

Cowan Honored with Hashemian Award of Excellence

ARIZONA SCHOOL of Dentistry & Oral Health (ASDOH) second-year student Christina Cowan, class of 2008, recently received the Dr. Tony Hashemian Award of Excellence for achieving the highest score on part one of the National Board of Dental Examination in July. She is the second recipient of the award given by local practitioner Tony Hashemian, D.D.S.

The award is given to the ASDOH student who obtains the highest score on part one and also part two of the national examination.

"It is my intention in establishing and providing the awards to build enthusiasm and encourage ASDOH students to excel on the dental board examinations," said Hashemian, who is president of Classic Dental. "The dental board examination is a challenge for ASDOH students because they take their part one examination a year before all other dental students."

Attaining the highest score was not the personal goal for Cowan; however, she did want to achieve a score that would open residency and research opportunities.

"Achieving my personal goals for part one has further motivated me

to apply and participate in extracurricular programs and externships," said Cowan. "Through these adjunctive programs, I hope to continue developing into a well-rounded clinician. My continued desire for excellence and personal development has been strengthened with this achievement as well."



Cowan received the award including a commemorative plaque and a \$2,000 scholarship at a ceremony at the Mesa Campus during an ASDOH Grand Rounds session held for first and second-year students.

"When I see other dentists in the community giving back, it inspires me to follow their lead," said Cowan. "I look to these dentists as role models to learn from and emulate." ■