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**Drs. Shih-Yen Paul Hsiao, Emily Ishkanian, and Daniel Ramirez
Named ADA Foundation Dr. David Whiston Leadership Award Recipients**

Chicago, October 16, 2017 – The ADA Foundation has named the 2017 recipients of its Dr. David Whiston Leadership Awards, which recognize promising dentists who have shown the potential for leadership in efforts to improve the oral health of the public. Dr. Shih-Yen Paul Hsiao of Fresno, Calif. and Dr. Emily Ishkanian of Las Vegas, Nev. received the Dr. David Whiston Leadership Award, and Dr. Daniel Ramirez of Point Reyes Station, Calif. received the Henry Schein Cares Dr. David Whiston Leadership Award.

Shih-Yen Paul Hsiao, D.D.S., M.P.H., J.D.

Dr. Hsiao is a general dentist who owns two practices in Fresno and Caruthers, California. He also serves as the dental director for a non-profit mobile dental clinic in Fresno. He earned his D.D.S. degree from the University of California at San Francisco in 2013 and served as chief resident during his GPR residency in Fresno. Dr. Hsiao is a member of the American Dental Association, where he was selected to participate in the ADA's Institute for Diversity in Leadership (2014-2015); the California Dental Association, where he serves as a Judicial Council board member (2017); and the Fresno Madera Dental Society, including roles as director (2016), secretary (2016), and president-elect (2017). Lastly, he is a volunteer faculty instructor at UCSF's AEGD program and also a Champion Provider Fellow (a program between the California Department of Public Health and UCSF to empower, train, and support

providers to improve the health of communities through local policy, systems, and environmental changes).

Emily Ishkanian, D.M.D.

Dr. Ishkanian earned her D.M.D. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine in 2010 and is a general dentist in Las Vegas, Nevada. As an ADA member, she serves on the national New Dentist Committee (2013-2017), currently as its chair. Additionally, she is active in the Nevada Dental Association and the Southern Nevada Dental Society, where she also serves as chair of the New Dentist Committee and has dedicated her efforts to integrating new dentists into organized dentistry and easing the transition of students from dental school to practice. Dr. Ishkanian has taken on the responsibility of coordinating the Las Vegas Give Kids A Smile program and has volunteered with UNLV School of Dental Medicine's Huntridge Homeless Dental Clinic, 2008-2015; and Saturday Children's Clinic, 2008-2014.

Daniel Ramirez, D.D.S.

Dr. Ramirez graduated with a D.D.S. degree from the University of California, San Francisco in 2016. He serves as the dental director of Coastal Health Alliance in Point Reyes Station, Calif. He is a member of the ADA, where he was selected to participate in the 2017 Institute for Diversity in Leadership; and the California Dental Association. As a student, he was a recipient of ASDA's National Lobby Day and National Leadership Conference grant. He was a member of the Hispanic Student Dental Association and was the recipient of a Proctor & Gamble scholarship. Dr. Ramirez is the founder of Beautiful Smiles, an outreach program helping underserved women and children in San Francisco's Mission District. He actively seeks to work with patients who have special needs.

The ADA Foundation created the Dr. David Whiston Leadership Program in 2014 to honor Dr. David Whiston, who has served the oral health profession through many important leadership roles including as ADA President (1997-1998) and president of the ADA Foundation Board of Directors (2010-2014).

The ADA Foundation provides at least two \$5,000 awards each year—The Dr. David Whiston Leadership Award and the Henry Schein Cares Dr. David Whiston Leadership Award—designed to cover the costs associated with attending a leadership training program offered by the American Management Association.

Read more about these awards in [ADA News](#). To make a tax-deductible donation to the ADA Foundation, please visit www.adafoundation.org or call 312.440.2547.

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