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### **Dr. Ethel Harris Named Enid A. Neidle Scholar in Residence for Women**

San Antonio, TX—Ethel Harris, D.D.S., Assistant Professor and Director of the Safety Compliance Department, SOD Clinical Affairs, at the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in Nashville, TN, was awarded the 2014 American Dental Education Association (ADEA)/Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Products Enid A. Neidle Scholar-in-Residence Program for Women. The award was announced on March 16 at the 2014 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in San Antonio, TX.

Since 1994, ADEA has promoted the advancement of women in dental education by providing the opportunity for a full-time woman faculty member with a primary teaching appointment in a predoctoral, or an advanced dental education program, to explore issues affecting women faculty through a three-month scholar-in-residence program.

"The Enid A. Neidle Scholar-in-Residence Program for Women will provide Dr. Harris with a unique opportunity as a dental educator to concentrate on critical issues affecting the oral health of women," says Stephen K. Young, D.D.S., M.S., Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors. "Her research will lead to the creation of a model for improving awareness of addiction and its impact on oral health."

"Johnson & Johnson is proud to recognize Dr. Ethel Harris for her leadership in improving women's oral health," says Ellie McShane, Associate Brand Manager for Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Products. "She is a strong voice for women recovering from addiction. Due to her efforts, we hope that more women will seek treatment to stay healthy."

Women in recovery from substance abuse are one of the most critical and growing at-risk populations for poor oral health and hygiene. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 6.9 million women need treatment for their addiction but are not receiving it.

The program's fellowship will allow Dr. Harris to spend three months at the ADEA office in Washington, DC, working with the ADEA Policy Center on a variety of activities designed to explore issues facing women faculty, including promotion, advancement, and tenure policies, entry and re-entry into the workforce, child and elder care, women's health, work patterns and advanced education and research opportunities.

The program honors Enid A. Neidle, former President of ADEA (1985-86). Under her leadership, ADEA adopted its policy of promoting the advancement of women in dental education.

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The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) is the voice of dental education. Its members include all U.S. and Canadian dental schools and many allied and advanced dental education programs, corporations, faculty, and students. The mission of ADEA is to lead individuals and institutions of the dental education community to address contemporary issues influencing education, research and the delivery of oral health care for the health of the public. ADEA's activities encompass a wide range of research, advocacy, faculty development, meetings, and communications, such as the esteemed *Journal of Dental Education*, as well as the dental school admissions services AADSAS, PASS, DHCAS and CAAPID. For more information about ADEA, visit [www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org).

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The ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition is the premier professional development and networking event in academic dentistry, featuring four days of dynamic plenary sessions and workshops, and an exhibit hall showcasing academic dentistry's leading partners and suppliers. For more information, visit [www.adea.org/2014](http://www.adea.org/2014).