

Dr. Rolf G. Behrents Selected for the 2020 Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award by The American Board of Orthodontics



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The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) has named **Rolf G. Behrents, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.**, of St. Louis as the recipient of the 2020 Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award, its highest honor.

The Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award commemorates the achievements of Dr. Albert H. Ketcham. Created by the ABO in 1936, this award is presented annually to an individual who has made a notable contribution to the science and art of orthodontics. Due to the cancellation of the AAO 2020 Annual Session where the award is traditionally presented, the ABO will now honor Dr. Behrents at the AAO 2021 Annual Session held in Boston, MA. No additional recipient for the award in 2021 will be identified.

With a long and distinguished career in orthodontic teaching and research, Dr. Behrents currently is professor emeritus of orthodontics at Saint Louis University. He also serves as editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics*, a position he has held since 2014.

Dr. Behrents obtained his bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., in 1969, and his dental degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., in 1973. He completed his orthodontic training and M.S. degree at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1975.

From 1975 to 1978, he held postdoctoral fellowships at the Center for Human Growth and Development at the University of Michigan. He completed his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan.

He returned to Case Western Reserve in 1978 as a faculty member and director of the orthodontic program. From 1984 to 1997, he served at the University of Tennessee as a faculty member, orthodontic program director and department chair. He then taught at Baylor University and directed the orthodontic program from 1998 to 2003.

In 2003, he joined Saint Louis University as orthodontic program director and executive director of the Center for Advanced Dental Education. He was named the Lysle E. Johnston, Jr., Endowed Professor of Orthodontics in 2011. He retired from this position in 2018 and continues to teach on a part-time basis as professor emeritus.

An active researcher and editorial contributor to numerous books, Dr. Behrents is the author of *Growth of the Aging Craniofacial Skeleton*. He has published more than 70 articles in refereed journals including the *AJO-DO*, *Angle Orthodontist*, *Journal of General Dentistry*, *Annals of Human Biology* and others. Besides being an associate editor and referee and now editor-in-

chief of the *AJO-DO*, Dr. Behrents' extensive editorial experience includes work as an editorial board member for *Angle Orthodontist* and as a referee for the *World Journal of Orthodontics* and other publications.

Dr. Behrents has lectured extensively in the United States and abroad. He gave the Jacob Salzmänn Lecture at the 1992 AAO Annual Session and the John Valentine Mershon Lecture at the 2008 AAO Annual Session.

For the AAO, Dr. Behrents was the scientific program co-chairman for three annual sessions: 1998, 2006 and 2011. He was chairman of the AAO Scientific Studies Committee from 1987 to 1991, and chaired the AAO Foundation Planning and Research Review Committee from 1992 to 2003. By virtue of his position with the *AJO-DO*, he has been a non-voting member of the AAO Board of Trustees since 2014. He has been co-director of the Graduate Orthodontic Residents Program since 1999.

Dr. Behrents has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teaching and Research Award from the AAO Foundation (2011), Eugene and Pauline Blair Distinguished Service Award from the AAOF (2007), honorary doctorate from the University of Athens (2001), and the Milo Hellman Research Award from the AAO (1976 and 1985). He also is a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists, and received the 2018 Callahan Memorial Award from the Ohio Dental Association.

On receiving the award, Dr. Behrents said, "When President Barone announced that I was to receive the Ketcham Award, I was at first completely stunned and then totally delighted. I was stunned as I never really expected to be so honored given the high quality of the previous winners. Then, I was delighted that this announcement was greeted by the enthusiastic applause of so many colleagues, friends and family. A very special moment, indeed."