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**MESA/GILBERT DENTIST RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP FROM
ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY**

CHICAGO (July 19, 2008) - The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is pleased to announce that Sheldon Sullivan, DDS, of Mesa, Ariz., received the prestigious Fellowship Award during the AGD's Convocation ceremony, a commencement celebration that recognizes AGD member's commitment to excellence in dental education. Held at the AGD's Annual Meeting & Exhibits on July 19 in Orlando, Fla., Dr. Sullivan accepted this award along with more than 240 other recipients.

The Fellowship Award is presented to dentists looking to provide the highest quality of dental care by remaining current in their profession. In order to receive this award, Dr. Sullivan completed 500 hours of continuing dental education, passed a comprehensive written exam and fulfilled three years of continuing membership with the AGD. As a recipient of this award, Dr. Sullivan has joined an elite group of more than 14,000 members of the dental community who understand that great smiles and good oral health for their patients are the result of going above and beyond basic requirements. The Fellowship Award symbolizes excellence in the dental profession and a commitment to providing exceptional patient care.

"Dr. Sullivan accomplishment shows his allegiance to the profession and commitment to ensuring his patients receive excellent oral health care," says AGD President, Paula Jones, DDS, FAGD. "The challenging process of becoming a Fellow exemplifies Dr. Sullivan dedication to continuing education and distinguishes him professionally in the dental community."

Dr. Sullivan graduated from the University of the Pacific in 1996 and currently practices dentistry in Gilbert, Ariz. In addition to the AGD, Dr. Sullivan is a member of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists, American Academy of Implant Dentistry and the Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

Dr. Sullivan is married to Cheeri and has four children, Dallen, Breanne, Brooklynn and Stetson.

The AGD is a professional association of more than 35,000 dentists dedicated to staying up-to-date in the profession through continuing education. Founded in 1952, the AGD has grown to become the world's second largest dental association, which is the only association that exclusively represents the needs and interests of general dentists.

More than 786,000 persons are employed directly in the field of dentistry. A general dentist is the primary care provider for patients of all ages and is responsible for the diagnosis, treatment, management and overall coordination of services related to patients' oral health needs.

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