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ADA Announces Distinguished Service Award Winner Dr. Peter Dawson

DENVER, October 18, 2016 - The American Dental Association (ADA) Board of Trustees will award Peter Dawson, D.D.S., the ADA Distinguished Service Award at ADA 2016 – America's Dental Meeting, Oct. 20-24 in Denver, Colorado. The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor given by the ADA Board of Trustees.

Dr. Dawson, of St. Petersburg, Florida, is considered to be one of the most influential clinicians and teachers in the United States and the world. He is known globally for his contributions to the fields of occlusion and restorative dentistry and for his concepts on the diagnosis and treatment of temporomandibular joint disorders. Dr. Dawson is the founder of The Dawson Academy, a postgraduate educational and clinical research facility dedicated to dentistry.

“The Board of Trustees and I are delighted that we will be able to honor Dr. Dawson with the ADA Distinguished Service Award at ADA 2016 in October,” said Dr. Carol Gomez Summerhays, ADA president, who has attended The Dawson Academy. “Dr. Dawson is known around the world for his contributions to the science and art of dentistry, and he has educated thousands of dentists on his signature concept of ‘complete’ dentistry.”

Dr. Dawson is also a trailblazer in developing and teaching principles of practice management. He was one of the first dentists to hire systems analysts to evaluate every phase of his practice, from quality control to developing a color-coded system for block scheduling.

Dr. Dawson remains very involved in dentistry, and just put the finishing touches on his fifth book, "The Complete Dentist," co-written with his colleagues at The Dawson Academy.

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