

Kittleson receives 2005 Shepard Award

The MSO annually presents the Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to a person who exemplifies the ideals of the orthodontic profession, community and family. The MSO Board of Directors unanimously voted to present its highest award for exemplary contributions to the art and science of orthodontics for 2005 to Dr. Russell T. Kittleson, Mequon, Wisconsin.



Russ graduated from Marquette University School of Dentistry in 1958 and received his training in orthodontics at the University of Illinois, finishing in 1960.

Instrumental in initiating the graduate training program in orthodontics at Marquette in 1961, Russ currently serves as Adjunct Professor and has maintained continuous teaching service for forty-five years. He has been very actively involved in the major fund raising efforts for the new Marquette orthodontic department.

Russ has served as president of numerous organizations including the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontics, the Marquette University Dental Alumni Association and the Midwest Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists. He also served as chairman of the Wisconsin Section of the American College of Dentists.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the Pierre Fauchard Honorary Society and the American College of Dentists all have honored Russ. In 1997 he was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus in Dentistry by Marquette University. The Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists recognized him with a special service award in 1991, and the Marquette Orthodontic Department acknowledged him in 2000 for his dedication and contributions.

Russ has lectured regionally, nationally, and internationally. By the generous sharing of his knowledge, as well as being a mentor, he has made orthodontists under his guidance feel like family. He has the unusual distinction of being a teacher of every orthodontic student who has ever graduated from the Marquette orthodontic program.

Russ and his wife, Jean, have three married sons: Roger, a Williams College history professor; Gary, an environmentalist; and John, an orthodontist who practices with him. Russ previously practiced with his brother, Nathan, for 35 years. He is the proud grandfather of three boys and two girls, all of whom give "Poppy" a great deal of pleasure.

Congratulations, Russ, you have been a true guiding light in the orthodontic profession.