

# **Academic Awards Celebration 2025**

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

Level 1, Dentistry Building  
Dalhousie University  
5:00-7:00 PM



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**FACULTY OF DENTISTRY**

# Message from the dean

**Dr. Ben Davis**

Hello and welcome – donors, faculty, staff, and especially students – to our annual Academic Awards ceremony. It is a great highlight of our year.

To our students, all of us in the Faculty of Dentistry are extremely proud of your achievements, and we hope you are, too. We were once students, too, and know how challenging the dental hygiene and dentistry programs are.

To merit these awards, you have practised long hours in labs, worked hard in your classes and clinics, and somehow have still found the time to take on leadership roles, volunteer, and contribute to the community.

To receive an award means that you have excelled in some way. It could be for overall academic achievement, excellence in a particular subject, or an exceptional level of professionalism or patient care. It could also be for community involvement, leadership, or volunteering. These are all important aspects of being a well-rounded oral health care professional. It is our great pleasure to recognize you for your achievements and commitment.

Our donors make these awards possible and I would like to thank all the individuals, organizations, and companies for their generosity and commitment to encouraging future oral health care providers. It means a lot to us all that you believe in and support our work.

Congratulations to everyone!

**Dr. Ben Davis**

Dean, Faculty of Dentistry

## Entrance Scholarships for 2025-2026

### **Glenda Butt Bursary**

*For a student entering the BDH(H) program having successfully completed the BDH program*

Rebecca Aube

### **Thomas B. Clift Scholarship – Dentistry**

*For a student entering the DDS program with high academic standing, preferably from Newfoundland*

Rand Al-Badoosh

### **Thomas B. Clift Scholarship – Dental Hygiene**

*For the student entering the BDH program with high academic standing, preferably from Newfoundland*

Jillian Harris

### **Dalhousie Entrance Dental Scholarship**

*For a student of merit entering first year*

Mandana Movahed

### **Faculty of Dentistry Gifts and Memorial Scholarship**

*For the student with the highest scholastic standing entering first year*

Katherine Zinck

Mohammad Amin Khan Nejadi

### **Dr. James P. McGuigan Memorial Scholarship**

*Entrance scholarship for a student from the Atlantic provinces*

Maxwell Wolverton

### **Weinkauf Family Scholarship in Dental Hygiene**

*Awarded to a student entering the dental hygiene program, with first preference given to a student from western Canada*

Anika Chipman

## First-Year Dentistry Prizes and Awards, 2024-2025

### **Charles Bell Memorial Prize**

*For the highest academic standing in all subjects*

Pouria Valipour Karimi

### **Charles Bell Memorial Prize**

*For the second highest academic standing in all subjects*

Arian Solgi

### **Dalhousie University Dental Scholarship**

*For the student entering DDS2 with the highest scholastic standing*

Pouria Valipour Karimi

### **Dr. John W. Dobson Memorial Prize**

*For the greatest proficiency in Periodontics*

Pouria Valipour Karimi

### **East Coast Dental Group Scholarship**

*Awarded to a student who demonstrates high academic achievement. The recipient will be from the Maritime provinces, with first preference given to a student from New Brunswick*

Soheil Ghaffari

### **Leonard Goldfarb Prize**

*For the greatest proficiency in Infectious Diseases*

Kaite Mitchell

### **Harley G. Kushel Scholarship**

*For the two students with the highest academic standing in DDS1*

1<sup>st</sup> - Pouria Valipour Karimi

2<sup>nd</sup> - Arian Solgi

**Dr. Maureen Lawton and Class of '82 Memorial Scholarship**

*For students who demonstrate high academic standing in DDS1 and excel in compassionate care-related course work and volunteer experience*

**Abdulaziz Alrefai**

**Newfoundland/Labrador Dental Association Award**

*Awarded to a NL resident, graduate of a NL school, college, or university, who is in DDS1, has the highest GPA among eligible applicants, and is a student in good standing*

**Evan Pye**

**Samit & Reshma Sharma Scholarship in Dentistry**

*For excellence in research and/or knowledge mobilization*

**Soheil Ghaffari**

**Second-Year Dentistry Prizes and Awards, 2024-2025****123 Dentist Scholarship for Enthusiasm**

*Awarded to a DDS student entering 3rd year who is in good academic standing and demonstrates leadership and enthusiasm towards their chosen profession.*

**Nadine Ayoub**

**Atlantic Society of Periodontologists**

*For the greatest proficiency in Periodontics*

**Joshua Hayden**

**Drs. Gerry & Brian Barrett DAPEI Legacy Fund Award**

*Awarded to a student from PEI entering DDS2 or DDS3 who has a combination of high marks and involvement in volunteer activities in the Faculty of Dentistry Student Society or similar organization*

