27th Annual

Ishmael Essay Contest

1st Prize - $750
2nd Prize - $500
3rd Prize - $250
Honorable Mentions (2) - $100

In 1987, Dr. and Mrs. Don Ishmael established the annual Ishmael Essay Contest inviting dental and dental hygiene students to submit an essay related to dentistry. Dr. Ishmael was a distinguished dentist in Oklahoma City, and was a strong advocate of scholarship and professionalism.

ELIGIBILITY: Dental And Dental Hygiene Students.
ALL STUDENT RESEARCH PROGRAM SCHOLARS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN ESSAY.

TOPIC OF ESSAY: Any subject related to dentistry. The essay must be original, appropriately referenced, and ideas may be sought from faculty. It may be in the form of a research paper or an original essay on an ethical or philosophical topic in dentistry.

LENGTH OF ESSAY: Minimum of six and maximum of eight printed pages on 8.5" X 11.0" paper in double-spaced format.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: You are encouraged to use tables, graphs, or photos to illustrate your essay, but those components are not mandatory. **Submit your essay to the Office of Research Development (DCSB 146) by 4 PM on Friday, February 14, 2014** in the following format:

1) One printed copy of your essay
2) One title page with title of essay and author's name
3) One title page with title of essay only – do not include author's name

IMPORTANT: All of the above documents should be held together with a paperclip or binder clip (do not place in a spiral binder or report cover)

4) An electronic copy of the essay sent via email to Dr. Khajotia (sharukh-khajotia@ouhsc.edu).

SEMI-FINALISTS: Five semi-finalists will be announced during Spring Break. The semi-finalists will present their essays as oral presentations during Scientific Day on April 16, 2014.

JUDGING: Two judges from the College of Dentistry faculty will evaluate the essays and select five semi-finalists. The selection of award winners will be based on the combined scores for the essay and the oral presentation, as described below. The first-place essay may be published in the *Oklahoma Dental Association Journal* *.

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR ESSAY:

All papers submitted will be judged on four criteria (75% of overall score)

- Originality
- Organization
- Clarity (including grammar and spelling)
- Importance to Oral Science or Dental Practice

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR ORAL PRESENTATION: (25% of overall score)

- Evidence-Based Presentation
- Importance to Oral Science or Dental Practice
- Clarity and Appeal of Visual Aids
- Ability to Convey Concepts to General Audience
- Thorough Understanding of Subject and Ability to Respond to Questions
- Dignified/Professional Appearance, Demeanor, and Language

Submission Deadline to the Office of Research Development is 4 PM on February 14, 2014

* The Dean's Office will contact the student receiving the first-place prize to discuss and manage publication in the *Oklahoma Dental Association Journal.*