University of California at San Francisco, *Unraveling the Cellular Basis of Murine Incisor Morphogenesis*
2nd – Conrad Harness, Texas A&M University, Dallas, *Mechanical Forces Regulate Plasticity of Scx+ Cells During Condyle Growth*
3rd – Ali Al Hatem, UT Health at Houston, *MDT-15 Mediates Enhanced Immunity in C. Elegans Against S. Gordonii*

In 2017, AADOOCR and Dentsply Sirona joined forces to co-sponsor SCADA, which was previously known as the Student Clinicians of the American Dental Association (ADA). The dental student research program was first presented in 1959 at the centennial session of the ADA annual meeting in New York City as a joint venture between DENTSPLY International and the ADA. The program has run continuously since 1959 and has expanded globally, engaging dental hygiene students

and more than 7,000 undergraduate dental students from 39 countries. Many participants have gone on to serve in leadership roles in dental professional organizations, academics, and industry.

About AADOCR

The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research is a nonprofit organization with a mission to drive dental, oral, and craniofacial research to advance health and well-being. AADOCR represents the individual scientists, clinician-scientists, dental professionals, and students based in academic, government, non-profit and private-sector institutions who share our mission. AADOCR is the largest division of the International Association for Dental Research. Learn more at www.aadocr.org.