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### **Forward Dental Renews Commitment to Dental Education**

The Marquette University School of Dentistry recently received pledges totaling \$100,000 from ForwardDental in support of dental student and graduate resident scholarships. Fifty-thousand dollars will be added to the existing ForwardDental Scholarship and the second \$50,000 will create the new ForwardDental Graduate Residency Scholarship.

This new commitment is consistent with ForwardDental's ongoing commitment to dental education and the oral health of Wisconsin. The dental group participated in the campaign to build Marquette's new dental school building and established the ForwardDental Scholarship in 2001.

"The Marquette University School of Dentistry is committed to increasing our capacity to award student scholarships," says Dr. Bill Lobb, Dean of Marquette's Dental School. "The increasing cost of dental education should not be a barrier to entry into the dental profession. Student scholarships help minimize the student loan debt which can really tie the hands of our young graduates."

Recipients of the ForwardDental Scholarship and the new ForwardDental Graduate Residency Scholarship display the attributes of a professional capable of entering a dental group practice specifically including teamwork skills, clinical excellence, and leadership. Past ForwardDental Scholars include: Dr. Andy Wiers in 2005-06 and Micah Tyberg for this academic year 2006-07.

ForwardDental is an affiliate of American Dental Partners, Inc., a premier business partner for dental groups across the nation. All donations are made through the American Dental Partners Foundation, a 4013© nonprofit organization. The Foundation's goal is to give back to dentistry and help the profession address critical issues, including the increasing cost of a dental school education, the large number of unfilled dental facility positions and the provision of clinical experiences for dental students.

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