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The Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology Announces 2016 Fall Pillar Scholarship Winners & Education Access Grant Winners

Tallahassee, Florida: Today, The Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology (The Foundation) is proud to announce the 2016 Fall Pillar Scholarship winners and the 2016 Education Access Grant winners:

Pillar Scholarship Winners:

Christopher Smith, CDT – Clearwater, FL
Ghassan Halabia, CDT – El Cajon, CA
Jeffery Davis, CDT – San Antonio, TX
John Riaubia, CDT, TE – Marion, TX
Kevin Prince – Warrenville, IL
Michael Brandon Patrick, CDT – Charlotte, NC
Octavean Prince – Atlanta, GA
Olivia Carbajal – Carrollton, TX
Rick Craighead – Tampa, FL
Robert Block, CDT – Colorado Springs, CO
Robert Tankersley – Stow, OH
Sherleeta Simmons Talbot – Lithonia, GA
Vickyann Cortes – Belle Chasse, LA

Education Access Grant Winners:

Bates Technical College – Tacoma, WA
Durham Technical Community College – Durham, NC
Los Angeles City College – Los Angeles, CA

The Pillar Scholarship is designed to allow qualified dental technicians the opportunity to sit for the three examinations that comprise the Certified Dental Technician (CDT) examination process. Scholarship recipients will have their application and testing fees covered for them to take the written comprehensive examination, the written specialty examination and the hands-on practical examination, one time each. The scholarship amount awarded varies upon the individual's current certification process, but could potentially reach up to \$935.00.

Modified and expanded in use from the original ADEA Grant, the Education Access Grant awards qualifying faculty members up to \$750 to help cover the costs associated with attending an industry related educational event (such as the [NADL Educator Conference](#)), supplementing their institutional membership in ADEA, or a DLT educator or general educator course of their choice.

"It is due solely to the dedication from individuals and companies (dental laboratories, manufacturers, and suppliers) that the Foundation is able to offer these grants on a yearly basis. With their regular contributions funding these two grants, we are able to encourage certification and support educational institutions in improving their program," said Foundation Chair, Jeff Stronk.

All applications are accepted year round. Those interested in applying for 2017 grant/scholarship opportunities should frequently visit www.dentallabfoundation.org and www.facebook.com/FoundationDLT.

The Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology (FDLT) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The purpose of the Foundation is to advance the profession of dental laboratory technology by addressing industry driven needs and providing solutions that are relevant and accessible to dental technicians and other members of the dental team.

For additional information about the Foundation and its program, visit www.dentallabfoundation.org.

The Foundation relies heavily on donations from individuals as well as companies to fund the scholarship and grant programs. Donations are accepted throughout the year. To support the Foundation, please visit www.nadl.org/dltf/donate-online.cfm.

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