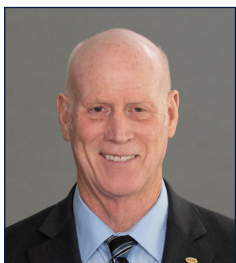




## MEDALLION OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

**Dr. Nader Nadershahi '94, Dean and Vice Provost, will install the 2024–2025 Board of Directors as we bid goodbye to Dr. Peter Liu '89, current Alumni Association President, and welcome incoming president, Dr. Amanda Rae Kronquist '15. Three extraordinary members of our community will receive the Medallion of Distinction, the highest honor given annually by the School of Dentistry. The 2024 recipients are:**



### **DR. ALAN BUDENZ**

Alan, a 1982 UCSF School of Dentistry graduate, began teaching at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in 1984. He maintained a private practice in the Marina District until 1992, after which he devoted himself to full-time academia, teaching oral diagnosis, treatment planning, and anatomy. Alan played a key role in establishing the faculty CARE practice for HIV+/AIDS patients. As Group Practice Administrator, he guided students in basic science/preclinical courses through clinical experiences to graduation. Alan led more than 10 student service trips to Jamaica and the Philippines, promoting global experiences. Additionally, he sponsored boat trips and swimming events to help students manage stress.

Uniquely, Alan served as president of both the UCSF and Dugoni School Alumni Association Board of Directors. Throughout his career he gained recognition for lecturing nationally and internationally on various dental topics. Dentistry Today honored him annually from 2005 to 2023 as a Leader in Dental Continuing Education. Elected as a Fellow in the American and International Colleges of Dentistry and the Pierre Fauchard Academy, Alan has received prestigious awards, including UCSF's Medal of Honor and the Dugoni School Lucien Szymd Memorial Award twice, a high honor chosen by students; an individual can receive the Szymd award once every ten years. He was also honored with the Dugoni School of Dentistry Distinguished Faculty Award and the University of the Pacific Distinguished Faculty Award, the highest faculty honor. Alan retired from the Dugoni School in 2023, leaving behind a remarkable legacy.



### **DR. JUDEE TIPPETT-WHYTE '86**

Juee, the first female valedictorian at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in 1986, has since demonstrated remarkable dedication to the school and organized dentistry at local, state, and national levels. Beginning her career in Stockton, California, she has spent 38 years contributing to the profession. Throughout her extensive career, Juee has held leadership positions on various boards, ultimately becoming president of the Dugoni School Alumni Association, the San Joaquin Dental Society, and the California Dental Association. She has also served as vice president of The Dentists Insurance Company, secretary of the CDA Foundation Board of Directors, and played essential roles in every CDA Cares event. She is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists.

Juee serves as a role model for younger women dentists through the national organization Mommy Dentists in Business. Currently, Juee collaborates with CDA leaders as a past president, is a member of the ADA House of Delegates, and serves as the state representative to ADPAC. Alongside her husband Steven Whyte, she raised three boys and is now a proud grandparent. Upon retirement, Juee and Steve plan to reside full-time in Boseman, Montana.



### **DR. WILLIAM A. VAN DYK '73**

Bill's remarkable contributions span decades, leaving an indelible mark on the field of dentistry, his local community, and the Dugoni School of Dentistry and its Alumni Association. Having graduated from our dental school in 1973, Bill's journey included three years of service in the U.S. Army Dental Corps before establishing a private practice in San Pablo, California. Concurrently, he embarked on a teaching career, starting as an associate professor in the Emergency and Radiology Department. After dedicating 28 years to teaching, Bill transitioned to a voluntary role, becoming an adjunct lecturer in the Department of Dental Practice—a position he still holds today.

Beyond academia, Bill played pivotal roles in the local community, contributing as an editor and committee member for the Contra Costa Dental Society. He served twice as the society's president and assumed leadership positions in the Contra Costa College Foundation, the American Lung Association of Contra Costa (where he presently holds the position of Secretary), and the San Pablo Rotary Club.

Bill's expertise extended nationally, with significant roles in both the CDA and the ADA from 1980 to 2002. His contributions included serving on the ADA Council on Education and Membership, acting as a CDA Delegate to the ADA, and holding the position of Trustee. Bill brought his expertise to the ADA Success Series, delivering lectures for 21 years, and has been serving as a Consultant to the ADA since 1985. As a Fellow of the American College of Dentistry, Bill served as Section President and Editor of the Northern California Section newsletter. Affectionately known as "BVD," Bill dedicated 11 years to the Alumni Association Board of Directors, including a term as president (2015-2016), and later returned to the board as Treasurer for an additional five years.