

Osborne receives 2019 Shepard Distinguished Service Award

Dr. James W. Osborne, formerly of Lake Winnebago, Missouri and currently of DeSoto, Kansas, was unanimously selected by the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Board of Directors as the recipient of the 2019 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award.



Dr. Osborne received his dental and orthodontic degrees from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry in 1972 and 1976, respectively. He served in the United States Army Dental Corp from 1972-1974 before beginning his orthodontic residency. Dr. Osborne practiced full-time in Raytown, Lee's Summit and Pleasant Hill, Missouri from 1976-2012.

While in practice, he served in an adjunct clinical instructor at the UMKC School of Dentistry, Orthodontic Department. After five months of retirement, he joined the faculty of UMKC School of Dentistry, Orthodontic Department as a clinical faculty member and assisted in the teaching of the residents. After the retirement of Dr. Don Thompson, he became the Clinical Director of the Advanced Education in Orthodontics at UMKC. He is now serving as the Interim Chair and Clinical Director of the program.

Dr. Osborne served as president of the Missouri Society of Orthodontists in 1982-1983; as president of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists in 1998-1999; as editor of the *Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Newsletter* from 1993-1996; and as a delegate to the AAO House of Delegates several times. Most importantly, Jim served as the MSO representative to the AAO Council on Communications, leading to the development of the consumer awareness program. In his local professional community, he served as president of the Greater Kansas City Dental Society; the Eastern Jackson Dental Society; and the Kansas City Orthodontic Support & Research Foundation (the UMKC Orthodontic Alumni Association). He was the long-term treasurer and meeting coordinator for that organizations' annual meeting.

Jim was also involved in many community boards and committees, including the Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation Board; the Raytown, Lee's Summit and Pleasant Hill Chambers of Commerce; the Lee's Summit School District Advisory Committee; the Lee's Summit Optimist Club; the Raytown Rotary Club; and many committees within the Lake Winnebago Homeowners Association, including serving as president for several years.

Dr. Osborne is married to Dr. Cathleen Taylor-Osborne. They have five children and eleven grandchildren. Their youngest son is currently a fourth-year dental student.

We wish to congratulate Dr. Osborne on his many accomplishments and thank him for his significant contributions and years of service to the orthodontic profession and his community.