Dr. Paul Casamassimo Earns 2017 Norton M. Ross Award

ATLANTA, Oct. 16, 2017 — The American Dental Association (ADA) announced that Dr. Paul Casamassimo has been named the 2017 recipient of the ADA Norton M. Ross Award. The ADA has presented the annual award, financially supported by Johnson & Johnson, since 1991 to recognize investigators whose research has significantly impacted some aspect of clinical dentistry.

Casamassimo served in several academic and clinical positions over the course of nearly four decades. He most recently spent 24 years as the chair of the division of pediatric dentistry and community oral health at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry in Columbus, Ohio. After retiring in 2015, Casamassimo has served as professor emeritus at the school. A former president of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, he is currently the chief policy officer of its Oral Health Research and Policy Center.

Much of Casamassimo’s career focused on helping those with special needs. In a letter to Casamassimo announcing the honor, ADA President Dr. Gary L. Roberts said the award “recognizes your dedication to improving the oral care for disabled, minority, sick, vulnerable and underserved populations. The commitment you have shown to nontraditional approaches to clinical research has brought together community, government, clinical and behavioral sciences for better children’s health.”

Casamassimo will receive $5,000 and a commemorative plaque during a ceremony at ADA 2017 – America’s Dental Meeting. “This award is a wonderful and totally unexpected surprise,” Dr. Casamassimo said. “I would never have expected this in a million years. My reward for years of clinical research has been the satisfaction of answering questions others never asked, but which have had implications for patient care in children and special needs adults.”

For more information, please email mediarelations@ada.org.

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Although board certifi providers & years of experience in pediatric dentistry in a private-practice setting or academic institution are preferred, it is not required. Salary is based on experience and background.

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