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**NORTH ROYALTON DENTIST RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS MASTERSHIP FROM
ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY**

CHICAGO (July 27, 2009) – The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is pleased to announce that Terry L. Marquard, DDS, of North Royalton, Ohio, received the prestigious Mastership Award during the AGD's Convocation ceremony, a commencement celebration that recognizes AGD member's commitment to excellence in dental education. Held at the AGD's Annual Meeting & Exhibits on July 11 in Baltimore, Md., Dr. Marquard accepted this award along with more than 150 other recipients.

The Mastership Award is the highest honor available in the AGD and one of the most respected designations in the profession. This accomplishment meets the highest criteria for professional excellence. To accomplish this, Dr. Marquard completed 1,100 hours of continuing dental education in the 16 disciplines of dentistry, including 400 hours dedicated to hands-on skills and techniques. As a recipient of this award, Dr. Marquard has joined over 2,200 members of the dental community who understand that great smiles and good oral health for their patients are the result of going above and beyond basic requirements.

"The AGD is proud to honor Dr. Marquard for his commitment to continuing education and dedication to providing his patients with exceptional oral health care," says AGD President, David F. Halpern, DMD, FAGD. "Dr. Marquard has gone above and beyond his professional responsibilities, distinguishing himself amongst his peers and exemplifying his allegiance to the dental community."

Dr. Marquard graduated from Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 1981 and currently practices dentistry in North Royalton, Ohio. In addition to the AGD, Dr. Marquard is a member of the Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, American Dental Association, Ohio Dental Association, Greater Cleveland Dental Society and North Royalton Chamber of Commerce.

The AGD is a professional association of more than 35,000 general dentists dedicated to staying up-to-date in the profession through continuing education. Founded in 1952, the AGD has grown to become the world's second largest dental association, which is the only association that exclusively represents the needs and interests of general dentists.

More than 786,000 persons are employed directly in the field of dentistry. 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.

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