2016 Star of the South Scientific Table Clinics Program

The 2016 Scientific Table Clinics Program was held during the Star of the South Dental Meeting on Jan. 21. Each year, the Edward J. Cooksey Award is granted to a deserving presenter who exemplifies excellence in scientific table clinic presentation. This year’s Cooksey Award recipient was Dr. Mark Williams for his presentation on “Jaw & Order - SIU (Special Implant Unit): The Case of the Broken Implants.”

Additionally, the SCADA Award is granted to the winners of U.S. dental school research competitions by the American Dental Association (ADA) and Dentsply North America. This year’s SCADA Award winner for UTHealth School of Dentistry was Francisco Nieves for “DNA Methylation Levels of Immune Response-Related Genes as Markers for Apical Periodontitis Progression.”

The complete list of winners includes:

**Specialists**

1st “The Amazing Collapsible Denture: A Technique for Edentulous Patients with Microstomia,” Dr. Joy Wang
2nd “Management of Invasive Cervical Resorption with TCA,” Dr. Annik Pelletier
3rd “Surgical Reconstruction of an Acquired Nasal Defect: A Case Report,” Dr. Alicia Estrella

**General Dentists**

1st “Jaw & Order - SIU (Special Implant Unit): The Case of the Broken Implants” Dr. Mark Williams
2nd “Medication-Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw: Risk & Management for the General Dentist Practitioner,” Dr. Natalie Garza
3rd “Management of Chest Pain in the Dental Setting,” Dr. M. Drew Beaulieu, Dr. Darrin Wiederhold

**Dental Students**

1st “DNA Methylation Levels of Immune Response-Related Genes as Markers for Apical Periodontitis Progression,” Francisco Nieves
2nd “Genetic and Physiological Analysis of Bacterial Communities Involved in Nitrate Reduction and Blood Pressure Regulation,” Katherine Richardson
3rd “A Clinical Case of Ameloblastoma in a Nine-Year-Old Pediatric Dental Patient,” Wajiha Khan

**Dental Hygiene Students**

1st “Implant Best Practices,” Mercedes Santana, Kathryn Ramirez
2nd “Could There Be a Silk Lining for Xerostomia?” Le Pham, Laura Reyes, Veronica Rodriguez, Shawna Mendel
3rd “Type 3 Diabetes: An Epidemic,” Ray Bennett, Jean Ganzon, Ana Zhao

**Dental Assistant**

1st “Dental Hypnosis,” Mohammed Neamah

**Dental Assistant Students**

1st “The Magic Fluid,” Brandon Nguyen, Stephanie Baumann, Xaritza Deloya
2nd “Most Effective Toothbrush Cleaning,” Erika Pineda, Mercedes Hollins, Osshae Elbourne
3rd “What’s Wrong with Biting Your Nails?” Kate Anderson, Roxana Rexes