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The Oklahoma Dental Association Honors Two Oklahoma City Dentists

*Dr. Evangeline “Van” Greer and Dr. Phoebe Vaughan Awarded
for their service to the dental profession*

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, April 30, 2018 - The Oklahoma Dental Association (ODA) is proud to award Dr. Evangeline “Van” Greer with the James A. Saddoris Lifetime of Leadership Award and Dr. Phoebe Vaughan with the ODA Young Dentist of the Year Award. The awards were given during the 2018 ODA President’s Dinner on April 21 in Oklahoma City.

The James A. Saddoris Lifetime of Leadership Award is the most prestigious ODA Award given and was created to honor a member dentist who, through a lifetime of service, exemplified the spirit, the devotion and the commitment of its namesake, James A. Saddoris, a Tulsa dentist and 1986 President of the American Dental Association. Dr. Greer, a retired orthodontist, has worked steadily to ensure progression, security, and innovation in the dental profession. The ODA has also honored her with the President’s Leadership Award in 2005, the Dan E. Brannin Award for Professionalism and Ethics in 2013, and the Distinguished Dental Service award in 2015. She was recognized by the American Association of Orthodontists with its highest honor for exemplary service to orthodontics in 2017. She was also a past president of the Oklahoma Orthodontic Society and the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists.

“Dr. Greer exemplifies the highest level of ethics, professionalism and truest devotion to our profession,” said the ODA Immediate Past President Dr. Juan Lopez.

The ODA Young Dentist of the Year Award is presented annually to a dentist who has been a part of the profession for ten years or less, who is an advocate for the profession and their community, and who is making significant contributions to organized dentistry during an important transitional time of their career. Dr. Vaughan volunteers for the annual free dental clinic the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy, serves the dental community as a board member and volunteer with D-Dent, and as the lead dentist at the Baptist Mission Center. She currently serves as a director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program at the Oklahoma University College of Dentistry and is the editor of the *Oklahoma Dental Association Journal*.

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/>.

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Photos Attached

1. Dr. Van Greer is presented the James A. Saddoris Lifetime of Leadership Award by Dr. Juan Lopez, ODA Immediate Past President.
2. Dr. Phoebe Vaughan is presented the ODA Young Dentist of the Year Award by Dr. Juan Lopez, ODA Immediate Past President.
3. Headshot Dr. Van Greer
4. Headshot Dr. Phoebe Vaughan

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