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Research Department Chairs,

My name is Danette McNew, DDS and I am a Fellow in the Academy for Sports Dentistry, the Chair for the Academy of Sports Dentistry Research Committee. The Academy started in 1983 to promote and research developments related to athletic protection and sports trauma/injuries. We have roughly 500 members worldwide.

In 2013, our Academy has created a student poster presentation that annually awards two student winners from our nations' dental schools. The topic should focus on sports dental related issues. The Academy of Sports Dentistry provides up to \$2000 per year for a first and second place award winner, with a travel allowance of up to \$500 each for both awardees to be present at our annual meetings. First place would be awarded \$250.00, and second place would be awarded \$150.00 cash prize at the annual meeting. Registration fee would be included in the award as well. Between the monetary award, travel, and registration fees, these total roughly \$2000 for the two winners. We also provide an onsite symposium presenter gift certificate for those who demonstrate effective presentation skills.

Each year we recognize one to two students who excel in the poster and abstract research, unfortunately due to COVID-19, our symposium was cancelled in person, and we were unable to recognize students. Therefore, this coming year of 2022, will be a great opportunity to appreciate our students' efforts again!

Our Academy is very excited to engage and challenge our upcoming leaders in the future of Sports Dentistry. The benefits are tremendous for the students as well as our membership.

We are inviting your students to participate in our 2021-2022 Call for Research Posters and Abstracts. We hope you will share this excitement with your dental and hygiene students and encourage them to participate in this research.

For more information about our Academy, please visit our website:  
[www.academyforsportsdentistry.org](http://www.academyforsportsdentistry.org)

I welcome your comments and questions,

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