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**ADA Announces Distinguished Service Award Winner Dr. Richard V. Tucker**

**CHICAGO, November 2, 2015** — Richard V. Tucker, D.D.S., founder of the Academy of Richard V. Tucker Study Clubs, will be honored as a recipient of the ADA Distinguished Service Award. The ADA's Board of Trustees will present Dr. Tucker with the award at the ADA House of Delegates in Washington, D.C., at ADA 2015 – America's Dental Meeting, on November 6.

Dr. Tucker is considered a pioneer in dental research, whose use of gold in restorative dentistry has created widespread recognition of the Tucker Technique. Because of his innovations, there are more than 50 Tucker Clinical Operating Study Clubs around the world created in his honor.

"I am proud to honor Dr. Richard Tucker with the ADA Distinguished Service Award," said ADA President Dr. Maxine Feinberg. "His dedication to excellence in dentistry and to high ethical standards has impacted countless dentists around the world."

Dr. Tucker graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in 1942 and the Washington University School of Dentistry in 1946. After two years in the U.S. Navy, he started a small-town private practice where he practiced from 1948 to his retirement in 2013. Dr. Tucker is a past president of the Washington State Dental Association, Academy of Operative Dentistry and the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators.

"I feel honored, of course," said Dr. Tucker regarding the award.

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor given by the ADA Board of Trustees and for the first time this year will be given to two awardees. The other recipient is Dr. Jeanne Sinkford.

***Editor's Note: Reporters are invited to follow the ADA on Twitter [@AmerDentalAssn](#). Follow along and join the ADA 2015 – America's Dental meeting conversation with the hashtag [#ADADC](#).***

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