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Five Students Awarded 2014 ADEA/TheraBreath Student Research Fellowships

San Antonio, TX— The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) today announced the first class of the ADEA/TheraBreath® Student Research Fellowships, recognizing five dental and hygiene students for their proposed clinical research project in the areas of xerostomia or halitosis. ADEA presented the Fellowships on March 18 at the 2014 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in San Antonio, TX.

"Engaging with the next generation of dentists and hygienists who will go on to make meaningful contributions to clinical research in xerostomia and halitosis is crucial to improving clinical practice," says Stephen K. Young, D.D.S., M.S., Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors. "It is a privilege to recognize these five students who have demonstrated a commitment to their own academic achievement. ADEA is also grateful for the generous support of the TheraBreath® brand to help us offer fellowships that aid students and our member institutions in advancing this important area of dental research."

The 2014 recipients are:

Mr. Muntather Alameedi, University of Michigan School of Dentistry

Mr. Alameedi, a dental hygiene student, plans explore whether clinician halitosis influences a patient's perception of professionalism and how it affects a patient's behavior and motivation to engage in oral health.

Ms. Susan Badanjak, Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene, MCPHS University

Ms. Badanjak, a MDH student, plans to assess the efficacy of TheraBreath® in a population with objectively documented xerostomia and concomitant halitosis using a randomized, double-blinded, crossover clinical model.

Ms. Antoinette DePetro, University of Michigan School of Dentistry

Ms. DePetro, a dental hygiene student, plans explore whether clinician halitosis influences a patient's perception of professionalism and how it affects a patient's behavior and motivation to engage in oral health.

Mr. Luke Shaw, University of Michigan School of Dentistry

Mr. Shaw, a dental hygiene student, plans explore whether clinician halitosis influences a patient's perception of professionalism and how it affects a patient's behavior and motivation to engage in oral health.

Ms. Cassandra Stewart, Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry

Ms. Stewart, a dental student, plans to conduct a study, entitled "The Effects of Uncontrolled Diabetes Mellitus on Xerostomia: The Role of Nitric Oxide."

Mr. Alameedi, Ms. DePetro and Mr. Shaw will collaborate as a team to conduct their research.

Created in 2013, each ADEA/TheraBreath® Student Research Fellowship stipend will be paid to the student's dental or dental hygiene school to support the student's basic science or clinical research project in the areas of xerostomia, halitosis or both. Harold Katz, D.D.S., founder of the California Breath Clinics and creator of TheraBreath®, pledged \$10,000 to fund the new student research scholarships.

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About the American Dental Education Association

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.

About the ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition

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.

About TheraBreath®

TheraBreath® is a revolutionary premium oral care system created by Dr. Harold Katz at the California Breath Clinics. The exclusive, original formula went on the market in 1994 and has been used successfully by millions of people worldwide to solve the problems of bad breath, dry mouth and periodontal problems. In that time, the original formula has gone through dozens of refinements, making it the most complete and effective solution to the embarrassing personal problem of halitosis.