The AAPD Pediatric Dental Resident Committee developed the **Resident Recognition Award** to recognize pediatric dental residents doing innovative and interesting activities in their training programs. Selected residents are awarded with a monetary prize, featured on the AAPD website, featured in *Pediatric Dentistry Today (PDT)*, and recognized at the awards ceremony during the annual AAPD meeting.

Nominations are reviewed by a panel of at least three reviewers from the Pediatric Dental Resident Committee, New Pediatric Dentist Committee and the Council on Membership and Membership Services.

Winners are chosen based on activities during residency that contribute to one or more of the following fields: patient care, education (i.e., teaching), research, and community service. Innovation, time commitment, and significance of service to others are the primary factors considered in the selection process.

Please join us in recognizing the two winners for the Spring/Summer cycle.

**Alison Sigal**  
**University of Toronto – Graduation**  
**6/30/2016**  
Alison Sigal started a not-for-profit charitable foundation whose objective was to improve access to dental care for persons with disabilities call Oral Health Total Health (OHTH) (details at [www.ohth.ca](http://www.ohth.ca)). OHTH brings together undergraduate dental students with persons with special needs at an event called Sharing Smiles Day to help them develop a bond that she hopes will last and then translate to improved access to dental care. The OHTH team provides advocacy and education both at the Faculties and in the community. She started this program at the University of Toronto and in the last three years has created chapters in all of the English speaking dental schools in Canada and several community colleges and is still growing. The program also hopes to raise funds to support the Mount Sinai Hospital Dental Program for Persons with Disabilities in Toronto.

Her research on determining the longevity of stainless steel crowns on permanent posterior teeth in persons with special needs is completed. This is the largest retrospective study of its kind that clearly demonstrates that SSCs have an 80 percent, 10-year survival with minimal negative impacts and should be the restoration of choice for the posterior permanent teeth with significant caries involvement and not just for those with special needs. She has already successfully defended her master's thesis. This was submitted to the Graduate Student Research Competition for 2016 AAPD meeting.

She is recognized as an excellent teacher, mentor and role model to undergraduate dental students, hospital dental residents and fellow residents in pediatric dentistry and the other dental specialties. She goes the extra distance to ensure the learners not only get the message but understand the message.

Finally, she is an excellent clinician and has a gift with children and teens and she especially shines with patients with special needs of all ages in all settings—clinic, emergency and the operating room.

**Beau Meyer**  
**University of North Carolina – Graduation**  
**6/30/17**  
Beau Meyer has already accomplished more in the area of research/scholarly activity than some of faculty at the University of North Carolina. Meyer is in his second year and is also working on an M.P.H. degree. Below is a list of Meyer's research accomplishments to date.

1) First author publication in the prestigious *Journal of Dental Research (JDR)* for the paper entitled “The confluence of sugar, dental caries and health policy.” *JDR* has an impact factor of 4.139, which is #1 in ranked journals in the Dentistry, Oral Surgery & Medicine category. Additionally, Meyer's paper was listed among the top ten most read papers in *JDR* for the year 2015.

2) First author publication in the *Clinical, Cosmetic, and Investigational Dentistry* for his paper entitled “Determining the Rate of Follow-up after Emergency Department Visits for Dental Conditions.” This is scheduled to be published in 2016.

3) Meyer is also working on two additional research projects:  
   a. Study 1: Examination of factors and costs associated with treatment under general anesthesia for young children. Meyer has dedicated himself to spend one day a week at the office of North Carolina Medicaid to understand and execute this study. Additionally, he is providing policy guidance to the dental Medicaid director  
   b. Study 2: Children’s First Visit into Community-based and University-based Dental Clinics. Meyer has spent time in a community health department or obtain and analyze emergency visit data.