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AAPD HONORS AWARD WINNERS

CHICAGO (May 24, 2019) — 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 2019 meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

"AAPD has such an esteemed and accomplished group of awardees that are being recognized this year," stated AAPD President Dr. Joseph Castellano. "Each has contributed so much to our profession and the children we serve. I am proud to call them my colleagues. Congratulations to each of them on their well-deserved award!"

Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address Friday, May 24

- Award Recipient recognized: Dr. Jade Miller.

Pediatric Dentist of the Year: *The 2019 award recipient is Dr. Jade Miller.*

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. Jade Miller is a board-certified pediatric dentist, who since 1983, has maintained a private practice in Reno, Nev. Dr. Miller has many other involvements outside of his dental practice. He

is a graduate of University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry and completed a residency at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Within organized dentistry, he has served as: Past President for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, on the Board of Trustees American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, on the Board of Trustees for the AAPD's Foundation Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children, as Chairman for the AAPD Committee on Safety, on the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure, as Past Chairman for the Committee on Anesthesiology for ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure, on the ADA Advisory Committee on Evidence-Based Dentistry, as the Nevada Delegate to the American Dental Association and as the Past President for the Nevada Dental Association and Northern Nevada Dental Society. Miller has also served as the Past Chairman for the Nevada State Board of Health, and has been the Past President, Examiner and Sedation Examiner for the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners. Additionally, he had academic appointments at the University of Nevada's School of Medicine-Cranial Facial Anomaly Team, the University of the Pacific's Arthur Dugoni School of Dentistry and the University of Washington's School of Dentistry.

Awards Recognition and General Assembly Sunday, May 26

- Award Recipients recognized: Dr. Norman Tinanoff, Dr. Kaaren Vargas and Dr. Ali Bagherian.

Merle C. Hunter Leadership Award: *The 2019 award recipient is Dr. Norman Tinanoff.*

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. 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. 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. From 1999 to 2016, he was Chairman of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and the Department of Health Promotion and Policy at the University of Maryland. Tinanoff has authored or co-authored over 200 publications, primarily on fluoride mechanisms, antimicrobials, caries risk factors, early childhood caries and prevention. His service to the AAPD includes being on the Editorial Board, Associate Editor or Section Editor of the Journal since its inception in 1979; and as a member of the Council on Clinical Affairs for the past 13 years, taking the lead on 11 Policies or Best Practices. His current interests are concerned with preventing dental caries, oral health access for underserved child populations, and developing clinical policies and guidelines for the ADA, AAPD and the IAPD.

Suzi Seale Coll Evidence-Based Dentistry Service Award: *The 2019 award recipient is Dr. Kaaren Vargas.*

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. Vargas received her dental degree at Cayetano University in Lima, Peru in 1987, her post-doctoral training in pediatric dentistry at the University of Rochester Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, N.Y. in 1992 and her Ph.D. in Oral Science from the University of Iowa in 1998. Dr. Vargas was an associate professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Iowa for 10 years and has been in full time private practice for the past 11 years. She received her Pediatric Dentistry board certification in 2000 and is past president of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Vargas served on the AAPD CSA committee for many years and has been on the Pulp Therapy EBD workgroup for the past 5 years. She is also currently an examiner for CRDTS, ABPD Oral Clinical Examination and question writer for the Qualifying Examination for board certification. Dr. Vargas has lectured both internationally and nationally, is a reviewer for *Pediatric Dentistry*, *International Journal of Pediatric Dentistry* and *Journal of the American Dental Association*, and has published numerous articles and book chapters.

Paul P. Taylor Award: *The 2019 award recipient is Dr. Ali Bagherian.*

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 "Mineral Trioxide Aggregate Partial Pulpotomy Versus Formocresol Pulpotomy: A Randomized, Split-Mouth, Controlled Clinical Trial with 24 Months Follow-Up," *Pediatr Dent*. 2018, 40(3): 184-189

The co-authors of the article were Drs. Hossein Nematollahi, Homa Noorollahian and Mahsa Yarbakht, and Ms. Samane Nematollahi.

Dr. Ali Bagherian was born on May 22, 1978 and is a pediatric dentist. He was the youngest associate professor of dentistry in Iran when he was 33-years-old. Bagherian previously worked as an Associate Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the Mashhad University of Medical Sciences in Mashhad, Iran. He currently has his own private practice. He is the chief of the scientific committee part of Iranian Association of Pediatric Dentistry. Bagherian enjoys artistic activities like dancing and playing Santour, an Iranian musical instrument.

President's Farewell Dinner
Sunday, May 26

- Award Recipients recognized: Dr. N. Sue Seale Coll, Dr. Richard Mungo, Dr. Travis Nelson, Dr. Man Wai Ng and Dr. Steven Perlman.

Distinguished Service Award: *The 2019 award recipient is Dr. N. Sue Seale Coll.*

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.

