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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

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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
Past Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors

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School of Dental Medicine

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Dr. Elizabeth Andrews, Western University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine

Dr. Anita Joy-Thomas, UTHealth Houston
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Dr. Robert Spears, UTHealth Houston
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College of Dentistry

Mr. Justin Bower, Haleon

Prof. Amy Coplen, Pacific University

Dr. Sara Gordon, University of Washington
School of Dentistry

Dr. Herminio Perez, Rutgers School of Dental Medicine
AWARDS

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 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