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**Dr. Thomas J. Balshi Wins the Dan Gordon Lifetime Achievement Award  
from the American College of Prosthodontists**



CHICAGO – [Thomas J. Balshi, DDS, PhD, FACP](#), received the Dan Gordon Lifetime Achievement Award by the [American College of Prosthodontists \(ACP\)](#). Dr. Balshi was honored at the Annual Awards & President’s Dinner during the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the ACP held in San Diego from Oct. 5-8, 2016.

Dr. Balshi earned both his undergraduate dental degree and his certificate in Prosthodontics from Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia. He was among the pioneers of Branemark osseointegrated implants in the United States, having studied the technology both at the University of Toronto and the Institute for Applied Biotechnology in Sweden. In 2010, Dr. Balshi received an honorary doctorate in Science from Cabrini College, now Cabrini University. He is the founder of Prosthodontics Intermedica, a center for clinical treatment, advanced education and research in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. He additionally serves as adjunct faculty in the Departments of Prosthodontics at Rutgers University, the University of Connecticut, Nova Southeastern University and Temple University.

“It has been a great privilege for me to be a member of the American College of Prosthodontics for more than forty years. I have witnessed many changes and voluminous growth, and have always been energized to be a part of such progressive forward movement for the betterment of our profession and to the welfare of our patients.”

Dr. Balshi is both a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, Fellow of the ACP and a longstanding member of the International College of Prosthodontists. He is a founding member and past president of the Pennsylvania Prosthodontics Association. He is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics and the Academy of Osseointegration, along with holding membership in numerous other professional organizations.

The Dan Gordon Award recognizes lifetime achievement. It is presented to ACP members contributing at the highest level for the welfare and advancement of the College and prosthodontics; with outstanding contributions to dentistry; exceptional service to the college; and advancements to the sciences or health professions.

Prosthodontists are specialized dentists with advanced training in oral health issues, who are committed to improving patient outcomes. From implants, crowns, veneers, and tooth whitening, to full-mouth

reconstruction, prosthodontists specialize in [digital dentistry](#), [cosmetic dentistry](#), and [sleep apnea](#) solutions.

The ACP is the only prosthodontic specialty organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. ACP members must be in or have completed an ADA-accredited advanced education program in prosthodontics.

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### **About the ACP**

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) is the official sponsoring organization for the specialty of prosthodontics, which is one of only nine recognized specialties of the American Dental Association. 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 consumer information visit [GoToAPro.org](#), professionals can visit [Prosthodontics.org](#).