

Alumnus of the Year...

Dr. Roy T. Yanase graduated from the Ostrow School of Dentistry of the University of Southern California (USCSD) in 1969, where he served as President of the Upsilon Chapter and was recognized with the Fraternal Achievement Award. From 1969 to 1974, he was the Deputy Councilor for the Upsilon Alumni Chapter, before eventually becoming President in 1977, the same year he received his certificate in advanced prosthodontics from the USCSD.

Over the next 35 years my father has enjoyed an illustrious career and has dedicated himself to the dental profession and prosthodontics (specifically implant dentistry). In 1985, encouraged by Professor P.J. Branemark, he was one of the founding members of the Osseointegration Study Club of Southern California, as well as the Osseointegration Study Club of Japan (2001). After earning Board Certification as a Prosthodontist in 1981, he was nominated as an Examiner in 2001, and served as the American Board of Prosthodontics President in 2009. Among his many other leadership roles, he is the past President of the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics and the American College of Prosthodontists, California Section. He has authored and lectured internationally on the specialty and discipline of prosthodontics and implant dentistry.

In recognition for his commitment and dedication to the dental profession and prosthodontics, my father was honored with the 2013 Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics Fred E. Gulick Distinguished Life Member Award. A couple of his other most recent honors include the 2012 American College of Prosthodontics President's Award and the 2011 Loma Linda School of Dentistry, Kenneth Wical Award for Excellence in Prosthodontics.

My father has credited his experiences in Psi Omega as instrumental in the development of his leadership skills, passion for dentistry, and commitment to clinical excellence. Our values, dedication and commitment to the profession and patients we serve were instilled by my grandfather (Stanley H. Yanase, DDS, USCSD 1938) in the same practice location he started over 45 years ago in Torrance, CA.

To list out the rest of his professional accomplishments would require a novel, but that is not what distinguished my father the most. His most important accomplishments have been as a father – my mentor, role model and friend.

Countless people have been mentored and inspired by Roy T. Yanase, but I have the distinct privilege to call him "Dad".

Rex R Yanase, DDS
Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC, 2002
President, Psi Omega Upsilon Chapter, 2000-2001

