AAPD HONORS AWARD WINNERS

CHICAGO – May 25, 2018 — The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD), the leading authority on children’s oral health, announced this year’s winners of its prestigious awards during several events at the AAPD 2018 meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address
Friday, May 25

- Award Recipient: Dr. Donald Chi

Pediatric Dentist of the Year: The 2018 award recipient is Dr. Donald Chi.

Established in 1998, this annual award honors a pediatric dentist who has made significant contributions to the dental profession and the specialty of pediatric dentistry through clinical practice, academics or policy development over the past year. Recipients will also have devoted extensive volunteer leadership service to the dental profession and the specialty. This award is sponsored by NuSmile.

Dr. Donald Chi is an associate professor of Oral Health Sciences at the University of Washington. He is board certified in pediatric dentistry and dental public health. Chi’s research focuses on children’s oral health inequalities. He is a William T. Grant Foundation Scholar, which funds his work on how neighborhoods influence teen dental outcomes. He was appointed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry, is a board member of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR), and is Chair of the AAPD Council on Scientific Affairs. He received the 2017 Distinguished Scientist Young Investigator Award from IADR. Chi teaches public health, and devotes his clinical practice to treating children in Alaska Native communities. He was a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University during the 2016-2017 academic year. Chi was the recipient of the 2016 Jerome B. Miller “For the Kids” Award.
Awards Recognition and General Assembly
Sunday, May 27

- Award Recipients recognized: Dr. Edward L. Rick, Dr. Norman L. Tinanoff, and Dr. James A. Coll

Merle C. Hunter Leadership Award: The 2018 award recipient is Dr. Edward L. Rick.

The Merle C. Hunter Leadership Award is presented to an AAPD volunteer who has provided exemplary leadership service in the volunteer structure of the organization over the past year. This award, established in 1998, honors the memory of Merle C. Hunter, AAPD executive director from 1968-1986.

Dr. Edward L. Rick, D.D.S., M.S. is in private pediatric dentistry practice in Peoria and Sterling, Ill. He has a D.D.S., certificate in pediatric dentistry and Master’s Degree in Science from the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago. Rick is part of the Adjunct Faculty, a Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, College of Dentistry, University of Iowa, Iowa City. He is part of the faculty, General Practice Residency, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria, Ill. Rick has an active staff position at CGH Medical Center, Department of Surgery, Sterling, Ill., as well as at Children’s Hospital of Illinois, Department of Surgery, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria, Ill. He is Chair of the AAPD’s Council on Clinical Affairs, a member of the Advisory Board of the AAPD Policy Center, participant of the Leadership Institute of the AAPD and Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children foundation through the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He is also a participant of the Advanced Leadership Institute of the AAPD and Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children foundation through the Wharton Executive Education at the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania. He is past chair, Committee on Health Care Needs and a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry. A recipient of the Manuel M. Album Award, presented annually to the individual or organization that has made the greatest contribution to the oral health of children with special needs, Rick was also named Outstanding Physician and House Staff Angel Award, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center and Children’s Hospital of Illinois Peoria District Dental Society, as well as a “Thank You Award,” in recognition of significant service contribution to children and the field of dentistry, Give Kids a Smile Day. In addition, Rick was also honored with the AAPD Certificate of Appreciation AAPD Head Start Dental Home Initiative. He is past president of the Illinois Society of Pediatric Dentists, past medical staff president, CGH Medical Center in Sterling, Ill., a past chairman, Credentials Committee, CGH Medical Center, Sterling, Ill., past chairman of the Whiteside Co. Illinois Comprehensive Healthcare Planning Committee, and past president of the Sterling-Rock Falls United Way.
Evidence-Based Dentistry Service Award: The 2018 award recipient is Dr. Norman Tinanoff.

The Evidence-Based Dentistry Service Award, established in 2016 by the AAPD’s Evidence-Based Dentistry Committee (EBDC), recognizes pediatric dentist(s) who have made a major contribution, on a national or international level, to the dental profession and the specialty of pediatric dentistry through evidence-based clinical practice, academics or policy development over the past year. Nominees are solicited from the membership and considered by the EBDC, which shall make the final selection.