**Brett Allen**

**Charles Bell Memorial Prize**

*For the highest academic standing in all subjects*

**Annika Nobbe**

**Charles Bell Memorial Prize**

*For the second highest academic standing in all subjects*

**Nir El**

**Dalhousie University Dental Scholarship**

*For the student entering DDS3 with the highest scholastic standing*

**Annika Nobbe**

**East Coast Dental Group Scholarship**

*Awarded to a student who demonstrates high academic achievement. The recipient will be from the Maritime provinces, with first preference given to a student from New Brunswick*

**Clayton Smith**

**Harley G. Kushel Scholarship**

*For the two students with the highest academic standing in DDS2*

**1<sup>st</sup> - Annika Nobbe  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Nir El**

**Dr. David Manuel Memorial Prize**

*For the greatest proficiency in Removable Prosthodontics II*

**Tejas Malewar**

**Dr. David Manuel Memorial Prize**

*For the greatest proficiency in Patient Care II*

**Annika Nobbe**

**Louis Nief Award**

*To support the student in Patient Care II who has demonstrated the greatest proficiency in dental anesthesia.*

**Joshua Hayden**

**Third-Year Dentistry Prizes and Awards, 2024-2025****Dr. Noel H. Andrews Memorial Scholarship**

*For outstanding performance and interest in periodontics and exceptional patient management skills*

**Ashley Toback**

**Atlantic Orthodontists Association Prize**

*For the greatest proficiency in Theoretical Orthodontics*

**Kaitlyn Mooney**

**Dr. W. H. H. Beckwith Prize**

*For the greatest proficiency in Restorative III*

**Kendra Cleary**

**Brayton-Gaum Endodontics Scholarship**

*For the greatest proficiency in Endodontics*

**Raksha Sagar**

**Dr. Harold Brogan Award**

*For a Qualifying Program student who demonstrates superior clinical skill development and compassion for patients*

**Raksha Sagar**

**Dr. Sheridan Cyrus Award**

*For exemplary practice management, including patient care and communication*

**Kayleigh Vicknair**

**East Coast Dental Group Scholarship**

*Awarded to a student who demonstrates high academic achievement. The recipient will be from the Maritime provinces, with first preference given to a student from New Brunswick*

**Davis Murphy**

**Dr. Bruce N. Fergusson Memorial Award**

*Awarded to a student entering DDS4 who has shown exceptional leadership, character, and personal qualities during the first three years of study*

**Vy Dang**

**Dr. Sura Hadad Scholarship in Dentistry**

*For a student entering the second year of the Qualifying Program who shows exceptional promise and outstanding leadership*

**Jasjot Cheema**

**Dr. Eric Hatfield Active Participation Award**

*For a DDS3 student in good academic standing who is involved in extracurricular activities in the dental community*

**Vy Dang**

**Dr. Terry Ingham Memorial Scholarship**

*Awarded to a student(s) who exemplifies those strong ethical and humanitarian principles demonstrated by Dr. Ingham during his lifetime*

**Jarrett Miller  
Abhishek Nandavar**

**International College of Dentists  
Award (Canadian Section)**

*For scholastic achievement, general character, and participation in extracurricular activities*

**Vy Dang**

**Harley G. Kushel Scholarship**

*For the two students with the highest academic standing in DDS3*

**1<sup>st</sup> - Kendra Cleary**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Kaitlyn Mooney**

**Dr. Norman Levine Undergraduate  
Student Award (CAPD)**

*For aptitude and passion for the field of pediatric dentistry and/or dentistry for persons with special needs*

**Leah Walters**

**Dr. I. K. Lubetsky Scholarship**

*For the greatest proficiency in the practice of clinical oral surgery*

**Matthew Kelvey**

**Nova Scotia Dental Association  
Clinical Collaboration Award**

*For a DDS3 student with exceptional collaboration with colleagues in the management of clinical patient care*

**Kaitlyn Mooney**

**AT Rogers Third-Year Comprehensive  
Patient Care III Prize**

*For greatest proficiency in Clinical Comprehensive Patient Care III*

**Ahmad Jawad**

**Dr. Kathleen Stack-McColough  
Scholarship in Dentistry**

*Awarded to a female student entering fourth year with the highest academic standing*

**Kendra Cleary**

**Dr. Don Stephenson  
Memorial Scholarship**

*Awarded to a student entering DDS4 who has achieved academic excellence over the last three years of study and who has shown outstanding abilities to treat their patient family*

**Sarah Robertson**

**Class of 1955 Dr. Donald E. Williams  
Memorial Award**

*For the greatest proficiency in Clinical Paediatric Dentistry*

**Abby Clow**

**First-Year Dental Hygiene  
Prizes and Awards,  
2024-2025**

**123 Dentist Scholarship for  
Enthusiasm**

*Awarded to a BDH student entering 2nd year who is in good academic standing and demonstrates leadership and enthusiasm towards their chosen profession*

