

## **GEHA Solutions Supports Increased Diversity Through Oral Health Equity Scholarships**

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*Scholarships and funding to nationwide organizations aims to address historically disadvantaged groups and improve population health.*

LEE'S SUMMIT, MO (October 15, 2024) – Today, Government Employees Health Association, Inc. (“GEHA,” pronounced G.E.H.A.) and GEHA Solutions, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of GEHA and a leading dental network leasing company (leveraging the GEHA Connection Dental Network), announced their continued dedication to address oral health inequities. To actively address the causes of population health disparities within the dental and dental hygiene industries, GEHA Solutions will expand its funding and partnerships with the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry, BrownGirl, RDH and Diversity in Dentistry Mentorships.

In 2024, GEHA Solutions has:

Provided \$220,000 for 29 scholarships and fellowships to the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry to bridge the financial divide for students from historically disadvantaged backgrounds and who commit to advancing oral health equity.

Invested \$75,000 for BrownGirl, RDH, to empower a more culturally diverse dental hygiene workforce through 26 collegiate scholarships and annual conference/continuing education funding for practicing registered dental hygienists.

Partnered with Diversity in Dentistry Mentorships to strengthen the pathway from middle school to dental school for youth and pre-dental students from underrepresented racial and ethnic backgrounds throughout America, including a \$5,000 GEHA grant.

“This investment from GEHA Solutions marks a significant milestone in expanding oral health equity and is a continuation of groundwork laid years ago,” said Steven Haas, dean of the UMKC School of Dentistry. “This funding is not only an investment in the immediate future; it represents a deep-seated commitment to sustaining our efforts toward achieving oral health equity. It signifies GEHA Solutions’ faith in our goal of providing the community with highly skilled and caring dental professionals for years to come. By enabling more students to pursue and complete their dental education while reducing their debt, we are setting the stage for long-term improvements in oral healthcare access and outcomes.”

Read the full press release [here](#).

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