

2004 ASTDD President's Award: Nicholas G. Mosca, DDS

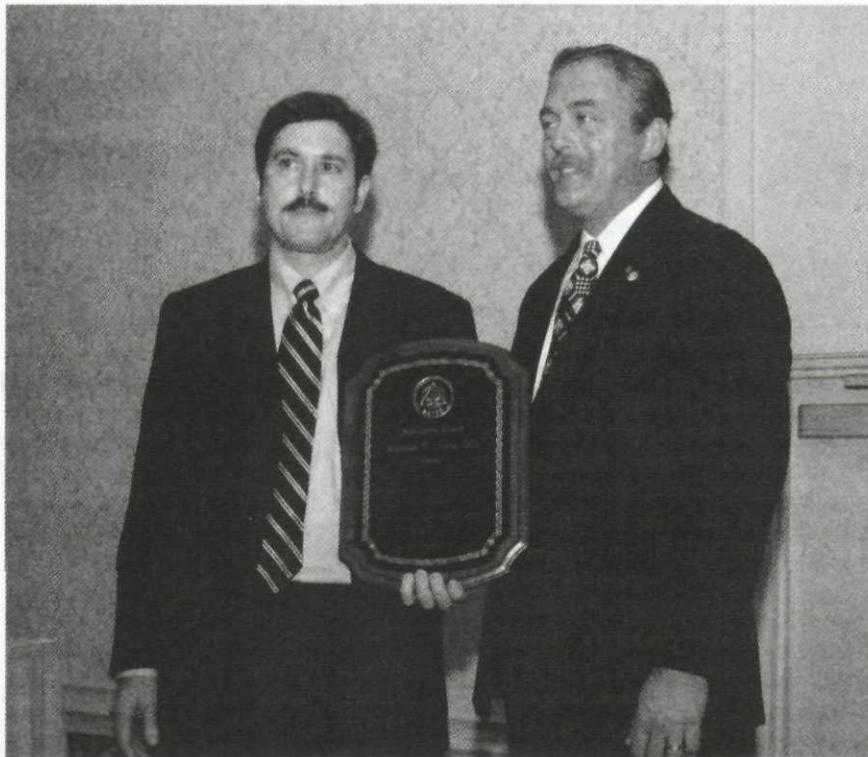
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One of the best things about leading ASTDD is the opportunity to select noteworthy individuals for the ASTDD President's Award. This is the one award that is not even bounded by membership in the association. It is designed to recognize an individual whose accomplishments truly impact ASTDD, dental public health, and the welfare of our citizens.

This year's recipient has stepped forward in ways almost unheard of in recent association history. ASTDD has worked long and hard to build collaborations and partnerships with all sorts of groups that can benefit our mission and vision. Unfortunately, not all outside interests have seen the wisdom of partnering with *us*. Only those who truly understand the needs of both organizations are able to bridge that gap and bring us together.

A year ago, ASTDD members began to get messages about GMEs and the effect of upcoming federal legislation. The issue was new to many; but continuous education on the subject, and calls for real action, helped ASTDD members to get with the program. The messages were from the American Dental Education Association—our partners in dental education.

Building on that first effort, ADEA became a member of the ASTDD Partners' meeting. (Let's stop for a second, because while we would like to have all partners attend the annual meeting, fiscal reality sets in and some feel left out). ADEA sent not just one staff



Drs. Nicholas Mosca and Lynn Mouden

member, but elected to send another at ADEA's expense. That's commitment! ADEA is now investigating other areas of increased collaboration with ASTDD. Advocacy workshops and fellowships prepare educators to work with decision makers at all levels. We are currently working to bring that training to ASTDD members, as well.

Dental education is the lifeblood of

our organizations, both ASTDD and AAPHD. Collaboration and partnering are the heart that moves that life-giving blood. In recognition of tireless efforts in bringing ADEA and ASTDD together, it is my honor to present the 2004 ASTDD President's Award to Dr. Nick Mosca, state dental director from Mississippi and ASTDD liaison to ADEA.

Remarks on Receiving the 2004 ASTDD President's Award

Nicholas G. Mosca, DDS

I would like to thank Dr. Lynn Mouden for this surprising recognition and I am very pleased to accept the ASTDD President's Award on behalf of recent collaborations with the American Dental Education Association. I have come to understand the

passion and dedication that ADEA's staff have, and I would not have been able to "make a difference" without the hard work and support of staff in ADEA's Center for Public Policy and Advocacy, specifically the Associate Executive Director Mr. Jack Bresch,

and Gina Luke, Myla Moss, and Monnette McKinnon, who serve as program directors. You reach your future by building on your past and I truly appreciate our collaboration with ADEA. Thank you.

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