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

CHICAGO (May 10, 2011) – The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), a professional association of more than 37,000 general dentists who are dedicated to professional excellence through the pursuit of continuing education, is pleased to announce that Edward E. Ward, DMD, MAGD, of Portland, Ore., has earned the 2011 Lifelong Learning & Service Recognition (LLSR) for his commitment to lifelong learning, volunteering his services to communities in need, mentoring associates and new dentists, and participating in organized dentistry.

The LLSR 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. Ward 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 or volunteer service.

“Recipients of the LLSR are true leaders among our organization and wholly embrace the AGD's core principles and ideals,” says AGD President Fares M. Elias, DDS, JD, FAGD. “For Dr. Ward, 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.”

Dr. Ward graduated from the Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry in 1977 and currently practices dentistry in Portland. In addition to the AGD, Dr. Ward is a member of the American Dental Association, the Oregon Dental Association, the National Dental Association, the Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the Multnomah Dental Society, the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Society of Children's Storybook Writers and Illustrators. Additionally, he serves as a board member at both Carrington College and Anthem College, as well as an adjunct professor at Portland Community College.

Dr. Ward and his wife, Barbara Diane, have two children, Edward E. Ward Jr. and Kelli Elizabeth.

Since its inception in 2005, only 138 of the AGD's 37,000-plus members have received the prestigious LLSR recognition.

For more information, visit www.DrWardInterstateDental.com.

About the Academy of General Dentistry

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is a professional association of more than 37,000 general dentists dedicated to staying up to date in the profession through continuing education to better serve the public. 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. For more information about the AGD, please visit www.agd.org.

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