University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry
Award Winners
*Years listed do not represent years presented.

Distinguished Dental Alumnus
The highest honor which can be bestowed on an alumnus. The following criteria should be considered for selection of a candidate:

1. Must be an alumnus of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry of at least five years. Alumni with DDS, DMD, or postgraduate certificates or degrees may be considered.
2. Authorship of either textbooks or articles.
3. Lecturer.
4. Distinguished service in military or government service.
5. Prestigious office in a dental school; educator.
6. Innovator in the dental field; new dental techniques, principles, equipment, or dental products.
7. Leadership roles and accomplishments in organized dentistry.
8. Alumnus who has brought honor to the University and College of Dentistry through important contributions to dentistry or in other endeavors.

1960  Joseph L. Bernier
1961  Edward J. Ryan
1962  Maynard K. Hine
1963  John B. LaDue
1964  Edward C. Wach
1965  Robert G. Kesel
1966  W. Howard Kubacki
1967  Thaddeus V. Weclew
1968  Harold J. Noyes
1969  Albert Knab
1970  Maury Massler
1971  John M. Spence
1972  Arthur J. Skupa/James Mershimer
1973  Seymour H. Yale
1974  Donald L. McElroy
1975  David Mitchell/Joseph Zielinski
1976  Robert A. Atterbury
1977  Thomas K. Barber
1978  Bennett Klavan
1979  George Matula
1980  (none given)
1981  David Shapiro
1982  Grant Maclean
1983  Robert Underwood
1984  Erwin Barrington
1985  Victor T. Weclew
1986  Robert Kimbrough
1987  Donald Rice/Deane Doolen Sr.
1988  Earl Renfroe
Dr. E. Lloyd Du Brul Faculty Achievement Award
Presented to an outstanding faculty member.

1969  Gordon Stastny
1970  Jerry Balaty
1971  Earl W. Renfroe
1972  Walter A. Sperry
1973  Eugene C. Lekan
1974  Allen W. Anderson
1975  William Kort
1976  Robert B. Underwood
1977  Donald W. Rice
1978  Erwin Barrington
1979  Charles Berg
1980  Charles Heck
1981  Robert Bryant
1982  Robert Lee
1983 Dale Eisenmann
1984 Zigmund Porter
1985 (none given)
1986 James Buckman
1987 Vincent L. Fiocca
1988 Harold Rabin
1989 Robert Scapino
1990 (none given)
1991 Tom Lakars
1992 Robert Zelikow
1993 Olga Horwitz-Whitehill
1994 Hossein Araghi-Mohammadi
1995 Stanley J. Gerson
1996 Richard P. Perry
1997 William F. Stroner
1998 Nijole A. Remeikis
1999 Charles R. Luptak
2000 Clarke Johnson
2001 Lina K. Tharp
2002 Abd El-Moneim Zaki
2003 Alexander H. Chan
2004 Marsha A. Babka
2005 James H. Bryniarski
2006 Jon C. Daniel
2007 Larry B. Salzmann
2008 Seema Ashrafi
2009 Gary L. Drahos
2010 Rand F. Harlow
2011 Kenneth W. Gehrke
2012 Christopher S. Wenckus
2013 Antonia Kolokythas
2014 Susan A. Rowan
2015 Terry A. Parsons
2016 Michael L. Santucci
2017 Mark C. Baker
2018 Michael A. Dunlap

**Dr. F. William Towner Organized Dentistry Activity Award**

For significant and meritorious activity in organized dentistry reflecting Dr. Towner's commitment to organized dentistry and thereby strengthening the influence and renown of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry.

1997 Richard P. Perry
1998 David P. Kumamoto
1999 D. Milton Salzer
2000 Trucia Drummond
2001 Erwin P. Barrington
2002 Paul Landman
2003  Cissy K. Furusho
2004  Hannelore T. Loery
2005  Peter A. Paesani
2006  Michael J. Stablein
2007  James H. Bryniarski
2008  H. Todd Cubbon/Ronald G. Testa
2009  Cheryl Watson-Lowry/George R. Zehak
2010  Susan Becker Doroshow
2011  Frank A. Maggio
2012  Richard S. Holba
2013  James W. Buckman
2014  Thomas C. Lakars
2015  Timmothy J. Schwartz
2016  David S. Evaskus
2017  Denise D. Hale
2018  Gary R. Herberger

Dr. Raffaele Suriano Award
For important contributions to dentistry in the Chicago area on the part of a faculty member or alumnus of a Chicago area dental school or friend of dentistry, reflecting the contributions of Dr. Raffaele Suriano, former dean of the Loyola School of Dentistry.

2007  Raffaele Suriano
2008  Joseph Gowgiel
2009  Walter E. Lamacki
2010  Thomas E. Emmering
2011  Samuel J. Cascio/Joseph V. Discipio
2012  Charles F. DiFranco
2013  Mary A. Starsiak
2014  Michael J. Biasiello
2015  Louis A. Imburgia
2016  Phillip J. Fijal
2017  Terri S. Tiersky
2018  Joseph G. Unger

C.A.R.E. (Connecting Alumni to Reignite and Engage) Alumnus/Alumna of the Year
The C.A.R.E. (Connecting Alumni to Reignite and Engage) Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award (formerly called the Young Alumnus/Alumna Award) is presented on an annual basis. Each year, the award is conferred to an alumnus or alumna of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry who graduated no more than ten years previously from the College’s DDS/DMD or postgraduate programs. The following criteria may be considered for selection of a candidate:

1. Humanitarian and philanthropic efforts.
2. Leadership roles and accomplishments in organized dentistry.
3. Accomplishments in research; education; article and/or textbook writing; military, government, promotion of access to care or alleviating disparity of care, or other public service; and/or innovations in dental techniques, equipment, or dental products.
4. Accomplishments that have brought honor and/or have been of benefit to the University and College of Dentistry.
The award recipient will be chosen by the UIC Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors after the candidate or candidates’ names are presented to the Board by its Nominations Committee. Anyone may nominate a candidate by presenting the candidate’s name to the Board or its Nominations Committee.

2014  Brian C. Homann
2015  Courtney Rubin Levine
2016  None presented
2017  Roshan Parikh
2018  Lynse Briney