Dr. Norman Tinanoff received his dental degree from the University of Maryland in 1971. After receiving his certificate and Master’s Degree in pediatric dentistry at the University of Iowa, he spent another year at the V.A. Hospital in Iowa City in a research fellowship. Tinanoff’s two-year military service was at the Army Institute of Dental Research at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. For 23 years, he was at the University of Connecticut Health Center where he was director of the pediatric dentistry graduate program for 16 years. In 1999, he became chairman of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Maryland. Tinanoff has authored or co-authored over 190 publications, primarily on fluoride mechanisms, caries risk factors, and early childhood caries. He has served on the AAPD’s Council on Clinical Affairs for 12 years and Editorial Board of Pediatric Dentistry for 22 years, where he is currently associate editor. Tinanoff’s current interests are with developing evidence-based clinical guidelines for the ADA and AAPD.

Paul P. Taylor Award: The 2018 award recipients is Dr. James A. Coll

The Paul P. Taylor award is given to the lead author of the most prestigious journal article in Pediatric Dentistry from the previous year. This award is determined by the AAPD Editorial Board and the AAPD Awards Committee. The Baylor Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Fund graciously supports this award.

This year’s award was presented for “Primary Tooth Vital Pulp Therapy: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis,” Pediatr Dent. 2017, 39(1): 16-127, E15-E110

The co-authors of the article were Drs. Suzi Seale Coll, Kaaren Vargas, Abdullah A. Marghalani, and Shahad Al Shamali, and Ms. Laurel Graham.

Dr. James Coll is a clinical professor at the University of Maryland Dental School in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and a former member of the State Board of Dentistry of Pennsylvania and has been in private practice for 39 years in York, Pa. He has published numerous articles on
primary tooth pulp therapy, and is a member of the Editorial Board and section editor for pulp therapy for *Pediatric Dentistry*.

**President's Farewell Dinner**  
**Sunday, May 27**

- Award Recipients recognized: Dr. Neophytos L. Savide, Dr. Janice Jackson, Dr. Courtney Chinn, Dr. Deborah Studen-Pavlovich

**Distinguished Service Award:** The 2018 award recipient is Dr. Neophytos L. Savide.

The Distinguished Service Award is the most prestigious award given by the AAPD. Presented only when the AAPD Board of Trustees identifies a truly worthy recipient, the award recognizes individuals who have made a major contribution, on a national or international level, over their entire career to advocacy for children, improvement of children's health or to a health profession related to children. The Miller Foundation supports this award.

Dr. Neophytos (Ned) L. Savide, a board certified pediatric dentist, is the president of Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children (HSHC): the Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. HSHC works to ensure that all children, regardless of financial circumstances, have a Dental Home—a place to receive consistent, compassionate dental care. During Savide’s two-year tenure as HSHC president, the foundation established a goal of helping grantees provide Dental Homes for 1 million children by 2022, and issued more than $1.3 million in grants while its assets eclipsed the $17 million mark. He retired from private practice in 2015, after maintaining a thriving practice in Palos Heights, Ill., for more than 40 years. He earned his D.D.S. at Loyola University of Chicago and a certificate in pediatric dentistry from the University of California, Los Angeles. He also participated in the first Cohorts of the AAPD/HSHC Ultradent Leadership Institute at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and the AAP Advanced Leadership Institute at The Warton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to his current role as HSHC president, Savide served as AAPD president from 2004-2005 and served numerous other leadership roles within the Academy and the foundation. In addition to the AAPD, Savide is a member of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the American Society for Dentistry for Children, Illinois Dental Society, Chicago Dental Society, and the Illinois Society of Pediatric Dentists. He and his wife Deanne have two children, Laurel and Lee, and have permanent custody of their “grand dog” Gibbs.

**Manuel M. Album Award:** The 2018 award recipient is Dr. Janice Jackson.

The Manuel M. Album Award is presented annually to the individual or organization that has made the greatest contribution to the oral health of children with special needs. The award, established in 1997, honors Manuel M. Album, who devoted an entire career
in pediatric dentistry toward improving the oral health of children with special needs. The Album Society supports this award.

