

ISDS Foundation awards \$15,000 to help Illinois Dental Schools

The ISDS Foundation's Dental Education Endowment Fund: "Our Legacy, Our Future" program earmarked \$5,000 from its endowment's earnings for each dental school in Illinois in 2022. The ISDS Foundation Board requested a "wish list" from each dental school administration and asked them to identify where these requested funds would be most needed for each educational program to succeed and most visible to those donating to the endowment. Below are the monies which will be awarded at this year's ISDS Annual Session and where the monies were used.

UIC College of Dentistry awarded \$5,000

The UIC-COD will be enhancing the commons area on the fifth floor, where students study and collaborate as part of their learning experience. The renovation on the fifth floor will provide new modern furniture designed to promote collaboration and the addition of computer monitors for dissemination of information. The \$5,000 endowment would provide financial support for the updated student space, including upgraded furniture, conducive to small group learning, the core of the college's curriculum.

Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-IL awarded \$5,000

Due to the increased endodontic activity and trying to keep current with updated technology in the Midwestern University outreach and treatment clinic for the underserved, we are requesting to purchase five new endodontic activator units at \$833.91 each, and two trans-illuminator tips at \$296.60 each. Our current units are almost eight years old. These old units operate with standard AAA batteries, and do not notify the operator when not functioning at peak performance. Our new units will have rechargeable batteries and notify the operator of the power level. We will also be able to use the new units as a curing light and trans-illuminator by adding extra tips to the same unit. The total price for the five units and the two trans-illuminators is \$4,782.15 including shipping. This ISDS Foundation grant will enable us to update the entire endodontic suite with state-of-the-art equipment.

SIU School of Dental Medicine awarded \$5,000

The SIU School of Dental Medicine seeks to help fund the Children's Oral Health Prevention Program (COHPP) offered by SIU-SDM students, faculty and staff for the children at Eastwood Elementary School and Washington Early Childhood Center in East Alton. The SIU-SDM COHPP promises caries prevention through screenings, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants, and referral for treatment (if needed) for over 150 preschool and elementary school students who are without a "dental home", as indicated on our intake form, are directly contacted by SIU-SDM to schedule a new patient appointment and establish a "dental home" with us. More specifically, this grant will help cover the costs related to providing care for the preschool and elementary students with no dental insurance, or those treated through the Medicaid program, which consistently provides low reimbursement rates.