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**BEAUFORT DENTIST RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP FROM
ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY**

CHICAGO (July 27, 2009) - The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is pleased to announce that Stephen W. Durham, DMD, of Beaufort, S.C., 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 11 in Baltimore, Md., Dr. Durham accepted this award along with more than 220 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. Durham 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. Durham 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.

"The AGD is proud to honor Dr. Durham for his commitment to continuing education and dedication to providing his patients with exceptional oral health care," says AGD President, David F. Halpern, DMD, FAGD. "Dr. Durham has gone above and beyond his professional responsibilities, distinguishing himself amongst his peers and exemplifying his allegiance to the dental community."

Dr. Durham graduated from Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine in 1997 and currently practices dentistry in Beaufort, S.C. In addition to the AGD, Dr. Durham is a



member of the Las Vegas Institute Alumni, International Congress of Oral Implantologist, CerecDoctors.com, Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation and Laser Dentistry Forum. Dr. Durham is married to Kim and has two children, Collin, and Brock.

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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