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AAPD HONORS AWARD WINNERS

CHICAGO (May 24, 2020) – The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD), the leading authority on children's oral health, announced this year's winners of its prestigious awards during the virtual presentation of the AAPD 2020 annual meeting.

Pediatric Dentist of the Year: *The 2020 award recipient is Dr. Oariona Lowe.*

Established in 1998, this annual award honors a pediatric dentist who has made significant contributions to the dental profession and the specialty of pediatric dentistry through clinical practice, academics or policy development over the past year. Recipients will also have devoted extensive volunteer leadership service to the dental profession and the specialty. This award is sponsored by NuSmile.

Dr. Oariona Lowe's first career passion was teaching but teaching did not keep her busy enough to use her creative and independent thinking. Prompting from a colleague pushed her to apply to dental school, which was the challenge she was looking for and one that would build the foundation for her life's work – the promotion of oral health. One of her passions is to treat special needs patients in her private office, a practice which she continues today. Her second passion is to share oral health knowledge and education globally, providing oral health care across the continents.

Dr. Lowe currently holds and has held several leadership positions. These include a Trustee for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation, past-president and current Secretary of the Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry, past-president of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry, board member of the UCLA Dentistry's Board of Counselors, a Trustee of the California Dental Association, Trustee for the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation and a Trustee for the Global Dental Ambassadors Foundation.

Jerome B. Miller "For the Kids" Award: *The 2020 award recipient is Dr. Anthea Drew Mazzawi.*

This award is presented annually to an up-and-coming clinician, researcher or academician in pediatric dentistry for their outstanding efforts directed to children's oral health and welfare. The

Miller Award was established in May 2007 by Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children (HSHC): The Foundation of the AAPD, to honor former AAPD and HSHC President Dr. Jerome B. Miller for his many years of service to children, philanthropy and giving back to the profession of pediatric dentistry.

Dr. Anthea Mazzawi is originally from Tarpon Springs, Florida. She attended Florida State University where she graduated with honors with a degree in Biology. She then attended the University of Florida College of Dentistry where she earned her dental degree. Dr. Mazzawi completed her residency in pediatric dentistry at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She is a board certified pediatric dentist who loves her profession and enjoys the opportunity to serve the children on a daily basis! Dr. Mazzawi is an active member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry serving on various councils and committees. She has also served as a past president of The College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Mazzawi is married to a pediatric dentist, Dr. Miles Mazzawi, and they are in private practice together in Atlanta, Georgia. Their practice is focused on relationship based dentistry and they strive to be strong advocates for the children of their community.

Merle C. Hunter Leadership Award: *The 2020 award recipient is Dr. Kerry Maguire.*

The Merle C. Hunter Leadership Award is presented to an AAPD volunteer who has provided exemplary leadership service in the volunteer structure of the organization over the past year. This award, established in 1998, honors the memory of Merle C. Hunter, AAPD executive director from 1968-1986.

Dr. Kerry Maguire is Associate Clinical Investigator and Vice President for Clinical Operations at the Forsyth Institute in Cambridge, MA. Dr. Maguire holds adjunct faculty positions at Harvard School of Dental Medicine and the University of Washington School of Dentistry. She is also co-founder and chair of the non-profit Options for Children in Zambia (www.optionsforchildren.org). She completed her dental degree at the University of Colorado School of Dentistry in 1988 and earned a certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry the following year. In 1993, she received a Master of Science in Public Health from the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She has experience in dental education and industry, having previously held positions at the University of Colorado School of Dentistry (1989-1996), Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals (1996-1999), Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (1999-2003) and Tom's of Maine (2003-2009).

Dr. Maguire is the general dentist representative on the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Board of Trustees (2014-2020). She serves as chair of the Better Oral Health for Massachusetts Coalition and is a gubernatorial appointee to the board of The Children's Trust, the Commonwealth's private-public partnership to stop child abuse. She is active in the American Association of Public Health Dentistry and the Oral Health Progress and Equity Network, among other national and international organizations dedicated to oral health. Her professional career has focused on oral health access for vulnerable children and other populations, applied interventions, community advocacy, workforce innovations and sustainable systems promoting oral and overall health.

Manuel M. Album Award: *The 2020 award recipient is Dr. Jessica Webb.*

The Manuel M. Album Award is presented annually to the individual or organization that has made the greatest contribution to the oral health of children with special needs. The award, established in 1997, honors Manuel M. Album, who devoted an entire career in pediatric dentistry toward improving the oral health of children with special needs. The Album Society supports this award.

Dr. Jessica Webb is a pediatric dentist practicing at Children's Village, an interdisciplinary clinic for children with developmental disabilities in Yakima, Washington. She serves as the Associate Program Director for the NYU Langone Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry residency in Yakima. Dr. Webb co-authored the textbook *Dental Care for Children with Special Needs*. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Webb was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. She completed her undergraduate education at San Diego State University and then attended dental school at UCLA. She trained in pediatric dentistry at the University of Washington and Seattle Children's Hospital, at which time she also earned an MS in Dentistry and an MA in Bioethics and Humanities. Additionally, Dr. Webb completed an MS in Recreational Therapy at Indiana University, and is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.

