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Texas AGD Dentists Take Home AGD Awards **Academy of General Dentistry Honors Texas AGD Constituent with Awards**

CHICAGO, Ill. - (Nov. 5, 2018) – Members of the Texas Academy of General Dentistry celebrate taking home several awards from the Academy of General Dentistry Universal Awards this past weekend in Chicago at AGD's annual House of Delegates.

Constituents, such as the Texas AGD, are eligible for the awards based on points and rated by AGD's related committees and regional directors. In category 1, Texas AGD, headquartered in Austin, won Constituent of the Year, Advocacy Achievement, Continuing Education Award of Excellence, Public Information Award, and honorable mention for the William W. Howard-ACE (newsletter/communications) Award.



“At every level across the state, Texas AGD has committed leadership and engaged members,” said Jennifer Bone, DDS, MAGD and Texas AGD President, Kerrville. “We are all honored by these awards because they are a reflection of our culture and our passion. Through lifelong learning, advocacy and camaraderie, we are the only state organization focused specifically on the success of the general dentist. It’s the Texas AGD difference,” she said.

The **Constituent of the Year Award** recognizes AGD constituents who display strength in every area of constituent activity representation, governance and administration, CE, communication, membership and public information.

Advocacy Achievement Award - This award recognizes constituents’ outstanding achievements and efforts in advocacy. Recipients earn \$1,000 and are honored during AGD’s annual meeting.

The **Public Information Award** recognizes excellence in public information achievements that have increased awareness of dental health issues and raised visibility for general dentistry, AGD and its members.

Continuing Education Award of Excellence – This award recognizes exemplary CE programs throughout a state. It acknowledges constituents that have provided multiple CE opportunities through direct training or approved local program providers, and that have encouraged participation in AGD Fellowship and Mastership programs.

The **William W. Howard ACE Award** recognizes excellence in constituent newsletter publishing in six size categories, as well as the Most Improved Newsletter and Best Constituent Website.

Texas Academy of General Dentistry has won the Constituent of the Year the past 11 years, or since 2008, and additionally won Continuing Education, Public Information and ACE awards in 2017.

Editor’s Note: Electronic photo available by request. Contact Amber Pearson. See photo description below.

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PICTURED (Top, L to R), Alex Gonzalez, DDS, MAGD; David Tillman, DDS, MAGD; Bryan Moore, DDS; Douglas Bogan, DDS, FAGD; Melissa Brown, DDS, FAGD; Manuel Cordero, DDS, MAGD, AGD President; Brooke Elmore, DDS, FAGD; Anne Lyon, DDS, FAGD; Marc Worob, DDS, FAGD; Jeffrey Geno, DDS, MAGD (Bottom, L to R) Dean Armstrong, DDS, MAGD; Jennifer Bone, DDS, MAGD; Christina Meiners, DDS; Sarah Percy Tovar, DDS, FAGD; Hanna Lindskog, DDS, FAGD; Francine Johannesen, Texas AGD Exec. Dir.; and Ben Bratcher, DDS, MAGD

The Texas Academy of General Dentistry's mission is to help general dentists to succeed. It is the only association in Texas that exclusively represents the needs and interests of general dentists who are the primary care providers for patients of all ages and are responsible for the diagnosis, treatment, management, and overall coordination of services related to patients' oral health needs. Its nearly 2,700 members partner together to help guide the journey of Fellowship, Mastership, and Lifelong Learning in order to provide quality dental care in general practice. For more information about getting your Fellowship, Mastership, or earning an LLSR, visit www.TAGD.org.

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