Photography Report

“From the idea, we will create the stage that all dental students around the world can show their ordinate talented skill”

From the very beginning we, Editorial Board, had the vision to create the event that could gather all talented dental students to show their skills in the competition. For this reason, in 2018 February for the very first time we organized “International Dental Student Photo Contest”.

We have worked hard on selecting the judges who are experts in dental photography, held meetings online for strategy of the project promotion and create the fair regulation as well as find company sponsor.

42 dental students from all over the world submitted for their photos and in the end we came up with 2 winners:
1. Winner chosen by Judges:

Salem Shurrab  
Palestine  
Al-Azhar University-Gaza

Caption:

You reach success when you decide to succeed, regardless of all the circumstances around you.

"An 18 years old lost medical camera under the name of Salem W. Shurrab, was found in an abundant old clinic named Gaza-Palestine".

That was me, a dentistry student, spending his first year in Al-Azhar University-GAZA, with a fully packed soul ready to finally achieve the ultimate two goals (becoming an expert dentist while still having a great photography ability. In fact, I have already been chosen as a responsible for documenting PADS initiations, scientific visits and awareness campaigns in schools. As long as I heard of a new challenge that had to do with all what I am passionate about, I couldn’t be more excited.

I knew that by mixing all what is between my hands (from my career to the harsh circumstances of the my society Palestine) together would create this masterpiece. My city lives in a severe siege and this was my inspiration for taking my contest photo, as my caption of the photo says: You reach success when you decide to succeed regardless of all circumstances around you, in other words - Gaza students aim is to reach success regardless of any circumstances, willing to achieve their goals. I was certainly deliberate of showing the real environment of the general atmosphere of Gaza dentistry student due to the continues cutting off of the electricity,

he is forced to use a big battery to operate the device of drilling which costs a lot, even the lighter he put in his forehead is not commonly used by dentistry students around the world, just here in Gaza to light the place.
2. Winner chosen by Facebook

Ayah Sayed
Egypt
Future university

Caption:

*whenever you feel low.. remember.. you’re a SMILE MAKER*

The best kind of winning when you join something that makes you better than you used to be, that makes you know, the real you and what you can do in no time. The story begins when I started to see the post for photo contest applications and some photos talking about Dentistry and the theme which is “DEN-IS-TRY “. I started to figure out how the competition is hard especially with a strong competitor (the Palestine guy) who has 1K likes, I was like “no way”, the competition is already started, I’m late and it’s impossible to win! But guess what! The impossible exists.

I’ve always believed that what’s better for me in this life will never come easy without the hurdles, tears and people who disappoint you. I’ve never been a part of IADS actually. But I can say, that IADS is the spirit. IADS photo contest gave me the passion I need to make my energy full, to dream and float and I’m really proud that I made it so far. Moreover, it wasn’t that easy to think about the idea of the theme, it took me 5 years to survive in dentistry, so 5 years of trying, 5 years to stand and not to give up, 5 years of accepting rejection and failures and 5 years of challenges. Maybe I want the very good of everything despite the challenges, so here I am saying it out loud again “whenever you feel low remember you are a smile maker “, keep on practicing keep on working more, cuz you are a smile maker :)

Editorial Board wants to say a very big thank you for judges who contributed to this contest and helped us to select the winner.

The judges:
1) Dr. Arthur H. L. Partiyan
2) Luis G. Quintero
3) Malek Ghorbel
4) Abanob Yosry
5) Dr. Montri Chantaramungkorn

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