Dr. Lewis A. Kay Excellence in Education Award: *The 2020 award recipient is Dr. Martha Wells.*

This award, established in 2011, honors the director of the pediatric dental program determined to best exemplify the dedication and values set forth by Dr. Lewis A. Kay: outstanding leadership; commitment to educating pediatric dental residents to provide children with comprehensive quality oral health care; and contributions to society and the profession of dentistry which bring recognition to their program. This award is sponsored by Pediatric Dental Associates, Ltd.

Dr. Martha Wells graduated from Emory University as a Phi Beta Kappa honoree, attended the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University (formerly the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry) and was inducted into the Omicron Kappa Upsilon honor society. She received her Master of Science Degree and specialty Certificate of Pediatric Dentistry from The Ohio State University. After a few years in private practice, she became faculty at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry where she is currently Director of the Advanced Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry and is the first recipient of the Heber Simmons Jr. Distinguished Professor of Pediatric Dentistry. She has served as the research advisor for multiple residents for their Master of Dental Science degree project and was selected as a UT Graduate Health Sciences Outstanding Mentor.

Her work with resident research projects has resulted in numerous publications in journals such as *Pediatric Dentistry*, the *Journal of the American Dental Association*, the *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry*, *Dental Traumatology*, and the *Journal of Clinical Pediatric Dentistry*. She

has authored four textbook chapters and served as one of the editors for the sixth edition of *Pediatric Dentistry: Infancy through Adolescence*. She has served on the Board of Editors for the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* and currently serves on the Editorial Board for *Pediatric Dentistry*. She has served on the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry's Qualifying Examination and Oral Examination Committees, and currently serves on the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Annual Session Scientific Programming Committee. She has served on numerous committees in the College of Dentistry and has authored several grants, with the most significant resulting in the creation of a HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program for a new faculty member in the department. She has received several faculty teaching and service awards from the UT College of Dentistry, was inducted into the American College of Dentists, is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and was named one of Augusta University's Top 20 Emerging Alumni Leaders.

Suzi Seale Coll Evidence-Based Dentistry Service Award: *The 2020 award recipient is Dr. Rebecca Slayton.*

The Evidence-Based Dentistry Service Award, established in 2016 by the AAPD's Evidence-Based Dentistry Committee (EBDC), recognizes pediatric dentist(s) who have made a major contribution, on a national or international level, to the dental profession and the specialty of pediatric dentistry through evidence-based clinical practice, academics or policy development over the past year. Nominees are solicited from the membership and considered by the EBDC, which shall make the final selection.

Dr. Rebecca Slayton is currently a Professor and recently retired as Director of The Center for Pediatric Dentistry and Chair of the UW Department of Pediatric Dentistry. She served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. She is a consultant to the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, an ad hoc reviewer for several leading dental journals and a member of the Executive Committee, Section on Oral Health for the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Slayton has numerous publications and made significant contributions to evidence dentistry and oral health guidelines with her recent work while serving on the American Dental Association's Council on Scientific Affairs.

Dr. Slayton's honors and awards include Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Fellow (2012-13); International College of Dentists; and Chief Dental Officer and Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee, National Children's Oral Health Foundation.

Paul P. Taylor Award: *The 2020 award recipient is Dr. Muthu Murugan.*

The Paul P. Taylor award is given to the lead author of the most prestigious journal article in *Pediatric Dentistry* from the previous year. This award is determined by the AAPD Editorial Board and the AAPD Awards' Committee. The Baylor Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Fund graciously supports this award.

This year's award was presented for "Risk Factors for Early Childhood Caries: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Case Control and Cohort Studies," *Pediatr Dent.* 2019,41(2):95-106.E18-E23.

The co-authors of the article were Drs. M Kirthiga, Ankita Saikia, and Richard Kirubakaran.

The lead author, Prof. Dr. Muthu Murugan, is currently the Chair of the Centre for Early Childhood Caries Research (CECCRe), Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Faculty of Dental Sciences, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai, India. He finished his doctorate in 2010 (the fourth pediatric dentist in the country to have a doctorate) and was conferred Membership in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow in 2016. He completed the University of Washington, Seattle Summer Institute on "Dental Clinical Research Methods" in 2007. He is the Joint Secretary of the Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry and the General Secretary of Indian Society of Dental Traumatology. Since 2010, his primary area of research has been early childhood caries. He has 70 publications in peer-reviewed journals with 10 systematic reviews including 4 Cochrane reviews. He has authored two books for Elsevier publications including the well-known textbook "Pediatric Dentistry - Principles and Practice," which is widely used by the dental schools in the subcontinent.

About the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry is the recognized authority on children's oral health. As advocates for children's oral health, the AAPD promotes evidence-based policies and clinical recommendations; educates and informs policymakers, parents and guardians, and other health care professionals; fosters research; and provides continuing professional education for pediatric dentists and general dentists who treat children. Founded in 1947, the AAPD is a not-for-profit professional membership association representing the specialty of pediatric dentistry. Its 10,500 members provide primary care and comprehensive dental specialty treatments for infants, children, adolescents and individuals with special health care needs. For further information, visit the AAPD website at <http://www.aapd.org> or the AAPD's consumer website at <http://www.mychildrensteeth.org>.