

Geist Named Outstanding Alumnus

Dr. Eric Geist, a graduate of the doctoral and oral surgery programs at the LSU School of Dentistry (LSUSD), has been selected outstanding alumnus for 2011. He received the award during the school's Alumni Day on September 23rd.

It was presented by Dr. Henry Gremillion, dean of LSUSD. "For decades, Dr. Geist has consistently reached out to serve his profession and his community, both nationally and throughout Louisiana," Dr. Gremillion said. "He gives wholeheartedly of himself as a teacher, leader and practitioner. In the process, he exemplifies the finest qualities of dentistry and medicine."

Dr. Geist, a native of Houma, received his DDS from LSUSD in 1979. One year later he completed his internship at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport, followed by the completion of his residency at LSU Medical Center in New Orleans in 1984. Two years later he became a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Since that time he has been in private practice in Monroe. He is an associate professor at the University of Louisiana in Monroe and assistant clinical professor in the Department of Surgery at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport.

Leadership Roles

Since 1989 Dr. Geist has served in 22 different leadership positions in the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (AAOMS). The week before Alumni Day, he was chosen for the leadership position that will culminate in his presidency in 2014. He has also won awards for fundraising and achievement.

He has been integral to the leadership of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, including service as president, vice-president and member of the board of directors. In 2002, he was honored with their Examination Committee Award.

The LSU Tiger Athletic Foundation has recognized him for outstanding service. Since 1990, he has served in various leadership roles in the American Dental Association, which awarded him its "Grassroots Award for Outstanding Service" in 1999. He has been equally active in professional organizations in Louisiana, including the Louisiana Dental Association, Northeast Louisiana Dental Association and the Louisiana Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Dr. Geist has co-authored or edited 16 peer-reviewed publications. His research interests include the effects of diet, tobacco and alcohol on dental health.



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Past Recipients

The Alumnus of the Year award is given to a graduate who has advanced the ideals of dentistry through distinguished teaching, service, patient care and research. The award was established in 1998.

Past recipients are: Sandra Andrieu, PhD, DH '72; Virginia Angelico-Tatum, DDS '79; Randy Green, DDS '78; A. Fred McMullen III, DDS '87, Endo '89; Denis E. "Chip" Simon III, DDS '76; Gerard R. Tully, Jr., DDS '75; Gerard J. Chiche, DDS, Pros '79; Ronald A. Bell, DDS '73; Michael T. Robichaux, DDS '72; Henry A. Gremillion, DDS '77; Harry E. Goza, DDS '78; and F. Ralph Dauterive, DDS, Loyola '53.

Reunions 2012

If you graduated from LSUSD in 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 or 2007 and are interested in planning a reunion for your class, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (504) 941-8120 or cctr@lsuhsc.edu.

Reunions are often held in conjunction with the LDA/NODA Conference (April 12-14, 2012).

If you are a Loyola graduate and your graduation year ends in a "2" or "7", the LSUSD Office of Alumni Relations would be honored to assist you with your plans.