HONORS AND AWARDS

Criteria for Honors and Awards
To encourage higher scholastic endeavor, leadership, and to stimulate individual study in the various disciplines, honors and awards are given to deserving students.

Dean's List and Dean's Scholar
The SPPC shall identify students who are worthy of recognition for academic excellence at the end of the students’ D1 and D2 semesters.

1. The SPPC shall recommend that each student who has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 and earns a current term GPA of 3.70 or above, be placed on the Dean’s List for that term.
2. The SPPC shall recommend that each student who has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.70 and earns a current term GPA of 3.90 or above be designated as a Dean’s Scholar for that term.
3. In order to be eligible for recommendation for Dean’s List or Dean’s Scholar recognition, a student may not have an F grade, a D grade or a W (administrative withdrawal) in a required course during the term just completed. Also, the student may not have an I or X grade unresolved from any of the previous semesters.

Honors and Awards
These honors and awards are presented to recipients during the regular academic session, to which students, their families, and members of the faculty are invited. First and Second Year Basic Science Awards are presented at the Basic Science Awards luncheon during the first quarter annually.

American College of Dentistry Student Leadership and Professionalism Awards
The Kentucky Section of the American College of Dentistry annually grants an award to the outstanding dental student who has most clearly demonstrated the important characteristics of professionalism and leadership. This honor, which includes an engraved plaque and a cash award, is presented during the annual meeting of the Kentucky Section of the American College of Dentistry.

Basic Science Departmental Awards
Each basic science department recognizes one dental student each year for outstanding academic accomplishments in its discipline. Awards are given in the following areas: Anatomical Sciences and Neurobiology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Microbiology & Immunology, Physiology, Oral Biology, Pharmacology and Toxicology, and Physiology and Biophysics. Each recipient receives a formal certificate of achievement from the department presenting the award.

Clinical Disciplines
Recognition is made of graduating dental students for outstanding achievement in the following:

- Endodontics
  - American Association of Endodontics
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
  - American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
  - American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
  - American Dental Society of Anesthesiology
  - X. Elwood Sanders Oral Surgery Award
  - American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
  - Oral Medicine
    - American Academy of Oral Medicine
  - Oral Pathology
    - American Academy of Oral Pathology
  - Orthodontics
    - American Association of Orthodontists
  - Pediatric Dentistry
    - American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Award
    - Dr. Robert D. Elliott Pediatric Dentistry Award
  - Preventive Dentistry
    - America Academy of Periodontology
    - Quintessence Book Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontic
  - Prosthodontics
    - American College of Prosthodontists Predoctoral Student Prosthodontic Achievement Award
  - Diagnosis and General Dentistry
    - Louisville Dental Society Professionalism Award
    - Quintessence Book Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry
    - American Academy of Orofacial Pain
    - Academy of Dental Materials
    - Academy of Operative Dentistry
    - American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry
    - Dr. J.L. Shaver, Jr. FAGD Kentucky Academy of General Dentistry
  - Community Dentistry
    - The American Association of Public Health Dentistry
  - The E.B. Gernert Community Service Award
  - Pierre Fauchard Award
  - Quintessence Book Award for Research
  - Oral Health and Systemic Disease Research Award
  - American Association of Women Dentists
  - Karen Andrus Award
  - American Student Dental Association Award for Excellence
  - American College of Dentists Student Leadership and Professionalism Award
  - Scholastic Achievement Award of Psi Omega Fraternity
  - Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity Award

Honorary Organizations
Delphi Society
The Delphi Society was chartered in 1980 to officially recognize dental students who have shown exceptional aptitude and interest in dental basic sciences. This is an honorary group dedicated to the recognition of student achievement in biosciences and research. Students are eligible
for induction after their successful completion of two full years in the dental curriculum.

**Omicron Delta Kappa**
This national honorary leadership fraternity of outstanding graduates elects students who are outstanding in leadership in fields of scholarship, social and religious affairs, athletics, publications, and speech, music, and dramatic arts. The Omicron Delta Kappa Award is given to the graduating student in each college of the University who, in the opinion of a committee of the faculty, best exemplifies the qualities of leadership encouraged by ODK.

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon**
Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), a national honor society, was founded in 1914 to recognize exemplary traits of character, scholarship and the potential for future professional growth. Twelve percent of the seniors are selected by OKU faculty members from students in the upper 20% in their class for induction during a special fraternity dinner in April. The recipients are also recognized during the Senior Awards ceremony in May. Because of its very rigorous selection criteria, OKU is widely recognized as one of the most prestigious awards that can be earned by a dental student.

**Psi Omega**
The Psi Omega fraternity annually gives fraternal and scholastic achievement awards in addition to senior recognition awards.