

HSHC Trustee Emeritus Jerome B. Miller Receives William John Gies Award

During the ADA Annual Session in Atlanta last fall, AAPD Past President, HSHC Past President and HSHC Trustee Emeritus Jerome B. Miller, D.D.S., M.S.D., received the American College of Dentists highest honor: the William John Gies Award.

Named after William J. Gies, who was “instrumental in shaping the College and the entire dental profession,” the award, initiated in 1940, recognizes Fellows who have made truly unique and exceptional contributions to advancing the profession and its service to society.

“Jerry’s commitment to dentistry, through the College, the Academy and HSHC, makes him an outstanding choice for this honor,” said HSHC President Ned Savide, D.D.S.

The ACD’s award announcement cited Dr. Miller for his service to “his profession and his community in a manner that is befitting the highest ideals of selfless service and personal courage.”

In addition to his ongoing service to the Academy and Foundation, Miller has served with distinction at every leadership level in his native Oklahoma and nationally. As a past president of the Oklahoma Dental Association, the American College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists Foundation.

“We’re blessed to have Jerry’s passion and dedication within the Academy and Foundation,” said AAPD and HSHC CEO John Rutkauskas, D.D.S., M.B.A., C.A.E., said. “It’s great to see this humble man be recognized in such a meaningful way. My hat is off to the College for presenting Jerry with this much-deserved honor.”



Drs. Jerry Miller and Neal Benham pose with a portrait painted by Dr. Benham unveiled during the 2015 dedication of Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children’s offices in the AAPD Headquarters as the Jerome B. Miller, D.D.S., Center for Philanthropy and Leadership Development.