

## **ARTHUR A. DUGONI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2022**

This award is given by the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry Alumni Association for exceptional achievement, commitment and service at a level above and beyond that represented by the Medallion of Distinction Award. Created in 2006, the Lifetime Achievement Award is given on an infrequent basis and as the opportunity arises. Previous recipients are Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni and Dr. David B. Nielsen.



### **DR. FRANK A. BRUCIA '44A**

*Celebrating his 105th birthday this month, San Francisco native and member of the Class of 1944A Dr. Frank A. Brucia is being justly honored with the Arthur A. Dugoni Lifetime Achievement Award. On behalf of the Dugoni School Foundation and our dean, Dr. Nader Nadershahi '94, the Alumni Association is honored to present Dr. Frank A. Brucia with this award.*

Dr. Brucia graduated from University of California, Berkeley prior to earning his dental degree at P&S. A dental student during World War II, Dr. Brucia and a selection of his classmates were sectioned off to allow quick induction into the U.S. Army Air Corps as first lieutenants immediately following their graduation. He served overseas during the last year of the war and returned to the U.S. to marry his sweetheart, Helen, a dental assistant from North Carolina. Dr. Brucia practiced family dentistry on Stockton Street in San Francisco's North Beach neighborhood, and in those early years also treated Sacramento Valley migrant children via a mobile dental service. Dr. Brucia was especially active in CDA as a board member, president, trustee and delegate. The San Francisco Dental Society office building on Lombard Street has a meeting room named in his honor. A generous donor to the Dugoni School for more than 50 years consecutively, he also volunteered as an interviewer for the Admissions Committee. In 2000, the Alumni Association presented him with a Medallion of Distinction. Dr. Brucia and Helen were married for 69 years. He has two sons and a daughter, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. His old practice on Stockton Street is in the good hands of his younger son, Dr. Jeff Brucia '88.