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## Greenville, South Carolina Prosthodontist Recognized for Extraordinary Outreach and Service Dr. Donald Ridgell Honored by the American College of Prosthodontists



(Dr. Ridgell, left, receives award from ACP Immediate Past President Dr. Susan E. Brackett)

CHICAGO – <u>Donald L. Ridgell, DMD</u>, was honored with the Private Practice Prosthodontist Award for the Eastern Region by the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) at the Annual Awards & President's Dinner during the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the ACP held in San Francisco from Nov. 1-4, 2017.

This award recognizes extraordinary collegiality, outreach and community service, highlighting the role a prosthodontist plays in advancing the quality of life for patients. Dr. Ridgell received the honor for his continued efforts to help those in the Greenville, South Carolina community through free medical clinics and pro bono work, and for his frequent trips to the Dominican Republic for medical missions.

"This honor means so much to me because it is from my professional peers," said Dr. Ridgell. "There is no better recognition than from the people who know you professionally. I can't thank the ACP enough for this honor."

Dr. Ridgell is a past president of the South Carolina Section of the ACP, a member of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, and a past president of the Piedmont District Dental Society. He maintains a private practice in Greenville, South Carolina, is an adjunct professor at the MUSC College of Dental Medicine in the Removable Prosthodontics Department, and is an active volunteer for the Greenville County Free Medical Clinic.

Dr. Ridgell received his undergraduate degree in Biochemistry from Clemson University and continued his education at The Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine. He earned his certification in prosthodontics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## **About Prosthodontists**

A prosthodontist is a dental specialist who focuses on the restoration and replacement of missing teeth and correcting other oral or facial issues. With their advanced training, prosthodontists are able to help patients with implants, dentures and veneers, all the way to full mouth and jaw reconstructions.

## **About the ACP**

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) is the only ADA recognized organization for the specialty of prosthodontics, and is the only prosthodontic organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. Founded in 1970, ACP is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing patient care, advancing the art and science of prosthodontics, promoting the specialty of prosthodontics to the public and other dentists and healthcare professionals, ensuring the quality of prosthodontic education and providing professional services to its membership. For more information, consumers can visit <a href="mailto:GoToAPro.org">GoToAPro.org</a> and dental professionals can visit <a href="mailto:Prosthodontics.org">Prosthodontics.org</a>.