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The 111th President of the Oklahoma Dental Association Installed

Dr. Juan R. Lopez Begins Term as the 2017-2018 ODA President

OKLAHOMA CITY (May 15, 2017): The Oklahoma Dental Association (ODA) is proud to announce that Juan R. Lopez, DDS will serve as the 111th ODA President. Dr. Lopez was sworn into the presidency during the ODA Annual President's Dinner on Saturday, April 29 at the Cox Business Center in Tulsa. He will serve a one-year term, ending April 30, 2018.

As president of the Oklahoma Dental Association, Dr. Lopez will serve as the official representative of this Association with governmental, civic, business and professional organizations for the purpose of advancing the objectives and policies of the Oklahoma Dental Association.

“Organized dentistry allows the opportunity for individuals to come together as a team to improve the mission of dentistry. I believe it's a way of giving back and to serve our profession and I look forward to serving as the ODA president this year” said Dr. Lopez.

Dr. Lopez graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry in 1991 and relocated to Lawton Oklahoma, where he has been in practice for the past 26 years. He considers Lawton a great place to live and raise a family. Dr. Lopez has been married to Karen for 29 years and they have two children, Eric and Matthew. He has been involved in organized dentistry throughout his career. His previous roles at the ODA include positions on the Council on Membership, Council on Dental Care, Committee on Strategic Planning and a member of the ODA Executive Committee. He is past-president of both the Comanche County Dental Society and the Southwest Oklahoma District Dental Society.

True to his dedication to the dental profession, Dr. Lopez has been honored with awards and achievements including the “President's Leadership Award” by the Oklahoma Dental Association. He co-chaired the 2013 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy in Lawton, a two-day dental clinic that provides free dental care for the underserved and underprivileged.

“My passion has always been to improve the quality of life and health of Oklahomans,” said Dr. Lopez of his yearly service as a volunteer for Oklahoma Mission of Mercy.

He belongs to numerous professional and civic organizations including the American Dental Association, American Orthodontic Society, the Las Vegas Institute of Cosmetic Dentistry and The Spear Study Club. In addition, he has received the prestigious Wayne Gilley Ambassador Award by the Lawton-Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce for community service. He has served as board member of The United Way of Lawton and The Lawton Country Club. Dr. Lopez is Co-founder of the Calvary Baptist Church Dental Clinic, a free dental clinic designed to serve the dental needs of the underprivileged in Lawton.

About the Oklahoma Dental Association:

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.

Photo Attached

Dr. Juan Lopez's headshot

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