



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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*"Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming."*

*- John Wooden*

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I believe that quote defines most of the members of TAGD, no matter where they are on their journey of Lifelong Learning. Many of our members have already received a Fellowship, Mastership or Lifelong Learning Service Recognition Award. Why haven't you?

Did you know that only 6% of dentists in Texas are Fellows, and Masters account for only 1% in the United States? I am happy to announce that we have thirty (30) doctors receiving their Fellowship, eleven (11) receiving their Mastership, and one (1) of our colleagues (our President-Elect Jeff Geno) receiving a LLSR award at the AGD Annual Scientific Session in Las Vegas July 13th - 15th. Congratulations to all of them for this achievement! I'd like to thank Ben Bratcher and Eric Miller for leading our members toward Mastership through the MasterTrack program. I encourage you to find out where you are on the journey to Fellowship and Mastership by contacting the Texas AGD office.

I would also like to give a shout out to the members who attended the recent New Dentist Conference and are on the path towards Fellowship; they were recognized for achieving CE milestones. For those of you, who didn't attend this conference, please visit our Facebook page for pictures and videos. This was a fantastic conference and I encourage students and new dentists to watch for information on next year's conference. The hands-on program presented by KaVo Kerr was very well received and it will be even better next year. Kudos to the chair Hanna Lindskog and her committee. I would also like to personally thank the team at Texas AGD for all of their hard work to make this conference a success. When you see or talk to any of them, make sure you tell them how much you appreciate their work on our behalf.

Those who attended MasterTrack, New Dentist Conference, and Master Study Club hopefully got to meet National AGD President Elect Dr. Manuel Cordero. He is an outstanding individual and was impressed with our programs and our members. His goal is help the national organization be more responsive to its members. We look forward to supporting his initiatives. In talking with him and the other members of your executive committee, he talked about AGD being about "education for life" and I hope each of you will embrace this idea and pass it along to your colleagues that are not yet members.

Over the past 3 months I have been all over our state along with our outstanding Executive Director, Francine Johannesen. We have been greeted with enthusiasm, and passionate members of our components from one end of the state to the other. I want to thank all of our hosts for their hospitality. It has allowed me to see first-hand how TAGD is "Helping general dentists to succeed."