

Michigan Dental Association

DENTAL FACULTY AWARD

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Name: The name of this award shall be the Michigan Dental Association Dental Faculty Award.

Purpose: The purpose of the award shall be to give public recognition to two dentist members actively involved in the education of dental or graduate dental students, one from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and one from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to organized dentistry. This commitment may be shown in various ways, including:

- Volunteer involvement with the Michigan Dental Association, the local dental society, the American Dental Association;
- Support for the American Student Dental Association chapter at the school;
- Mentoring of dental students and/or new dentists;
- Other support for organized dentistry (such as scholarly contributions to organized dentistry).

Full-time and part-time faculty for predoctoral or postdoctoral dental education programs are eligible for nomination and must be MDA members for consideration.

Nominations: On September 1, an “open call for nominations” will be promoted via all MDA communication vehicles, both print and e-communications, and a unique email to component officers and executive directors/secretaries, deans of the dental schools, and ASDA leadership at the schools.

Nominations must be received by the Michigan Dental Association’s Central Office no later than November 1 of each year and must include biographical or other pertinent information and reasons for the nomination. Nominations should be specific about the nominee’s responsibilities at the school and interaction with students, as well as their contributions to organized dentistry. Current members of the MDA Board of Trustees are not eligible for nomination.

The award shall be limited to one recipient from each dental school per year, need not be presented annually, and may be presented posthumously.

Approval: The Board of Trustees, by majority vote, shall have the final authority to approve the recipient for this award at its first meeting after November 1 of each year. The review and discussion of all nominations are to be in executive session.

Ceremony: The award recipient shall be recognized at an appropriate function of the Michigan Dental Association. A suitable acknowledgement shall be presented to the recipient by the President of the Michigan Dental Association.

Notification to the Membership and Public: The editor of the *MDA Journal* shall publish notice of the recipient in the *MDA Journal* shortly after the Annual Session. The marketing and communications department is to develop and submit a press release(s) to the recipients' local newspaper and the American Dental Association.

Record: A permanent record of the names and contributions of each recipient shall be maintained at the MDA Central Office.

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