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Special Care Dentistry Association Honors Pacific's Dr. Paul Glassman

DENVER – The Special Care Dentistry Association honored Dr. Paul Glassman, professor, associate dean for education and information technology and director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, with its 2007 Saul Kamen Award. SCDA presented the award, its highest honor, during its annual session on May 5.

The award, named in honor of SCDA founding father Dr. Saul Kamen, recognizes one individual annually for exemplary leadership and contributions to the advancement of oral healthcare for persons with special needs.

Glassman is former President of SCDA and has been involved with this national organization for nearly 30 years. He has been instrumental in improving access to dental care for people with special needs. In his role as the director of Pacific's AEGD program and Co-Director of the Pacific Center for Special Care, Glassman has successfully secured more than \$13 million in funding for oral health care projects for special needs patients throughout California.

"It was a great honor for me to be recognized in this way by the Special Care Dentistry Association," said Glassman. "My greatest rewards come from knowing that some people with special needs have a little easier time achieving good oral health because of the work that I have been fortunate enough to be involved in and the great people I have been able to work with."

Glassman has published and lectured extensively in the areas of hospital dentistry, dentistry for patients with special needs and medical disabilities, dentistry for patients with dental fear and geriatric dentistry. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, a diplomate of the American Board of Special Care Dentistry and co-director of the Statewide Task Force on Oral Health for People with Special Needs.

University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry is one of the nation's premier dental schools and has served the Bay Area community for 111 years. Pacific is committed to excellence in student-centered education, patient care and research. The school's clinics, located in San Francisco, Oakland, Union City and Stockton, offer quality, affordable dental services to children and adults throughout Northern California.

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