This award recognizes the lifetime of service and leadership of Dr. N. Sue (Suzi) Seale Coll, who died on April 14, 2018. Suzi received her dental degree, certificate in pediatric dentistry, and Master of Science in dentistry all from the Baylor College of Dentistry. She joined the dental faculty at Baylor, and was professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry from 1972 until her retirement in 2017. When she was appointed Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at Baylor, she became the first woman in the country to head a major dental school department. Suzi served her school, profession and the nation. Her research interests focused on pulpal responses in primary teeth and evidence-based dentistry. These and other interests resulted in over 100 manuscripts or book chapters. She was Editor-in-Chief of *Pediatric Dentistry* for nine years, and worked for five years with the Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, to monitor quality of care in corporate dental practices. Among her many honors were: Pediatric Dentist of the Year Award from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the Merle C. Hunter Leadership Award from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation, and the Baylor College of Dentistry Hall of Fame. Suzi married fellow pediatric dentist Dr. James A. Coll in 2016.

Manuel M. Album Award: *The 2019 award recipient is Dr. Richard Mungo.*

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. Richard Mungo graduated from the University of Akron in 1968 and from Case Western Reserve School of Dentistry in 1971. He completed his residency at the Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry and received a Fellowship Certificate in Craniofacial/Cleft Palate Anomalies from the University of Southern California. Mungo earned his Master's in Medical Education in 1978 at the University of Southern California, School of Medicine. He currently runs a private practice in pediatric dentistry, as well as serves as part time faculty in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at USC School of Dentistry and guest lecturer in the Department of Hospital Dentistry at UCLA School of Dentistry. He is the Medical Director of

Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County, the Chief of Pediatric Dentistry CHOC Children's Hospital of Orange County and the Vice Chair of Children and Families Commission of Orange County. Dr Mungo is actively involved in community service and has published research in areas of dental aspects of cleft palate therapy and other topics. He is a member of the Academy of Sports Dentistry, the American Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped, the American Association of Hospital Dentists, the American/International Cleft Palate Association and the Federation of Special Care Organizations in Dentistry.

Jerome B. Miller "For the Kids" Award: *The 2019 award recipient is Dr. Travis Nelson.*

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. Travis Nelson is a Clinical Associate Professor and Acting Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Washington, and he maintains privileges at Seattle Children's Hospital. Dr. Nelson received his D.D.S. from Loma Linda University, subsequently completed a residency in Pediatric Dentistry and a Master's of Public Health degree at the University of Washington, and is a board certified Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Nelson served as a Member of the AAPD Dental Medicaid and Chip Advisory Committee, The Committee on Sedation and Anesthesia, and the Editorial Board for the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*. He is a graduate of the AAPD/Healthy Smiles Healthy Children Leadership Institute Cohort V, and is faculty for the AAPD Qualifying Examination Prep Course. Dr. Nelson has authored numerous published articles, and has lectured both nationally and internationally on a variety of topics. His clinical and research interests include providing dental care for children with autism, pediatric restorative dentistry and procedural sedation.

Dr. Lewis A. Kay Excellence in Education Award: *The 2019 award recipient is Dr. Man Wai Ng.*

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.

Man Wai Ng, D.D.S., M.P.H. is Dentist-in-Chief and the DentaQuest Endowed Chair in Pediatric Oral Health and Dentistry at Boston Children's Hospital (BCH), and Associate Professor of Developmental Biology (Pediatric Dentistry) at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM). Ng received her D.D.S. from Stony Brook University and her M.P.H. from the Harvard School of

Dental Medicine. She completed a general practice residency at Booth Memorial Medical Center, a fellowship in dental care for special needs patients at Helen Hayes Hospital and a pediatric dental residency at Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard. On the faculty at Children's National Medical Center and Boston Children's Hospital, she feels privileged to be involved in the education of close to one hundred pediatric dental residents so far. A former member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Board of Trustees, she is currently President of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Ann Page Griffin Humanitarian Award: *The 2019 award recipient is Dr. Steven Perlman.*

The Ann Page Griffin Humanitarian Award is sponsored by Practicon, Inc. This award, established in May 2010 by Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children: The Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, honors Ann Page Griffin, AAPD member and president and founder of Practicon. The award honors an AAPD member dentist who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to alleviating suffering and improving the oral health of under-served populations in the United States or abroad.

Dr. Steven Perlman is a Clinical Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine. For the past 40 years, he has devoted much of his private practice, as well as his teaching, to the treatment of children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. Dr. Perlman is a past president of the Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities, the Massachusetts Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities, a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and a Diplomate of the American Board of Special Care Dentistry. In May 2002, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation named Dr. Perlman Dentist of the Year for his significant contributions to the dental profession and the specialty of pediatric dentistry over an entire career of distinguished service. He has published over 300 articles, co-edited the textbook *Treating the Dental Patient with a Developmental Disorder*, and was a contributor to the Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health in 2001. In 1993, Dr. Perlman founded Special Olympics Special Smiles, an oral health initiative for the athletes of Special Olympics International. It now has over 200 events each year taking place in every state in the United States and in over 100 countries. He currently serves as their Senior Global Clinical Advisor.

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 recommendations; 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>.