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## **Delta Dental of Wisconsin named “Friend of Dentistry”**

*Marquette University honors company for dentistry-school support*

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – Delta Dental of Wisconsin was given the “Friend of the School of Dentistry” award by Marquette University at MU’s yearly awards presentation April 29.

The company was recognized for its donations to the dental school, charitable outreach and research support.

Delta Dental helped fund the dental school’s 120,000-square-foot facility, and has supported its clinics, rural-dentistry initiatives, curriculum expansion, scholarship programs, and graduate fellowships.

“We are proud to help support Wisconsin’s next generation of dental professionals,” said Dennis Peterson, DDWI executive vice president. “Marquette is Wisconsin’s only dental school. Our funding helps ensure an adequate number of well-trained dentists are available to provide services statewide, which will improve overall access to care.”

Marquette acknowledged the company’s philanthropic efforts – including its support of Mission of Mercy and more than a dozen low-income dental clinics statewide – that improve access to dental care for underserved populations.

Delta Dental was also recognized for its investments in innovation and research. DDWI supports projects that merge dental and medical information into a single electronic record, employ “good” bacteria to eradicate the plaque that causes tooth decay, and connect oral health to overall health.

In a letter, university president Rev. Robert Wild said, “From capital projects to student scholarships to enhancing our outreach to Wisconsin’s rural areas, Delta Dental’s outstanding support has impacted every facet of our dental school in a significant way.”

Delta Dental of Wisconsin is a not-for-profit dental service corporation offering benefit services, claims processing, and plan administration to employers throughout Wisconsin since 1962. The company is headquartered in Stevens Point, with sales offices in Milwaukee and Madison, and provides benefits and services to more than 1.4 million subscribers and their family members. Delta Dental administers dental benefits for more Wisconsin companies than any other insurance carrier.

As a member of the nationwide Delta Dental Plans Association, the company is able to offer employees of Wisconsin-based companies the same dental benefits to wherever they are located in the United States. The Delta Dental Plans Association is the largest dental-benefits system in the nation. Its member companies provide benefits to more than 51 million people in 93,600 groups across the United States.

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*Dennis Brown (center), President and CEO of Delta Dental of Wisconsin, is presented the Friend of the School of Dentistry award from Marquette University by the dean of the School of Dentistry William Lobb (left) and university president Rev. Robert Wild (right).*