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1. The Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM®) program at Drexel University.

Established in 1995, this program offers an intensive one-year fellowship that helps women faculty develop into strong, influential, and respected academic leaders while pursuing junior to mid-level administrative roles. ELAM® participants receive comprehensive training in leadership skills, including decision-making, communication, and conflict resolution. The program focuses on preparing participants for leadership positions in academic health centers, with a particular emphasis on women in academic medicine.

The effectiveness of ELAM®’s distinctive approach to leadership preparation is broadly recognized. ELAM® graduates currently number nearly 900 and serve in numerous leadership positions, from department heads to university presidents, at over 210 institutions across the United States and Canada.

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The AAP Foundation
Dr. Connie Drisko
WOMEN IN PERIODONTICS LEADERSHIP AWARDS
**THE OBJECTIVE**

Connie L. Drisko, a legendary leader in periodontics, dentist-emeritus at GRU and an alumnus of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM®) program, was very passionate about women leadership and their important role to academic health centers (AMC) and Periodontics.

The AAP Foundation Dr. Connie Drisko—Women in Periodontics Leadership Awards are aimed at increasing the number of academic women periodontists in leadership positions by:

1. Offering mentoring and inspirational role models to encourage young women periodontists to develop their academic careers.
2. Building a community of academic periodontic leaders that includes women.
3. Supporting participation of academic periodontic women faculty in the ELAM® program.

**THE AWARD**

The AAP Foundation Drisko Young Leader Award includes a $20,000 cash award and a mentorship program designed to inspire young women periodontists to develop their academic careers and reach top-ranking positions in academic dentistry. In addition, it aims to inspire them to participate, later in their careers, in the ELAM® program as organizational leaders.

The Committee seeks to raise $250,000 in gifts and pledges as the minimum required by the AAP Foundation Board of Directors. $400,000 will be the optimum amount raised to maintain this award program.

The AAP Foundation wishes to offer an annual leadership mentorship award to alumni of the AAP Foundation-Drisko-ELAM® Fellow Award. A representative of the AAP Foundation will attend the ELAM® graduation events for that Fellow and/or the AAP annual meeting luncheon and participate in the AAP Foundation-Drisko mentorship program for the following calendar year.

- **DR. CONNIE L. DRISKO**

Dr. Connie L. Drisko, a board certified periodontist and the former Dean of the College of Dental Medicine at Georgia Regents University (GRU), was an exceptional leader and educator who left a memorable legacy for future generations. Connie’s great passion for people of all kinds and for the specialty of periododontics and dentistry is the hallmark that defined her persona. Connie was a notable leader, and an amusing advocate for dentistry and dental education.

Dr. Drisko was a practicing dental hygienist for 16 years before earning a dental degree from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. She received her certification in general practice dentistry from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. She is a periodontist certified by the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Prior to joining GRU, Drisko was associate professor at the University of Missouri’s School of Dental Hygiene; associate professor of Academic Planning and Faculty Development; and Director of the Dental Education and Research Center at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. She had previously served as associate professor of periodontics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and as a Clinical Dental Hygiene Instructor at the University of Oklahoma.

Drisko was a member of the American Dental Association’s Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and the Georgia Society of Periodontists’ Education Committee. She was a past president and former Director and Chair of the American Board of Periodontology, and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine program.

Connie was an energetic and persistent leader, her colleagues exclaimed her the “White Tornado,” because of her reference to her white hair and Oklahoma roots, but always maintaining an unusually high energy level to get things done. She was a great motivator and was known to go out of her way to facilitate interactions, including faculty, students and staff.

During her tenure, the overall construction of a new state-of-the-art clinical and research facility, one of the largest of its kind in the country, expanded on 215 with 316 clinical experiences, simulation labs, and clinics for junior and senior dental students.

More than a building, Dr. Drisko envisioned continual development of the college’s programs as they focus on expanded outreach and increases its renown as a center for the specialty of periodontics.

The Drisko Young Leaders Award will leverage the opportunity to meet with a Drisko-sponsor and other mentors that will enable them to learn more about the college, establish relationships, interact and discuss some of the following topics:

- Setting personal and professional goals
- Writing and updating your CV
- Professional development
- Contract negotiation
- Finance and Resource Management
- Strategic planning and leading change
- Resolve differences to create shared expectations
- Collaborate with diverse teams to advance organizational goals
- Communication and organizational leaders.

Each mentoring/shadowing day may combine components of 1-2 topics, and the expenses of travel, housing and per diems for the Young Leader Award are covered by the AAP Foundation Drisko fund.

Two separate awards would be issued:

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