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## Dr. Ketron, Lubbock, Wins Prestigious Texas New Dentist of the Year Award



**Austin, TX - (October 1, 2018)** – Summer Ketron, DDS, FAGD, of Lubbock was announced as the Texas New Dentist of the Year, Friday, September 21 at the Texas Academy Awards celebration in Austin, Texas. This award is considered the most prestigious honor a recent dental graduate in Texas can earn. She was nominated by the West Texas Academy of General Dentistry and the South Plains District Dental Society.

Through her commitment to organized dentistry, Dr. Ketron has served on several boards, committees, and councils at the local, state, and national level. She is a founding member of the West Texas AGD component and is now its President-Elect for the 2018-2019 year. Dr. Ketron is also very active in the Texas AGD having served as the Chairperson for the New Dentist Conference in 2015 and is the 2019 Lone Star Dental Conference Chairperson. Dr. Ketron is also very active in the Texas Dental Association (TDA), where she was awarded the New Dentist Leadership Award, and has served on its Council on the Annual Sessions for the past five years, serving as chair of the 2017 TDA Annual Meeting.

“I feel honored and privileged to be awarded 2018 Texas New Dentist of the Year,” said Dr. Ketron. “Knowing many of my fellow nominees, and hearing about their many accomplishments, makes the experience humbling.”

“Texas Academy of General Dentistry is an organization that I respect for its commitment to quality education to increase patient service and advocacy for the general dentist,” said Dr. Ketron. “But most of all, I have been surrounded with support for my professional growth by incredible relationships with its members. Those committed to Texas AGD continually prove to be some of the best leaders and mentors for dentistry, and in life. That is the Texas AGD difference! I hope that I can follow in many of my predecessors’ footsteps and become a great mentor for the dentists to come.”

Dr. Ketron received her Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Texas School of Dentistry in 2011. After dental school, she attended a General Practice Residency at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. Following a path to continuing education, Dr. Ketron earned her Fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry in 2017, of which only seven percent of dentists in Texas obtain.

Dr. Ketron gives back to her community by volunteering for various organizations including the Texas Mission of Mercy, Give Kids a Smile, and Food 2 Kids. She is also an active member with the Junior League of Lubbock.

The Texas Academy of General Dentistry’s mission is to help general dentists 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 Life Long 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](http://www.TAGD.org).

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