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In memory of Howard Bruggers, DDS, MA, an alumni committee, chaired by Dr. Shade Quin, plans to raise private funds to establish the **Howard Bruggers Scholarship in Dentistry**. Sadly, Dr. Bruggers died in September 2016.



Donations to the endowed fund will remain untouched, while the annual interest will be used to benefit dental students in the form of scholarships and educational opportunities—including internships, externships, conference travel, and field work. An

emphasis in the specialty of prosthodontics will be considered when selecting scholarship recipients.

For every \$60,000 raised in private funds, the LSU School of Dentistry is eligible to apply for a \$40,000 match from the Louisiana Board of Regents. For example, if \$180,000 is raised, requesting a \$120,000 match is possible. The Department of Orthodontics has been successful at this level with its four endowed professorships.

Requesting matching dollars is a competitive process. Preference will be given to scholarships for students in high-demand professional programs which target Louisiana's workforce needs as defined by the Workforce and Innovation for a Stronger Economy (WISE) Fund. A \$100,000 endowment is estimated to result in \$5,000 annually, which can be used to support dental student educational opportunities.

The campaign is being held in cooperation with Dr. Bruggers' daughter and son-in-law, Drs. Karen Bruggers and Mark Odom. Both are graduates of the LSU School of Dentistry.

Howard Bruggers Scholarship in Dentistry

Howard Bruggers, DDS, MA, professor emeritus of the LSU School of Dentistry (LSUSD) Department of Prosthodontics, passed away on September 30 at the age of 88. A native of Holland, Michigan, and a Lafayette resident for the past three years, Dr. Bruggers came to LSUSD in 1969 when the school was still in development. He served as department head of fixed prosthodontics, director of continuing education, associate dean of admissions, and associate dean of curriculum and planning. Dr. Bruggers served on numerous committees during his tenure at LSUSD and authored numerous research publications. He retired from the dental school in 1993.

With regard to his role in continuing education, he succeeded Dr. Allen Copping as director and under his leadership the high standards of the office continued to distinguish LSUSD among the top dental schools in the country in providing continuing education. Testimony to this came a few years later when the Academy of General Dentistry honored Dr. Bruggers with the coveted Albert L. Borish Memorial Award, marking the first time two faculty members from the same school received the award. Established in 1972, the Borish Award recognizes dentists "whose record of accomplishments include a deep interest in all facets of dentistry, dedication for the advancement of the dental profession, and tenacity in carrying out its goals and ideals."

Dr. Bruggers attended Hope College, in Holland, Michigan, and received his DDS from Northwestern University. In 1976 he earned a masters degree from the University of New Orleans. A veteran of the Air Force during the Korean War, Dr. Bruggers practiced dentistry in Michigan for 13 years before coming to LSUSD. He was a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Honor Dental Society and a fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry. His joys included wood carving, golf, crossword puzzles, playing the organ, listening to music, and especially spending time with his grandchildren. His daughter Dr. Karen Bruggers and son-in-law Dr. Mark Odom are graduates of the LSU School of Dentistry.

Dr. James Zinck, LSU School of Dentistry Emeritus Professor of Comprehensive Dentistry, wrote "When I came to the LSU School of Dentistry, Howard was the associate dean...he helped me so much and we became lifelong friends. I have the greatest respect for him, and valued his advice and support. In addition to being a superb teacher and administrator, he was a "professional grade" artist with wood, and made many true masterpieces. He was a supremely talented man, and contributed so much to his profession and to those who were honored to know him."



Dr. Howard Bruggers at his LSUSD retirement reception in 1993.