The Leonard M. Monheim Distinguished Service Award
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - 2020

The American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists has identified a need to recognize dentists who have made outstanding contributions to the discipline of anesthesiology, benefiting the dental profession. This Distinguished Service Award is named in honor of Leonard M. Monheim, D.D.S., whose many contributions to the art and science of anesthesiology and visionary leadership helped lay the foundation for a specialty in anesthesiology for dentistry. Dr. Monheim established the first autonomous Department of Anesthesiology within a dental school (University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine) in 1949 and served as the only anesthesiologist for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for nearly twenty years. Also in 1949, he initiated the first postdoctoral training program in anesthesiology for dentists. His prolific teaching and writings in the discipline of dental anesthesiology provided a strong educational foundation for all dentists rotating on his anesthesia service and he published the first modern textbook on general anesthesia specifically for dentistry. It is only fitting that the ASDA honor this man’s contributions to our discipline and dentistry.

Mechanism for Nominations
Nominations for the award may be submitted by members of the ASDA to the Awards Committee Chair (Immediate Past President of ASDA) with a letter as to the nominee’s qualifications, together with current Curriculum Vitae, at least one year prior to the ASDA Annual Scientific Session and the date of the award presentation. Notification of the call for nominations will be sent by the Awards Committee Chair to the ASDA membership by February 15 of each year. For example: The 2020 Leonard M. Monheim recipient will be announced at the 2019 ASDA Annual Scientific Session and will be presented with the award at the 2020 ASDA Annual Scientific Session.

Mechanism for Selection of a Recipient
The Committee on the Leonard Monheim Distinguished Service Award shall review the names of nominees submitted and shall recommend one candidate to the ASDA Board of Directors. Selection of the candidate shall require a 2/3 vote of the full committee. The committee shall meet via conference call to make its selection. There may not be a suitable candidate to recommend to the Board of Directors every year.

Notification of the Approved Recipient
Upon approval of the nominee by the Board of Directors, the honoree will be formally notified by the ASDA of his or her selection. A copy of the formal notification will be made and maintained by the ASDA in perpetuity for the purposes of record and remembrance of this honor.
**Past Monheim Distinguished Service Award Recipients**

Dr. Larry Trapp 1999  
Dr. Ralph Epstein 2000  
Dr. John Yagiela 2001  
Dr. Joe Giovannitti 2002  
Dr. Joel Weaver 2003  
Dr. Ray Dionne 2005  
Dr. James Chancellor 2006  
Dr. C. Richard Bennett 2007  
Professor Yuzuru Kaneko 2008  
Dr. William A. MacDonnell 2009  
Dr. Daniel A. Haas 2010  
Dr. Michael Higgins 2011  
Dr. James Phero 2012  
Dr. Steven Ganzberg 2013  
Dr. Christine Quinn 2014  
Dr. Stanley Malamed 2015  
Dr. Morton Rosenberg 2016  
Dr. James Snyder 2017  
Dr. Lee Lichtenstein 2018  
Dr. Michael Mashni 2019  

Sincerely,

Steve Nguyen, DDS  
Chair, ASDA Committee on Awards  
ASDA Immediate Past President