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Dr. Michael E. O'Brien Receives AAOMS Outstanding Educator Award



[Rosemont, Ill] Michael E. O'Brien, DDS, JD, received the 2009 Daniel M. Laskin Award for an Outstanding Predoctoral Educator, October 14, during the opening ceremony of the 91st Annual Meeting, Scientific Sessions and Exhibition of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. O'Brien is clinical associate professor and director of predoctoral studies in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry.

As he presented the award to Dr. O'Brien, AAOMS President Dr. R. Lynn White noted, "This prestigious award is a measure of the esteem in which Dr. O'Brien is held by his students and colleagues."

Dr. O'Brien had been associated with the LSU School of Dentistry for more than 25 years in various part-time capacities. In 2001, he joined the faculty full-time. In addition to teaching students and residents, Dr. O'Brien teaches a variety of continuing education oral surgery courses, including all types of anesthesia, medical emergencies in the dental office, and malpractice lectures.

Dr. O'Brien has been active in several professional societies, including serving as president of the Louisiana Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and as consultant to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology, and a fellow of the AAOMS. He received his dental and law degrees from Loyola University in New Orleans and completed his OMS residency at Charity Hospital, also in New Orleans.

Dr. O'Brien gives all credit for his accomplishments to his beautiful wife, Lyndall, and his proudest accomplishments are his three children: Dawn, Michael, and Katie.

More than 5,000 registrants, including oral and maxillofacial surgeons from around the world, attended the AAOMS Annual Meeting where they conducted association business, discussed surgical procedures, earned continuing education credits and met with dental industry suppliers.

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