**Kelsey Blackwood**

**Keating-Bekkers Award in  
Dental Hygiene**

*For excellence in dental hygiene*

**Kelsey Blackwood  
Emma Haller**

**Nova Scotia Dental Association  
Clinical Collaboration Award**

*For a BDH2 student with exceptional collaboration with colleagues in the management of clinical patient care*

**Gincy Padickakudiyil George**

**Outstanding Dental Hygiene  
Student Award**

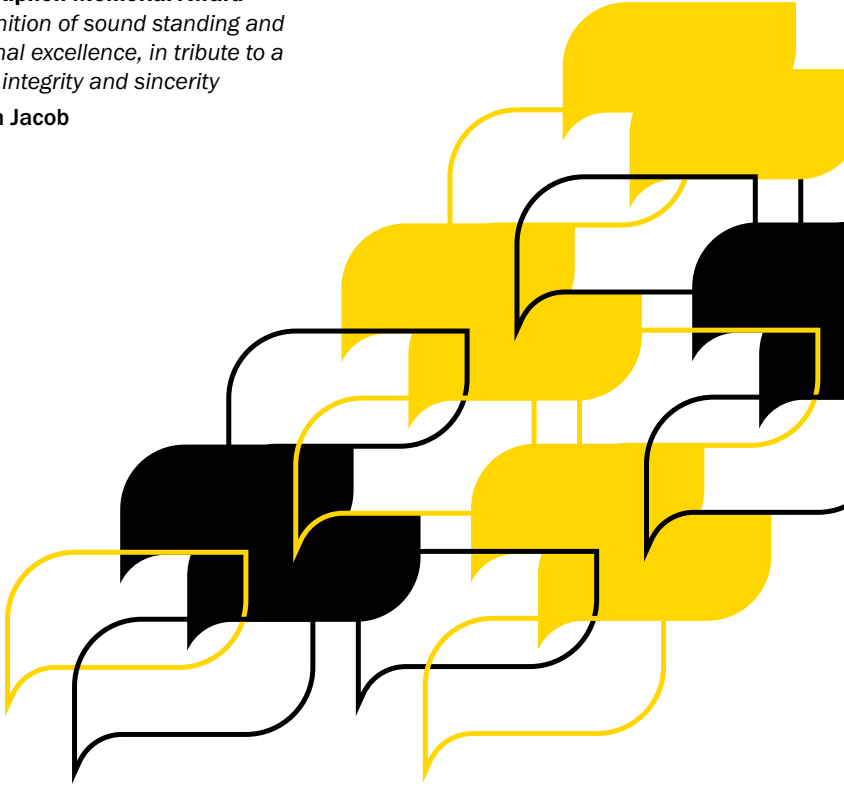
*For highest academic standing in all  
subjects and integrity towards the  
profession*

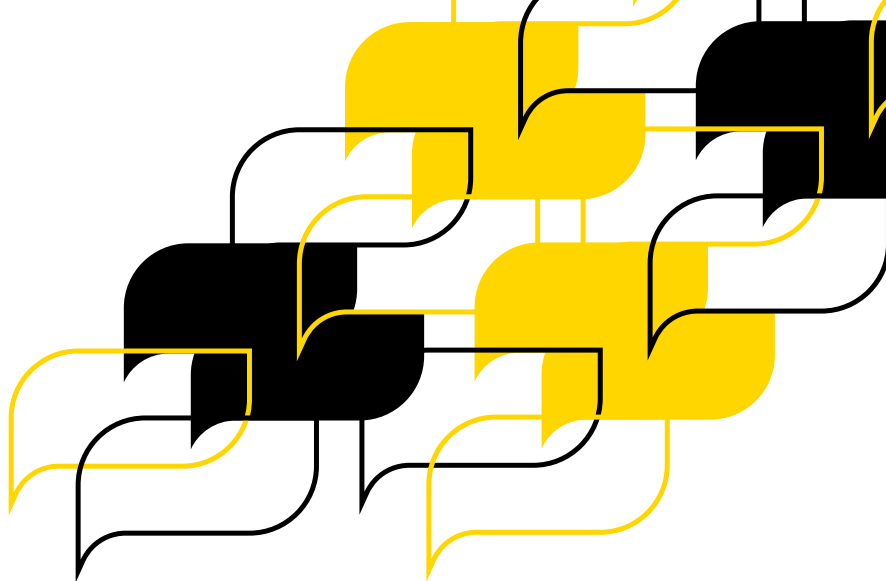
**Emma Haller**

**Lisa Van Alphen Memorial Award**

*For recognition of sound standing and  
professional excellence, in tribute to a  
person of integrity and sincerity*

**Risnu Ann Jacob**





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