Denis E. “Chip” Simon III, DDS, MS, an alumnus of the LSU School of Dentistry (LSUSD), has received the Edgar D. Coolidge Award, the highest honor given by the American Association of Endodontics (AAE). This award recognizes leadership and exemplary dedication to dentistry and the specialty of endodontics.

Dr. Simon, who received his DDS in 1976 and his certificate in endodontics in 1980, has served gratis as an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Endodontics since 1984. In 2005, he was honored with the LSUSD Alumnus of the Year award. Over the span of decades, he has generously volunteered his time and provided support for LSUSD as well as the AAE. He played an important role in advocating nationally for LSUSD following Hurricane Katrina.

A diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, Dr. Simon is past-president of the Greater Baton Rouge Dental Association (1987), the American Association of Endodontists (1997-1998), the Louisiana Dental Association (2004) and the American Association of Endodontists Foundation (2010). He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Dr. Simon has also been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Foundation of the LSU Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC). The foundation was formed in 1988 to support and promote the charitable, scientific and educational mission of LSUHSC, which is comprised of the schools of dentistry, medicine, public health, nursing, allied health and graduate studies. Two other dental school alumni are members of the foundation board: Randolph Green, DDS ’78 and Virginia Angelico, DDS ’79.

Kent A. Sabey, DDS, has been appointed assistant professor in the Department of Endodontics at LSUSD. He will serve as program director for the advanced education program, supervising the nine residents in the program. His appointment was announced by Dr. Van Himel, chairman of the department.

Dr. Sabey received his bachelor of science degree in 1979 from the University of Arizona in Tucson. Three years later, he was awarded a DDS degree from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco. He had a private dental practice in Tucson, Arizona, from 1982 to 1990, after which he began serving in the US Air Force (USAF). In 1999, he completed a two-year advanced education in general dentistry residency at Wilford Hall Medical Center located at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

In 2006, Dr. Sabey completed a second residency at Wilford Hall, this time in endodontics. He was then appointed assistant professor of endodontics at USAF Postgraduate Dental School, where he taught for over four years, overseeing 20 residents.

Dr. Sabey has received board certification by the Federal Services Board of General Dentistry, the American Board of General Dentistry and the American Board of Endodontics.

During his 21-year military career, he also practiced at MacDill USAF Base and Hurlburt Field, both in Florida, as well as Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. Since 2007, he has worked with the American Board of General Dentistry in creating and teaching the endodontic portion of its annual review course.