

# AWARDS

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# **AWARDS**



#### 2024 ADEA Distinguished Service Award

**HENRY A. GREMILLION, D.D.S. (POSTHUMOUS)** 

Dr. Gremillion passed away in May 2020 following a brief illness. A 1977 graduate of the Louisiana State University Health New Orleans School of Dentistry (LSUSD), he returned in 2008 to lead his alma mater as the sixth dean of LSUSD.

Dr. Gremillion was adopted at age seven months from an orphanage in north Louisiana and raised in Cottonport, a small Louisiana farming community of about 2,000 people. After he graduated from dental school, Dr. Gremillion returned to Cottonport and set up a general dentistry practice. His service to his community went far beyond taking

care of their oral health. Dr. Gremillion was a member of the school board and a volunteer firefighter. He entered politics, successfully running for City Council to implement community fluoridation and move forward with reapportionment to address the disparity in representation.

The quest to learn more to improve the quality of life for his patients led to a two-year craniofacial pain fellowship at the University of Florida College of Dentistry (UF COD). Instead of being a steppingstone to a return to private practice in Louisiana, the fellowship led Dr. Gremillion to academic dentistry.

Rising through the academic ranks, Dr. Gremillion was named the Parker E. Mahan Endowed Professor of Orofacial Pain in the Department of Orthodontics and was a member of the dental staff of Shands Teaching Hospital. He also served as the director of the UF COD Parker E. Mahan Facial Pain Center and its fellowship program in craniomandibular dysfunction.

Along the way, Dr. Gremillion earned distinguished honors. In 2009, the Academy of General Dentistry honored him with the Thaddeus V. Weclew Award for his "exceptional contributions to the art and science of dentistry and for promoting the principles and ideals of the academy." He received the Dawson Academy Distinguished Service Award in 2009, the American Academy of Orofacial Pain Distinguished Service Award in 2010, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy Gold Medal Award in 2015.

Back at LSUSD, Dr. Gremillion continued to lead the school's recovery from the devastation that followed Hurricane Katrina. He guided sorely needed renovations to improve the learning environment for students. He enhanced patient care and research by completing the only new building on the dental school campus since it was founded.

One of the programs closest to Dr. Gremillion's heart was the Summer Enrichment Program. The program's purpose is to diversify dentistry by identifying and preparing students from underrepresented populations and economically and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds to be competitive for application to and then succeed in dental school More than half of the participants in this program have gone on to dental school, many enrolling in LSUSD.

Dr. Gremillion was a dedicated supporter and member of ADEA, serving as Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors from 2019-2020. He has made a lasting impact on dental education and the future dental workforce.

#### Previous Recipients of the ADEA Distinguished Service Award

2023 – Dr. Jeanne C. Sinkford 2022 – Dr. Dennis Mitchell 2021 – Dr. David C. Johnsen 2020 – Dr. R. Bruce Donoff 2019 – Dr. James J. Koelbl 2018 – Dr. Karen P. West 2017 – Dr. Leo E. Rouse 2016 – Dr. Ronald Rupp 2015 – Dr. M. Elaine Neenan 2014 – Dr. Kenneth Kalkwarf 2013 – Dr. John Killip 2012 – Dr. Lonnie Norris 2011 – Dr. Pamela Zarkowski 2010 – Dr. Richard Valachovic 2009 – Dr. James Q. Swift 2008 – Dr. James E. Mulvihill 2007 – Dr. Lisa A. Tedesco

2006 – Dr. Allan J. Formicola 2005 – Dr. Dominick P. DePaola 2002 – Dr. Marcia A. Boyd 2001 – Dr. John C. Greene 2000 – Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni 1998 – Dr. Wallace V. Mann 1997 – Dr. Richard S. MacKenzie 1996 – Dr. Joseph L. Henry





#### SUNDAY, MARCH 10 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

ADEA Opening Ceremony With Awards and Plenary Navigating the Present to Determine the Future: Oral Health Education and 4IR Technologies

#### 2024 ADEA Distinguished Service Award

Henry A. Gremillion, D.D.S. (posthumous)

Dean, Louisiana State University Health New Orleans School of Dentistry

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#### MONDAY, MARCH 11 8:00 - 9:45 a.m.

