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**DR. FRED MARGOLIS HONORED WITH THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD BY ALPHA OMEGA  
INTERNATIONAL DENTAL FRATERNITY**

Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity is pleased to announce that Dr. Fred Margolis of Highland Park, Illinois is the recipient of the 2011 Meritorious Service Award, the highest honor that can be awarded to a member (frater). Through the years one considerable factor has been visible in the achievement of the Fraternity's greatness and that is the continuing intense interest, responsibility and actions of so many of its Fraters. The Award for Meritorious Service was, therefore, created to honor Alpha Omega's most outstanding Fraters.

Since his induction as a member of the student chapter at the Ohio State University dental school, Dr. Margolis has been very active in Alpha Omega. He held the office of treasurer of his student chapter, and went on to serve the Illinois Alumni Chapter as editor and then chapter president. He served as an International Trustee and a member of the Board of Directors for seven years. In 2007, he was elected to the office of International Editor and currently serves as the fraternity's business manager. Dr. Margolis' passion for teaching has led him to become the Chairperson for Continuing Education for the fraternity's annual convention.

In addition, Dr. Margolis has been very active in dentistry, maintaining a pediatric dental practice in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. He has served on the board of directors of the Chicago Dental Society and as a trustee of the Illinois State Dental Society. He is a faculty member at the University Of Illinois College Of Dentistry and Loyola University's Oral Health Center. He has written numerous articles and lectured extensively on pediatric dentistry, dentistry for special needs patients and laser dentistry. He is co-author of *Pediatric Laser Dentistry: A User's Guide* which is published by Quintessence.

Dr. Margolis has always had concerns for the less fortunate. He helped form the Special Olympics Special Needs, Special Smiles program for the Chicago area and currently serves as its program chair. He is past-president of the Illinois Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped and is a member of the board of directors of the American Friends of the Dental Volunteers for Israel, which supports a children's dental clinic in Jerusalem.

Dr. Margolis has received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Member Award from the Illinois State Dental Society and the 2011 Academy of General Dentistry's Humanitarian Award.

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