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### Four Scholars Receive the Olav Alvares Awards for Outstanding Articles Published in the *Journal of Dental Education*

San Antonio, TX— During the 2014 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session & Exhibition in San Antonio, ADEA named four recipients of the Olav Alvares Awards for Outstanding Articles Published in the *Journal of Dental Education (JDE)*. The *JDE*, which is published by ADEA and recognized as the premier journal for academic dentistry, covers critical issues in dental education, evidence-based dentistry, faculty development, interprofessional education, international perspectives and more.

The 2014 Olav Alvares Award recipients are:

**Shamik Desai**, Student, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, lead author of "Perceptions and Practices of U.S. Dental Schools Regarding Curriculum Integrated Format and Traditional Format Licensure Exams," August 2013.

**Elham T. Kateeb**, Ph.D., B.D.S., M.P.H., Assistant Professor, Al Quds University and Research Associate, the University of Iowa, lead author of "Teaching Atraumatic Restorative Treatment in U.S. Dental Schools: A Survey of Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry Program Directors," published October 2013.

**Martha J. McComas**, M.S., L.D.H., Visiting Instructor, Dental Hygiene Program, Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, lead author of "M-OSCE as a Method to Measure Dental Hygiene Students' Critical Thinking: A Pilot Study," published April 2013.

**Karen M. Portillo**, R.D.H., M.S.D.H., Assistant Professor, Department of Dental Hygiene, Idaho State University, lead author of "A Survey of Degree Completion Programs in Dental Hygiene Education," published May 2013.

"We are proud of the outstanding research of this year's scholars, and we are grateful for their contributions to the *Journal of Dental Education* and to advancing the science of learning within dental education," says Stephen K. Young, D.D.S., M.S., Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors. "Contributions such as these outstanding articles are what make the *JDE* the authoritative resource for disseminating information about the most important research being conducted in dental education today."

The Olav Alvares Award was named in honor of Dr. Olav Alvares, *Journal of Dental Education* editor from 2000 to 2009, to encourage junior scholars (assistant professors, instructors, residents, students and staff) to conduct and publish outstanding research.

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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](http://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](http://www.adea.org/2014).

### **About the *Journal of Dental Education***

The *Journal of Dental Education* (JDE) is a monthly peer-reviewed journal published by the American Dental Education Association. Since 1936, the JDE has provided coverage of a wide variety of scientific and educational research in dental education, allied dental education and advanced dental education. The *Journal*, which celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2011, continues to be one of the top scholarly journals on oral health and dental education.