#### **Monday Plenary**

ADEA Tapestry Table: Applying a Chess Grandmaster's Insights to Oral Health Education

# ADEA/Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Excellence in Teaching Award

**Dr. Anita Joy-Thomas,** UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry

#### ADEA/Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals, Inc./ National Dental Association Dr. Jeanne C. Sinkford Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute

Dr. Dan Burch, Texas A&M University School of Dentistry

#### ADEA Leadership Institute Alumni Association Award to Honor Jack Bresch

**Dr. Nigel Shaun Matthews,** Indiana University School of Dentistry

# ADEA/AADOCR/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Dr. Dominick P. DePaola Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute

**Dr. Kecia Leary,** University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics

#### ADEA/American Association of Endodontists Foundation Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute

**Dr. Leticia Chaves de Souza,** University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine

# ADEA/American College of Dentists Dr. Jerome Bright Miller Scholars in the ADEA Leadership Institute

**Dr. Aaron Cho,** University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics

#### **ADEA Leadership Institute Award**

**Dr. Roopwant Kaur,** East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine

#### ADEA Enid A. Neidle Scholar-in-Residence Program

Prof. Katie Pudwill, University of South Dakota

# ADEA/ADEA Council of Students, Residents and Fellows/Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Junior Faculty Award

**Dr. Chenshuang Li,** University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

# ADEA Faculty of Color Tuition Scholarship for Professional Development

**Dr. Azza Ahmed,** University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry

**Dr. Brianna Prince,** University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

# ADEA Leadership Institute Phase V Leadership Development Tuition Scholarship

**Dr. Nicole Hinchy,** University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine

# ADEA/Gillette Hayden Memorial Foundation/AAWD Woman Dentist Tuition Scholarship

**Dr. Ane Poly da Rocha,** Texas A&M University School of Dentistry

#### ADEA Dr. Jeanne C. Sinkford Faculty Leadership Award

**Dr. Christophe Bedos,** McGill University Faculty of Dental Medicine and Oral Health Sciences

# **ADEAGies Foundation Junior Faculty Achievement in Oral Health Education**

**Dr. Diana Nguyen,** University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry

# **ADEAGies Foundation Junior Faculty Achievement in Allied Oral Health Education**

**Prof. Jessica Suedbeck,** Old Dominion University



#### TUESDAY, MARCH 12 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

**Tuesday Plenary** 

**Endless Opportunities:** 

A Journey From Challenge to Triumph

**ADEA/Haleon Preventive Dentistry Scholarships** 

Ms. Betty Ben Dor, Harvard School of Dental Medicine

**Mr. Joel Chahal,** University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry

**Mr. Andrew Chen,** University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry

**Ms. Moyu Fu,** University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry

**Ms. Dana Karkoutli,** Louisiana State University Health New Orleans School of Dentistry

**Ms. Julia Kim,** University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

**Mr. Tommy Lau,** University of Michigan School of Dentistry

**Ms. Katelyn Lee,** University of Michigan School of Dentistry

**Ms. Min Lin,** University of Washington School of Dentistry

**Mr. Gabriel Thompson,** Howard University College of Dentistry

**Ms. Neelam Vohra,** University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

**Mr. Ji Hun Yang,** University of Maryland School of Dentistry

ADEA/MouthWatch Patti DiGangi Scholarship for Dental Hygiene Innovation

**Ms. Piper Sullivan,** The Ohio State University College of Dentistry

ADEA/MouthWatch Predoctoral Dental Student Scholarship for Innovation

**Ms. Megan Davis,** Louisiana State University Health New Orleans School of Dentistry

ADEA/Crest Oral-B Scholarships for Dental Hygiene Students Pursuing Academic Careers

**Ms. Kristen Valenzuela,** UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry

**Mr. Erik Wurster,** University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

ADEA/Crest Oral-B Scholarships for Predoctoral Dental Students Pursuing Academic Careers

**Dr. Nicholas Fischer,** University of Minnesota School of Dentistry

**Ms. Madeline Lynn,** Texas A&M University School of Dentistry

ADEA/Sigma Phi Alpha Linda DeVore Scholarship

**Ms. Kristen Valenzuela,** UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry

ADEA Student Poster Awards, sponsored by Dentsply Sirona

To be announced