Dr. Janice Jackson holds the title of professor and program director in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Dental School. She also serves as director of Dental Services at Children’s of Alabama Hospital. As the postgraduate program director in pediatric dentistry, she is responsible for teaching several of the inter-departmental seminar courses and managing postgraduate pediatric dental residents’ curriculum requirements. Another responsibility that she takes very seriously is clinical teaching, which affords her the opportunity to offer instruction and encouragement to residents as they work together to serve pediatric patients and their families. Leading residents through the many challenging aspects of their specialty training, Jackson aspires to implant in them a desire to achieve knowledge, promote scholarship, support research and provide service. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, followed by obtaining a D.M.D. degree and certificate of specialty in pediatric dentistry at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, School Of Dentistry. Jackson served as part time faculty in the department of pediatric dentistry for 20 years prior to joining the pediatric dentistry faculty full-time as an assistant professor in 2000. This fulfilled a request made 20 years earlier by the pediatric dentistry department chairman, when Jackson completed her specialty training in pediatric dentistry. She has continuously worked as a leader and role model in the community providing care to children from underserved and disadvantaged backgrounds. Service has been a goal for her since childhood and she continues to work devotedly, offering service to others through her professional skills and talents. Being a role model for young people is also an important aspect of her life, which she strives to exemplify through responsible execution of her teaching duties and dedicated participation in organized dentistry, community organizations and church obligations.

Jerome B. Miller "For the Kids" Award: The 2018 award recipient is Dr. Courtney Chinn.

This award is presented annually to an up-and-coming clinician, researcher or academician in pediatric dentistry for their outstanding efforts directed to children’s oral health and welfare. The Miller Award was established in May 2007 by Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children (HSHC): The Foundation of the AAPD, to honor former AAPD and HSHC President Dr. Jerome B. Miller for his many years of service to children, philanthropy and giving back to the profession of pediatric dentistry.

Dr. Courtney Chinn is a clinical associate professor and director of the advanced education in pediatric dentistry program at NYU College of Dentistry. He has had the opportunity to encourage dental students to integrate care for the underserved into their professional careers and utilize HRSA training grants to promote dental workforce diversity and community-based care. Chinn has served as a past AAPD public policy advocate and president of the New York Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and is
currently on the Committee of Governmental Affairs. He also oversees a dental program at the Door Adolescent Health Center: a non-profit organization caring for some of the most vulnerable young adults in New York City with a special emphasis on homelessness, LGBTQ and immigrant populations. Chinn lives in New York City with his wife Grace. In their free time, they enjoy serving their local church community, participating in a mentoring program for international students and young professionals and exploring new places.

**Dr. Lewis A. Kay Excellence in Education Award:** The 2018 award recipient is Dr. Deborah Studen-Pavlovich.

This award, established in 2011, honors the director of the pediatric dental program determined to best exemplify the dedication and values set forth by Dr. Lewis A. Kay: outstanding leadership; commitment to educating pediatric dental residents to provide children with comprehensive quality oral health care; and contributions to society and the profession of dentistry which bring recognition to their program. This award is sponsored by Pediatric Dental Associates, Ltd.

Dr. Deborah Studen-Pavlovich received her D.M.D. and certificate in pediatric dentistry from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, where she is professor and residency program director, and previously served as chair. Her college alma mater is Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind. She has held several positions that include chair, section on pediatric dentistry, American Dental Education Association and chair, Committee on the Adolescent, and consultant, Councils on Clinical Affairs and Predoctoral Education, AAPD. She has served the American Dental Association as a consultant to the Orthodontics/Pediatric Dentistry and the Case Histories portion of the National Dental Board Examination, as well as the predoctoral clinical consultant for the Commission on Dental Accreditation. She has been honored by the American Dental Education Association as an Enid A. Neidle Scholar-in-Residence and is a fellow in Omicron Kappa Upsilon, American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists and Pierre Fauchard Academy. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and serves as consultant for the Written Clinical Examination and examiner for the Oral Clinical Examination. She received the Chancellor’s Distinguishing Teaching Award in 2003 and in 2010 the Distinguished Alumnae Award – Advanced Programs.

“I am thrilled with the group of individuals that have been recognized this year by their profession,” stated AAPD President Dr. James Nickman. “All have been very dedicated to excellence in their areas of expertise to help advance the AAPD’s vision of optimal oral health for all children.”

**About the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry**

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry is the recognized authority on children’s oral health. As advocates for children’s oral health, the AAPD promotes evidence-based policies and clinical guidelines; educates and informs policymakers, parents and guardians, and other health care professionals; fosters research; and provides continuing professional education for pediatric dentists and general dentists who treat children.
Founded in 1947, the AAPD is a not-for-profit professional membership association representing the specialty of pediatric dentistry. Its 10,500 members provide primary care and comprehensive dental specialty treatments for infants, children, adolescents and individuals with special health care needs. For further information, visit the AAPD website at http://www.aapd.org or the AAPD’s consumer website at http://www.mychildrensteeth.org.