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Dr. Cazares, McAllen, Wins Prestigious Texas Dentist of the Year™ Award



AUSTIN, Texas - (October 2, 2018) – Jose L. Cazares, Jr., DDS, FAGD, of McAllen, Texas, was announced as the Texas Dentist of the Year™ on Friday, September 21 at the Texas Academy Awards celebration in Austin. This award is considered the most prestigious honor a Texas dentist can earn. The event was held in conjunction with the Texas Academy of General Dentistry’s Lone Star Dental Conference.

Dr. Cazares was nominated by the Rio Grande Valley District Dental Society and chosen from among 19 nominees by a distinguished panel of judges. Nominations are received from District Dental Societies and local components of the Texas AGD from all areas of Texas. The winner is determined based on contributions to dentistry, service to community, dedication to principles of continuing education, and other activities that indicate character and excellence.

“Just to be nominated amongst an exemplary group of dental colleagues was an honor,” said Dr. Cazares. “To be further honored with the Texas Dentist of the Year™ Award was definitely humbling and will forever be one of my life’s most treasured moments. My favorite quote is, “I am a part of all that I have met,” by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. As I look back on the previous awardees and have seen what they have done for the profession of dentistry, I know that I, and they, would not have been awarded this distinction without the support of friends and colleagues in dentistry, and family. When I look at the traits all these winners have exemplified, I thank all who thought enough of me to be this year’s Texas Dentist of the Year™.”

Dr. Cazares is a 1985 graduate of Baylor College of Dentistry and practices in a private group practice. He has dedicated and contributed enormous time and energy as a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, American Dental Association, and International College of Dentistry and has been involved in leadership in many aspects of these organizations. He has served as presidents of both the Texas AGD and the Texas Dental Association, and as a delegate for both the ADA and the AGD. In addition, he has been honored with his Fellowship in AGD, a designation that only 7% of general dentists in Texas have earned. He is also involved with other dental and community service, too numerous to mention.

From the beginning of his career, Dr. Cazares has made a point to stand up for not only the good of the profession, but for access to dental care for underserved populations. He helped found Dentists Who Care, which provides free care to underserved populations to the tune of to 27,000 children and adults in its 20 years. It received a best volunteer organization of Texas award by Gov. George Bush. This is not to mention his other pursuits to serve – both mission-wise, and legislatively - which include spearheading legislation for children of divorce to have dental support (which they often lose through divorce); now, all Texas children of divorce have dental support.

The Texas Academy of General Dentistry’s mission is to help general dentists succeed. It is the only association 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,



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