

Dean's Award for Community Service

A STUDENT DRIVEN INITIATIVE TO RECOGNIZE AND PROMOTE
DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Dean's Award for Community Service was initiated by students to recognize and promote dedication to community service among students and faculty at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD). The program acknowledges the importance of community service activity among health professionals for the benefit of the community and the professional, and personal enrichment of the participants. The community service hours that will qualify for the award must relate to improving the **community throughout the state of Maryland**. Activities are not limited to those focused on dental education and awareness; however, events that focus on promoting the UMSOD will not qualify.

As of the Fall of 2014, students in the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) program, who average 15 hours of community service per semester, will be awarded the Dean's Award for Community Service at graduation. These students are encouraged to enter the award on their curriculum vitae when applying to postgraduate programs. DDS students who average 25 hours of community service per semester will be awarded the Dean's Award for Outstanding Community Service at graduation.

As of the Fall of 2014, students in the Dental Hygiene (DHYG) program, who average 15 hours of community service per semester, will be awarded the Dean's Award for Community Service at graduation. DHYG students who average 25 hours of community service per semester will be awarded the Dean's Award for Outstanding Community Service at graduation.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, starting in the Fall of 2020, students are eligible to receive community service hours for virtual service activities. Students are eligible to receive three (3) hours for any preparation required for an activity and one (1) hour for each recorded minute, with a maximum of eight (8) hours earned per recording.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROGRAM TO THE DENTAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY

1. A school-wide email will be sent to the school community every academic year. This email will include the program overview and the description of requirements included in this proposal.
2. Student organizations will be encouraged to use this award to promote their outreach efforts.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM

1. Students will be required to submit their community service hours to their class community service chairs at end of the fall semester and again by April 1.
2. At the end of each year, the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Student Dental Hygiene Association (SDHA) community service chairs will provide a list of students who have achieved the benchmarks to the Office of Student Affairs.
3. There is a limit of 8 hours of the same community service event within any 2 week period. Community service events that are part of an externship, coursework, or the President's Leadership Institute are not eligible to count toward this award.

Community Service Form

This form is to be used by groups and individuals to document the community service hours contributed by School of Dentistry students. The logged hours count towards the Dean's Award for Community Service and serve to recognize and document the students' commitment to service and excellence.

Name of event: _____ **Date:** _____

Student organization (if applicable): _____

Brief description of event: _____

Contact person/event organizer: _____

Phone/email: _____ **Signature:** _____

Name	Year	Hours

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After completing this form, please take a picture of it and email it to your class community service chair. Please also submit a hard copy of the form to your class community service chair. Thank you.