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The 112th President of the Oklahoma Dental Association Installed

Dr. Shannon Griffin Begins Term as the 2018-2019 ODA President

OKLAHOMA CITY (April 25, 2018): The Oklahoma Dental Association (ODA) is proud to announce that Shannon Griffin, DMD will serve as the 112th ODA President. Dr. Griffin was sworn into the presidency during the ODA Annual President's Dinner on Saturday, April 21 at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City. She will serve a one-year term, ending April 30, 2019.

As president of the Oklahoma Dental Association, Dr. Griffin 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.

“It’s going to be a year of reinforcing and building relationships that ultimately strengthen our profession. Dentistry is such a wonderful profession and I look forward to helping Oklahoma dental professionals perform their duty to our patients and the public.” said Dr. Griffin.

Dr. Griffin graduated from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston in 1996 and then moved to Oklahoma City in where she completed The Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program at the OU College of Dentistry in 1998. She has been practicing in Edmond since 1999 and is currently a faculty member of the OU College of Dentistry AEGD program. A recognized industry leader, she is a frequent speaker and writer looking to help other dental professionals improve.

She has been a member of the ODA since 1998, and is also a member of the prestigious Pierre Fauchard Academy and the American College of Dentists. She served as the Chair of the 2016 Oklahoma Mission of Mercy in Oklahoma City and was awarded the 2016 ODA President's Leadership Award for her service to that charitable event. She was also the recipient of the 2018 ODA Citizenship Award recognizing her significant contributions to community service.

“There is a need to increase available dental care to our patients, especially outside our urban areas. Understanding access to care in Oklahoma is going to be a top priority this year,” said Griffin.

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 about the ODA, visit www.okda.org and to find a dentist, visit <https://findadentist.ada.org/>.

Photos Attached

1. Dr. Shannon Griffin's headshot
2. Dr. Shannon Griffin was awarded the 2018 ODA Citizenship Award recognizing her significant contributions to community service. The award was presented by Dr. Juan Lopez during the 2018 ODA President's Dinner on April 21 in Oklahoma City.

For more information about the Oklahoma Dental Association or to request an interview with Dr. Shannon Griffin, please contact Tina Evans at (405) 848-8873 or by e-mail at tevens@okda.org.

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