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OU College of Dentistry Professor Honored with Oral Health Education Award

Dr. Phoebe Vaughan Presented the Oklahoma Dental Association's Dr. Robert K. Wynn Award

OKLAHOMA CITY (May 2, 2019)- The Oklahoma Dental Association (ODA) is proud to award Dr. Phoebe Vaughan with the 2019 Robert K. Wynn Award. This award is named after Dr. Robert K. Wynn, a dentist who saw the need for increased public awareness and education of oral health. It is in his memory that the ODA presents an annual award recognizing a member who significantly contributes to help educate the public about the need for oral health care. The award was presented during the 2019 ODA House of Delegates meeting on April 25 in Tulsa, OK.

Dr. Vaughan, a native Oklahoman, currently serves as director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program at the OU College of Dentistry (OUCOD) and as editor of the *ODA Journal*. She is the lead dentist at the Baptist Mission Center and serves on the Board of Dentists for the Disabled and Elderly in Need of Treatment. Serving the community through dentistry is her passion. "She is active in several dental and statewide activities that target those with unmet dental needs. Because of her commitment to the dental profession, education, and service, she has received numerous awards including the OUCOD Young Alumnus of the Year Award, the OUCOD Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Award, and the 2018 Young Dentist of the Year award by the Oklahoma Dental Association. Her dedication to strengthening dental education and public information is shown through her daily work in her community and at the OU College of Dentistry," said ODA Immediate Past President Dr. Shannon Griffin.

The ODA appreciates Dr. Vaughan's commitment to not only teaching future dentists about good oral health care, but also educating the public on this important topic.

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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Photo Attached

1. Headshot Dr. Phoebe Vaughan

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