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## **AGD Announces 2015 Fellows and Masters**

**CHICAGO (June 22, 2015)**—The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is pleased to announce that Dr. James T. Aris, DMD, Wilton, CT, received his Mastership Award, AGD’s highest honor and one of the most respected designations in the dental profession. Dr. Aris was honored this past weekend at the AGD’s Annual Meeting held in San Francisco, CA, during a special Convocation Ceremony.

This year, 144 dentists received the Mastership Award. To receive this award, a dentist must earn the Fellowship Award first and complete 1,100 hours of dental continuing education. Dr. Aris completed 1,355 hours of continuing education and received his Fellowship in 2009. He attended continuing dental education courses throughout the United States including University of Pennsylvania, NYU, Tufts and The Dawson Academy. Dr. Aris states, “I have made an extraordinary commitment to education, and will continue to do so, for the benefit of the patients I’m blessed to serve.”

This year in San Francisco, the AGD also presented the Fellowship Award to 325 dentists. This award recognizes dentists who seek to provide the highest quality dental care by remaining current in their profession. To receive this honor, a dentist must complete 500 hours of dental continuing education, pass a comprehensive exam, and fulfill three years of continuous membership in the AGD.

In the AGD’s sixty-plus year history, 15,989 members have earned the prestigious Fellowship, while 3,060 members have received AGD’s highest honor of Mastership.

“We are proud to honor our 2015 Fellows and Masters for their commitment to continuing education and the dental profession,” says AGD Immediate Past President W. Carter Brown, DMD, FAGD. “These individuals have distinguished themselves professionally among their peers, and they are role models for their colleagues and communities.”

## **About the Academy of General Dentistry**

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is a professional association of 39,000 general dentists dedicated to providing quality dental care and oral health education to the public. AGD members stay up-to-date in their profession through a commitment to continuing education. Founded in 1952, the AGD is the second largest dental association in the United States, and it is the only association that exclusively serves the needs and represents the interests of general dentists. A general dentist is the primary care provider for patients of all ages and is responsible for the diagnosis, treatment, management, and overall coordination of services related to patients' oral health needs. For more information about the AGD, visit [www.agd.org](http://www.agd.org).

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