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Nineteen Students Receive Grants or Scholarships from United Concordia Dental

National Dental Insurer Committed to Helping Women and Minorities

HARRISBURG, Pa. (Aug. 19, 2009) – United Concordia Dental presented 19 students with grants or scholarships totaling more than \$26,000 during the 2008-09 school year to help cover the cost of applying to dental school or paying for tuition.

“We started this program several years ago to encourage women and minorities to attend dental school,” said Harlon L. Robinson, corporate vice president of human resources and administration and diversity chairman. “We also have a long-standing commitment to provide quality dental care to the underinsured and uninsured.”

The grants and scholarships are awarded annually to students based on a variety of criteria, including need, community service and academics.

In 2009, grants were awarded to students at six Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs): Bowie State and Morgan State universities in Maryland and Elizabeth City State, North Carolina A&T State and North Carolina Central universities in North Carolina. The scholarships were awarded to students at Harrisburg (Pa.) Area Community College (HACC) Dental Hygiene Program; Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry; University of North Carolina School of Dentistry; University of New Mexico Division of Dental Hygiene; and University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School.

“These grants help students move a step closer to realizing their dreams,” said Charlie Nelms, chancellor of North Carolina Central University. “We applaud United Concordia for encouraging the enrollment of underrepresented students in the dental profession.”

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Katie Nelson, a scholarship winner from HACC, said the money will help her family make ends meet while she attends school. "With me going to school, money has been very tight. This scholarship will be a tremendous help to me and my family. We feel blessed to have received it," she said.

The following students received grants:

- Angela Kamal, Bowie State University
- Davia Nickelson, Elizabeth City State University
- Kaisha Thomas and Tiffani Hall, Morgan State University
- Qasiym Gilliam, North Carolina A&T University
- Kashif Hall, North Carolina Central University

Scholarship winners include:

- Amy Boyer, Lauren Brubaker, Kathryn Nelson, Victoria Root and Tammy Spackman
Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) Dental Hygiene Program
- Kenneth Bunn, Johnny Gosier, Jonathan Johnson, Shaunta Jones and Tameika Wheeler
Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry
- F. Houston Symmes III
University of North Carolina School of Dentistry
- Leslie Wood
University of New Mexico Division of Dental Hygiene
- Maritza Chavez and Winston A. Faltine
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School

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