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**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS DENTIST RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS MASTERSHIP FROM
ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY**

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is pleased to announce that Dr. James Kakos DDS, MAGD, FICOI, of Arlington Heights, Illinois, received the prestigious Mastership Award during the AGD's convocation ceremony, a commencement celebration that recognizes AGD member's commitment to excellence in dental education. During the event that was held at the AGD's scientific session on Saturday, July 30, 2022, in Orlando, Florida., Dr. Kakos accepted this award along with more than 67 other recipients.

The Mastership Award is the highest honor available in the AGD and one of the most respected designations in the profession. This accomplishment meets the highest criteria for professional excellence. To accomplish this, Dr. Kakos completed 1,100 hours of continuing dental education in the 16 disciplines of dentistry, including 400 hours dedicated to hands-on skills and techniques. As a recipient of this award, Dr. Kakos has joined over 3,566 members of the dental community who understand that great smiles and good oral health for their patients are the result of going above and beyond basic requirements.

"The AGD is designed to influence professional growth and development through continuing education, and we are proud to honor Dr. Kakos for his commitment and dedication to provide his patients with advanced and exceptional oral health care," says AGD President Gerald J. Botko, DMD, MAGD. "Dr Kakos is exceeding industry requirements and paving a path of success distinguishing himself professionally amongst his peers and exemplifying his allegiance to the dental community."

According the Statista.com website, there are an estimated 158,240 dentists licensed for general practice in the U.S. A general dentist is the primary care provider for patients of all ages and is responsible for the diagnosis, treatment, management and overall coordination of services related to patients' oral health needs.

Dr. Kakos graduated from Loyola University School of Dentistry in 1991 and currently practices dentistry in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

About the Academy of General Dentistry

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is a professional association of more than 40,000 general dentists dedicated to providing quality dental care and oral health education to the public. Founded in 1952, AGD is the largest association for general dentists in the world and serves the needs and represents the interests of general dentists. For more information about AGD, visit, www.agd.org.

