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AADOOCR Announces 2022 NSRG 411 Rapid Research Competition Winners

Alexandria, VA – The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) is pleased to announce the winners of the NSRG 411 Rapid Research Competition. The winners were recognized during the Opening Ceremonies of the hybrid 51st Annual Meeting of the AADOOCR, held in conjunction with the 46th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research (CADR), on March 23, 2022.

The AADOOCR National Student Research Group (NSRG) began offering the 411 Rapid Research Competition in 2019 as an opportunity for pre-doctoral dental students to grow their ability to communicate their science to a non-scientific audience. Student competitors have four minutes and one slide to explain their research. The students are then asked on question. Hence the name, 411. The award consists of two categories, basic science and clinical/public health, and applicants are judged by NSRG officers.

Competitors were selected to compete within each category on Monday, March 14. The monetary award consists of:

- 1st – \$750 (Basic Science and Clinical/Public Health)
- 2nd – \$500 (Basic Science and Clinical/Public Health)
- 3rd – \$250 (Basic Science and Clinical/Public Health)


The Basic Science Category winners are:

1st - Won Hee Cho, University of California, San Francisco
Streptococcus sanguinis Upregulates Cytokine- And Inflammatory-Related Gene Expression In OSCC

2nd - Sara Alhaffar, Indiana University School of Dentistry, Indianapolis
Inhibiting Growth of Oral Microorganisms Using Invertase and Dextranase

3rd - Natalie Atyeo, University of Florida, Gainesville
Epigenetic control of FOXQ1 expression during oral viral infection

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The Clinical/Public Health Category winners are:

1st - Drashty Paresh Mody, Indiana University School of Dentistry, Indianapolis
Salivary Correlates with Clinical and Patient-Reported Assessment of Oral Graft-versus-Host-Disease

2nd - Christina Lieng, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Oral Health Promotion and Education Partnership with Community Health Workers

3rd - Salima Asifali Sawani, University of Alberta, Edmonton, CAD
Multiple Primary Tumors in Oral Cancer: Patient Characteristics and Survival Patterns

About AADOCR

The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) is a nonprofit organization with over 3,000 members in the United States with a mission to drive dental, oral, and craniofacial research to advance health and well-being. AADOCR is the largest division of the International Association for Dental Research which has over 10,000 members. Learn more at www.aadocr.org.

About NSRG

The AADOCR National Student Research Group (NSRG) is a student-run organization whose main purpose is to foster an environment in every dental school whereby students interested in enriching their dental education through research are encouraged to do so. It is composed of a network of self-governing local student research group (LSRG) chapters at each dental school and is led nationally by officers elected through a majority of votes from all members. Learn more at www.aadocr.org/nsrg.