

**MESSAGE SENT ON BEHALF OF**  
**Dr. Bjorn Steffensen**  
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Dear faculty and students,

We are pleased to announce that we have received an invitation for submissions to the Volpe Prize in Clinical Periodontal Research.

This competition is housed at Ohio State University.

One entry per Dental School will be accepted for initial review, and twelve candidates will be selected for oral presentations at Ohio State University.

The selection of the representative from the UTHSCSA will occur through the Office of the Associate Dean for Research in the Dental School in collaboration with the Chair in Department of Periodontics.

Please email your entry to Gloria Abdin (E-Mail: [abdin@uthscsa.edu](mailto:abdin@uthscsa.edu)) by January 15 (this is slightly later than the enclosed time in the guidelines description). Abstract must follow the guidelines described at the Volpe Competition web site:  
<http://dent.osu.edu/perio/volpe/index.php>

<<http://dent.osu.edu/perio/volpe/index.php>> Please see details regarding the competition and submission deadlines in the attached document. We look forward to reviewing outstanding clinical research entries from the UTHSCSA.

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Please see also the invitation below from Dr. Angelo Mariotti, who hosts the competition at The Ohio State University:

**From:** Angelo Mariotti [<mailto:mariotti.3@osu.edu>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 06, 2009 9:49 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Volpe Award 2009

Dear Colleagues:

I hope that you have had a prosperous and happy holiday season. As we enter 2009, I want to remind you that the deadline for submission of an abstract for the Volpe Prize is

February 1, 2009.

As you know, the Volpe Prize, which is named in honor of Anthony Volpe <<http://dent.osu.edu/perio/volpe/bio.php>> , is a 3,500 US Dollar award presented for the best clinical research in periodontology by students in dentistry. One abstract from each dental academic institution in North America (Canada, Mexico and the United States) will be accepted for review by a panel of 3 judges. From these abstracts, 12 finalists will be selected to make oral presentations at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio on May 15, 2009. Each finalist will provide a 15-minute presentation based on the abstract, followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer period. Each finalist will receive a \$500 travel grant and the winner of the competition will receive the cash prize and a certificate of recognition.

More information about the Volpe Prize and submission of abstracts can be found at <http://dent.osu.edu/perio/volpe/index.php>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.