26th Annual

Ishmael Essay Contest

1st Prize - $750
2nd Prize - $500
3rd Prize - $250
(2) Honorable Mention - $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: ALL DENTAL AND DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS. ALL SUMMER RESEARCH STUDENTS FUNDED BY THE J. DEAN ROBERTSON SOCIETY ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN ESSAY.

TOPIC OF ESSAY: Any subject related to dentistry (appropriately referenced). Work must be original, and ideas may be sought from faculty. This 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, 8 1/2" X 11" inch typed pages, double-spaced.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: You are encouraged to use tables, graphs, or photos to illustrate your paper, but they are not required. **Submit essay paper to the Office of Research Development on or before Friday, February 15, 2013**, as follows:

1) Original copy of Ishmael Essay paper
2) One title page with title and author's name
3) One title page with title of paper only -- do not include author's name

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

4) An electronic copy of the Essay via email to Luellen-Chenoweth@ouhsc.edu

SEMI-FINALISTS: Five semi-finalists will be named the week of Spring Break. The five semi-finalists will present their papers during Scientific Day at The Embassy Suites in Norman on April 16, 2013.

JUDGING: Two judges from the College of Dentistry faculty are chosen to read all essays submitted and select five semi-finalists. The final judging will be based on the presentations of the five semi-finalists during Scientific Day. The first-place paper is generally published in the *Oklahoma Dental Association Journal* *.

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR PAPER:

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 Friday, February 15, 2013

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