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The Hinman Dental Society — sponsor of one of the nation’s largest dental meetings, The Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting — has awarded scholarships totaling $183,000 to 90 students enrolled at 46 dental schools and dental programs throughout the Southeast.

The students selected for scholarships are named “Hinman Scholars” and typically receive their scholarships at the Hinman Dental Meeting in March. With the cancellation of the meeting this year, scholarships were mailed to students.

“Despite being unable to host the Hinman Dental Meeting, which typically helps fund these scholarships, we felt it was critical to move forward with awarding the student scholarships,” said Dr. Max Ferguson, chair of the Hinman Dental Society Trustees. “It’s not only an important part of our mission to support dental education, but we recognize that college students also have been impacted by the pandemic and could really use this scholarship money in these unprecedented times.”

Hinman Scholars are selected with input from the dean or head of each school’s dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting departments. Student recipients are typically in the top 10 percent of their class.

“I was thrilled when I received an email from Hinman that I was still going to get the scholarship. I was looking forward to the receipt of that check to pay for my school expenses for the final semester,” said Mustapha Conte, a dental hygiene student at Atlanta Technical College. “Hinman did exactly what it promised! It means a lot to me that I was chosen among dozens of students to be named a Hinman Scholar — hard work and perseverance can propel anybody to success in life.”

Another student found the scholarship announcement to be a catalyst for her.

“The day I received the email … I cried, followed by uncoordinated dance and laughter. I was so emotional and overwhelmed that day. I called my father to express how he was ‘off the hook’ from supporting me this summer,” said Raven Douglas, a dental student at Meharry Medical College, who lost her mother a few years ago to cancer. “I am so undoubtedly grateful that the Hinman Dental Society recognizes those students who excel despite adversity. It’s almost like reaffirmation! I am so proud to be recognized as a Hinman Scholar.”

The Hinman Scholarship Program

During the past 20 years, the Hinman Dental Society has contributed more than $10 million in scholarships and large gifts in support of dental education. In 1986, the society created a scholarship program that would donate money to dental students based on need and performance. Three years later, hygiene students were added to the scholarship program. In 2005, scholarships for dental assisting students also were added. In addition, the society has funded endowed chairs at several dental schools.

The Hinman Meeting, now in its 108th year, annually attracts more than 20,000 dentists, hygienists, assistants, students and other dental professionals and industry personnel to Atlanta. In addition, nearly 400 companies exhibit at the conference, which is held every March.

Dental scholarship schools

- Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University (Ga.)
- Medical University of South Carolina
- Meharry Medical College (Tenn.)
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- University of Florida
- University of Kentucky
- University of Louisville (Ky)
- University of Mississippi
- University of North Carolina
- University of Tennessee
- Virginia Commonwealth University

Hygiene scholarship schools

- Albany State University (Ga.)
- Athens Technical College (Ga.)
- Atlanta Technical College (Ga.)
- Augusta University (Ga.)
- Central Georgia Technical College (North & South Campuses)
- Chattanooga State Technical Community College (Tenn.)
- Clayton State University (Ga.)
- Columbus Technical College (Ga.)
- East Tennessee State University
- Georgia Highlands College
- Georgia State Perimeter College
- Lanier Technical College (Ga.)
- Roane State Community College (Tenn.)
- Santa Fe College (Fla.)
- Savannah Technical College (Ga.)
- Southeastern Technical College (Ga.)
- Tennessee State University
- University of Louisville (Ky)
- University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- University of Tennessee
- Wallace State Community College (Ala.)
- West Georgia Technical College (Ga.)
- Wiregrass Georgia Technical College (Ga.)

Dental assisting schools

- Albay State Technical College (Ga.)
- Athens Technical College (Ga.)
- Atlanta Technical College (Ga.)
- Augusta Technical College (Ga.)
- Columbus Technical College (Ga.)
- Georgia Northwestern Technical College
- Gwinnett Technical College (Ga.)
- Lanier Technical College (Ga.)
- Ogeechee Technical College (Ga.)
- Savannah Technical College (Ga.)
- West Georgia Technical College (Ga.)
- Wiregrass Georgia Technical College (Ga.)

AO expands online education with new webinars

The Academy of Osseointegration (AO) continues to expand its comprehensive live online educational program with new webinars planned for May and June.

Offered as a complimentary benefit of membership, the academy’s live webinar series provides an essential portal through which dental professionals can gain cutting-edge, evidence-based insights in implant dentistry, including COVID-19, as well as interact directly with the experts. Non-members can also register at a nominal fee.

All live and archived webinar presentations are complimentary as a member benefit to all active AO members and can be found at www.pathways.com/aio/courses/3393.

Each of the webinars are certified for 1 ADA-CERP credit hour and are recorded and available to members for 90 days following each live webinar or posted course. For non-members, there is a $50 fee. After 90 days, webinars will be archived and no C.E. credit will be available.

The academy’s online archive is available only to members. For questions, please contact Kim Scroggs, director of education, at kimscroggs@osseo.org.

Upcoming webinars include:

- May 28: “Precision, Productivity & Long-Term Stability in Implant Prosthetics (A Must-see for Surgical Team Members Too),” noon ET, by Robert Vogel, DDS.
- June 4: “Zygomatic Implants: Optimization and Innovation,” 10 a.m. ET, by James Chow, MBBS, MDS.