Oklahoma City Orthodontist Honored
by the American Association of Orthodontists
Dr. Larson R. Keso Receives the 2015 James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award

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**Oklahoma City:** Larson R. Keso, DDS, MS, an orthodontist practicing in Oklahoma City, is the recipient of the 2015 American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes members who have made exemplary contributions to the profession.

Keso graduated from Oklahoma State University with a BS in Zoology and earned a DDS degree in 1955 from the Washington University (St. Louis) School of Dental Medicine. After serving three years active duty as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force, he returned to Washington University and earned an MS in Orthodontics.

He has served as president of the Oklahoma County Dental Society, Oklahoma Orthodontic Society, Southwestern Society of Orthodontists, Tweed Study Club of Texas and the American Association of Orthodontists. A founding member of the World Federation of Orthodontists, he was a member of its executive committee representing North America from 2000 to 2010. He has been an active member of the Oklahoma Dental Association and the American Dental Association for 60 years.

He was named “Dentist of the Year” in 1997 by the Oklahoma Dental Association and also received the “Distinguished Alumnus Award” in 2001 from the Washington University School of Dental Medicine. Keso currently is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry.

**The Oklahoma Dental Association,** founded in 1907, has a membership of more than 1,600 dentists. The Association was established to help foster an awareness of the obligations and responsibilities of the dental profession to society, to help advance the art and science of dentistry and to promote public health and health services in the State of Oklahoma. For more information, visit www.okda.org.

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The American Association of Orthodontists, founded in 1900, the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) is the world’s oldest and largest dental specialty organization. It represents 17,000 orthodontist members throughout the United States, Canada and abroad. The AAO encourages and sponsors key research to enable its members to provide the highest quality of care to patients, and is committed to educating the public about the need for, and benefits of, orthodontic treatment.

Orthodontists are uniquely qualified specialists who diagnose, prevent and treat dental and facial irregularities to correctly align teeth and jaws. Orthodontists receive an additional two to three years of specialized education in orthodontics beyond dental school at an accredited orthodontic residency program. For more information, visit www.mylifemysmile.org.

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