



Local Dentist Earns Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition from the Academy of General Dentistry

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), a professional association of more than 40,000 general dentists who are dedicated to professional excellence through the pursuit of continuing education, is pleased to announce that **John A. Rothchild, DDS, of Durango, Colorado** has earned the 2018 Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition for **his** commitment to lifelong learning, volunteering **his** services to communities in need, mentoring associates and new dentists, and participating in organized dentistry.

The Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition is presented only to AGD members who have gone above and beyond earning the association's highest honor of Mastership. To accomplish this recognition, Dr. **Rothchild** completed at least 1,600 hours of continuing dental education in 16 different dental disciplines. In addition, recipients must complete at least 100 hours of dental-related community/volunteer service.

"Recipients of AGD's Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition are true leaders among our organization and wholly embrace the AGD's core principles and ideals," says AGD President Manuel A. Cordero, DDS, CPH, MAGD. "For Dr. **Rothchild**, this award symbolizes a career of excellence in dentistry and demonstrates the characteristics of a role model to **his** fellow dentists and to members of the community."

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics there are an estimated 110,400 General Dentists who 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.

Since its inception in 2005, only 336 of the AGD's 40,000-plus members have received the prestigious Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition.

About the Academy of General Dentistry

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is a professional association of more than 40,000 general dentists dedicated to providing quality dental care and oral health education to the public. Founded in 1952, AGD is the largest association for general dentists in the world and serves the needs and represents the interests of general dentists. For more information about AGD, visit, www.agd.org.

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