



## GLAO Student Award of Excellence

**Purpose:** The GLAO Student Award of Excellence was established to recognize senior dental students who have demonstrated exemplary aptitude and achievement in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics during their formal dental training. The GLAO aims to honor one (1) student from each university, for a total of nine (9) students in the spring of each calendar year.

### Eligibility:

- Senior dental student at one of the nine dental schools in the GLAO.
- Eligible candidates must have shown outstanding scholastic success in their DDS/DMD studies.

### Criteria:

- **Scholastic Success:** The recipient must have demonstrated exceptional academic performance in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics.
- **Research:** Qualified recipients should have also engaged in research and/or community service activities that contribute to the advancement of the dental profession or specialty of orthodontics.
- **Community Service:** Recipients should have participated in community service activities that promote the enhancement of their community.
- **Preference:** In alignment with the strategic plan of the GLAO, schools are encouraged to give preference to senior dental students who have been accepted into an orthodontic residency program within the GLAO region. However, this is not a mandatory requirement. It is acceptable for the selected recipient to not have been accepted into an orthodontic residency program.

### Nomination Process:

1. **Program Notification:** A request to participate in the awards process will be made to all GLAO orthodontic programs. Electronic invitations will be sent to the programs in April.
2. **Recipient Selection:** The Program Director/Department Chair, in consultation with other members of their institution, will vet potential senior dental students and select a recipient for the award.
3. **Honoree Confirmation:** The name of the selected recipient will be shared with the GLAO by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. **Recognition:** The GLAO will provide certificates to the program, which can then be used to honor the recipient. Programs are encouraged to consult with their schools to determine the best time and venue to present the selected recipients with the award.
5. **Impact Documentation:** To promote the program with the GLAO and broader orthodontic profession, programs are encouraged to acquire and submit a photograph of the recipient receiving the award. The recipient names (and submitted photos when applicable) will be showcased on the GLAO website and/or in electronic correspondence.

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