

Dr. Craig Hollander Receives Distinguished Service Award



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Craig Hollander (DDS '88) received the Greater St. Louis Dental Society's Distinguished Service Award at the society's Annual Installation of Officers, Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, at the St. Louis Marriott West Hotel. Dr. Hollander was honored for his dedicated service to the Dental Society during the past year.

Dr. Hollander graduated from the University of Michigan in 1983 and received his dental degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1988. He received a master's degree from the University of Iowa in 1991. Since 1991, Dr. Hollander has practiced pediatric dentistry in Sunset Hills, Mo. Dr. Hollander is a member of the American Dental Association, Missouri Dental Association and the Greater St. Louis Dental Society. He is a Diplomat of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Hollander served as president of the Missouri Academy of Pediatric Dentistry from 2003-2005 and has been the secretary/treasurer since 2002.

Dr. Hollander has written numerous articles and given lectures on pediatric dentistry. An active member of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society's National Children's Dental Health Month Committee, he has devoted much of his time to promoting children's dental health. ■

Presidential Award Dr. Craig Rechkemmer

Dr. Craig Rechkemmer Receives MDA Presidential Citation Award



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Dr. Craig Rechkemmer, Ozark, Mo., was presented with the 2007 Presidential Citation at the 2007 Missouri Dental Association (MDA) House of Delegates. The award recognizes his instrumental role in the success of the Ronald McDonald House Charities "Tooth Truck" dental outreach program and his tireless efforts to improve the oral health of underprivileged children in the Springfield, Mo., area.

In addition to his vital part in the success of the Tooth Truck, Dr. Rechkemmer has devoted time and energy to developing a program through the Springfield Public Schools for kids in need of dental care. The Tooth Truck is a national model program in the delivery of dental care to underserved children. Since its debut in summer 2002, nearly 6,000 children have been treated through over 17,000 dental appointments valued at \$3.7 million. The Tooth Truck visits area schools where school nurses identify Medicaid-eligible children and/or kids in the free or reduced school lunch program with the biggest needs. The Tooth Truck provides a full range of dental services, including X-rays, cleanings and sealants, root canals and fillings.

Dr. Rechkemmer received a BA degree in biology and a DDS degree from the UMKC School of Dentistry in 2002. He has worked with the Tooth Truck since then. Dr. Rechkemmer also is a nationally certified emergency medical technician, Missouri certified fire fighter and certified private pilot. Among other accolades, Dr. Rechkemmer was the UMKC Dental Student of the Year (2000) and was one of Springfield Magazine's "40 under 40" in 2005. ■

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