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**United Concordia Provides \$5,000 in Dental School Scholarships**  
*Aspiring Dentists from Creighton University Receive Awards*

HARRISBURG, Pa. (February 13, 2006) – United Concordia, a national dental insurer headquartered in Harrisburg, Pa., has announced a \$5,000 scholarship contribution to Creighton University Medical Center School of Dentistry. Five \$1,000 scholarships have been awarded to dental students as part of United Concordia’s ongoing support of the university. The scholarships provide assistance to women and minority students who have demonstrated academic excellence, commitment to the community and extraordinary professional potential.

“Creighton University does an excellent job of preparing its dental students for a successful career in this important and often challenging field,” says Harlon Robinson, vice president of United Concordia human resources and administration. “United Concordia is proud to recognize those students who stand out from the crowd through their academic and leadership contributions.”

United Concordia’s scholarship assistance program was created to help students offset the financial burden they may face in dental school, generate interest in the profession and encourage future enrollment by minority students in the Creighton University dental school.

“There is a national shortage of dental professionals,” says Robinson, “and United Concordia is proud to assist those who are interested in that area of study.”

The 2005 scholarship recipients include:

- Aniika Jackson – a senior at Creighton who plans to start a general practice residency (GPR) program at Louisiana State University.

- Aaron Murray – a third-year dental student who plans to practice general dentistry in Colorado after graduation.
- Olaitan Okediji – a third-year student who plans to apply for a GPR program during her senior year.
- Zachary Adkins – a second-year dental student who plans to return to his hometown of Albuquerque where he hopes to help others and become a leader in his community.
- Antony Odhiambo – a student at Creighton who plans to practice general dentistry upon graduation.

“Many dental schools realize that minority communities have a disproportionate number of dental problems compared to the number of dentists and are trying to rectify the situation by recruiting more under-represented students into dentistry,” says Robinson. “All of this year’s scholarship recipients have proven that they have a strong desire to help their communities through a career in dentistry.”

### **About United Concordia**

United Concordia Companies Inc., a Highmark Inc. subsidiary headquartered in Harrisburg, Pa., is one of the nation’s largest group dental insurers with 6.7 million members worldwide. In 2005, United Concordia processed more than 11 million claims and attained revenues in excess of \$1 billion. For more information about United Concordia, visit [www.unitedconcordia.com](http://www.unitedconcordia.com).

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