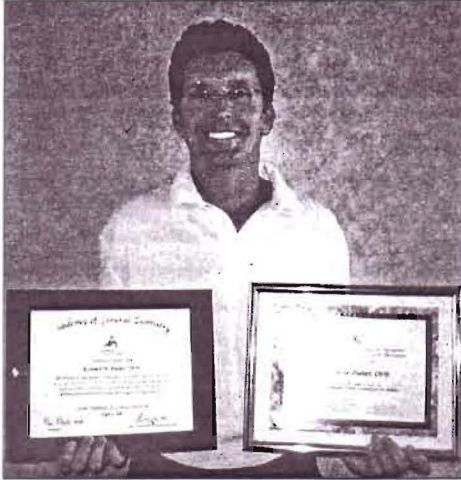


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Parker earns recognition from dental associations



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Lemont resident and dentist **Richard Parker** has earned two awards from international dental organizations.

Parker attended the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry's scientific session in San Diego. At this California meeting, Parker took the academy's written accreditation exam. This examination measures one's knowledge of esthetic dental techniques, materials, laboratory procedures, biologic principles and smile analysis. Not only did he pass the test but he had the highest score of the several hundred dentists who participated. For this accomplishment, Parker received a Certificate of Recognition and Commendation from the AACD and the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry.

The AACD is the largest international dental organization dedicated to advancing excellence in cosmetic dentistry. It has 7,600 members in more than 60 countries and was founded in 1984.

On the move

Parker also received his Fellowship award from the Academy of General Dentistry. The cap and gown convocation ceremony took place at the AGD's annual

meeting in Denver. Parker was one of 10 dentists from Illinois to be so honored this year, and he joins the exclusive ranks of 5 percent of all dentists nationwide to hold this designation.

The AGD was founded in 1953 with the goal of fostering continued education of dental professionals throughout their careers. The Fellowship award is based on completing a minimum of 500 hours of post-graduate education and passing a rigorous examination that covers all aspects of general dentistry.
