

Mastership Award Announcement

July 28th, 2010

To my family, friends, and patients,

I am very grateful that you have continued to support and encourage me to achieve my career goals. I thank you for enriching my life. I look forward to making you more proud of me.

I am very pleased to announce that the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) recently awarded me with the Mastership award, one of the most rigorous continuing dental education awards offered today.

On July 10th, 2010, I joined more than 80 other dentists to receive this prestigious honor during the AGD's Annual Meeting and Exhibits held in New Orleans, La.

Over the past 45 years, more than 2,700 dentists worldwide completed 1,100 hours of continuing dental education to receive the Mastership with the AGD, a professional association of more than 35,000 general dentists who are dedicated to professional excellence through the pursuit of continuing education.

This achievement marks a significant milestone in my career because the award demonstrates my long-term commitment to go above and beyond continuing education requirements to provide my patients with the most up-to-date treatment options and superior patient care.

Enclosed, please find more background about the Mastership award and the AGD.

I hope you agree my dedication to professional education and patient care is important news. You can always check on my progress in my transcript from AGD in this website.

For more information, please contact me or Lauren Henderson at 312-440-4974 or media@agd.org at the AGD's headquarters office.

Sincerely,

ChauLong Nguyen, DDS, MAGD

2010 Master of the Academy of General Dentistry (MAGD)

Enclosure: Mastership press release and facts about AGD.

Press Release

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Menlo Park Dentist Receives 2010 Mastership Award from the Academy of General Dentistry

Chicago (July 2010) – The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), a professional association of more than 35,000 general dentists who are dedicated to staying up to date in the profession through continuing education, is pleased to announce that ChauLong T. Nguyen, DDS, MAGD, of Menlo Park, California, received the association's 2010 Mastership award during the AGD 2010 Annual Meeting & Exhibits, held July 8th to 11th in New Orleans, La.

The Mastership award is the highest honor available at the AGD and one of the most respected designations within the profession. To accomplish this goal, Dr. Nguyen completed more than 1,100 hours of continuing dental education. As a recipient of this award, Dr. Nguyen joins more than 2,100 AGD members who understand that providing great smiles and good oral health for their patients are the result of going above and beyond basic requirements.

“We are proud to honor Dr. Nguyen for her commitment to the profession,” says AGD President Fares M. Elias, DDS, JD, FAGD. “She has distinguished herself professionally amongst her peers and demonstrates the characteristics of a role model to her fellow dentists and to the members of the community.”

Dr. Nguyen currently practices dentistry in Menlo Park, California. In addition to AGD, Dr. Nguyen is a member of the American Dental Association, the California Dental Association, and the Mid-Peninsula Dental Society.

Facts about Fellows and Masters of the Academy of General Dentistry

The Fellowship and Mastership designations are two of the most rigorous continuing dental education programs today. A general dentist who is a “Fellow” in the Academy of General Dentistry (FAGD) has been recognized by other general dentists as a leader and example to other dentists of the importance of quality continuing dental education to patient care. A general dentist who has earned the designation “Master” of the Academy of General Dentistry (MAGD) has completed a structured and demanding set of requirements involving all the dental disciplines.

The Academy of General Dentistry

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), a professional association of more than 35,000 general dentists who are dedicated to professional excellence through the pursuit of continuing education. Founded in 1952, the AGD has grown to become the second largest dental association in the United States, and it is the only association that exclusively represents the needs and interests of general dentists. More than 772,000 persons in the United States are employed directly in the field of dentistry. A general dentist is the primary care provider for patients of all ages and is responsible for the diagnosis, treatment, management and overall coordination of services related to patients' oral health needs.

Fellowship

To attain Fellowship, a dentist must complete 500 hours of continuing dental education, pass a comprehensive exam and fulfill three years of continuous membership in the AGD.

Mastership

To attain Mastership, a dentist must complete 1,100 hours of continuing dental education.

How FAGD or MAGD Benefits Patients

Fellows and Masters of the AGD follow a lifelong pursuit of continuing education to provide the highest quality of dental care to patients. The award symbolizes the professional responsibility of general dentists to remain current in their profession and reminds each member of the dental profession to continue to learn new techniques for their dental practice. These are awards, however, and should not be confused with post-graduate degrees or certification. Every dentist who applies for the Fellowship or Mastership Award has their application reviewed by the AGD Council on Dental Education to assure that the high standards of the AGD are met. Dentists who have earned Fellowship or Mastership from the AGD reflect less than one percent of all general dentists practicing in the United States and Canada.

How FAGD or MAGD Benefits Patients

When a dentist has received the Fellowship or Mastership Award, patients can be assured that their dentist is dedicated to providing the finest care in general dentistry. To date, more than 15,000 members of AGD have become Fellows and more than 2,700 have gone on to receive Mastership. The AGD is proud of all of its members who must take at least 75 hours of continuing dental education every three years, and especially proud of its members who have made the commitment to pursue these awards.

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