

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

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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 2021. 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 creating an enhanced commons area for students to study, collaborate and review patient records as part of their learning experience. The renovation on the fourth floor will provide the HIPAA privacy so critical in the provision of patient care and student learning. The endowment will provide financial support for the modified 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**

Grant monies will be used for the endodontic clinical training at Midwestern, specifically to purchase four Pro-Ultrasonic Endodontic Piezo units. These units will be put to work in their endodontic suite and in their general dental clinic, where CDMI D3 and D4 students currently provide endodontic treatment at no cost to patients from their community partners.

Their community partners range from FQHCs to programs that offer assistance to people needing help. These type of services are not provided at the community partner clinics and the patient is able to maintain teeth that would otherwise be lost. The patient is charged nothing for their endodontic treatment and core buildup. This often leads to the patient qualifying for crowns at no cost or reduced cost at Midwestern. They may also return to the community partners that provide other dental services for continued care. No matter how the patient continues treatment, they benefit as much as the students.

## **SIU School of Dental Medicine awarded \$5,000**

The SIU School of Dental Medicine seeks to establish a Complete Health Wellness Clinic on its Alton Campus for patients who have been placed on re-care status. At these visits, students will perform regular re-care and hygiene services under the supervision of licensed faculty. In addition, a major goal of the Complete Health Wellness Clinic will be to interview patients and screen for additional opportunities for inter-professional healthcare collaboration via caries risk assessments, airway health screening, blood pressure measurements, body composition analysis, and carotid artery plaque screenings via ultrasound to detect early signs of cardiovascular disease. Positive screening results will be referred to the appropriate healthcare provider for follow-up and documented in the record. Funding would help fund the clinical supplies and necessary faculty coverage.