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BALTIMORE –The American College of Prosthodontists presents the Dental Technician Leadership Award to Ms. Elizabeth Curran during the ACP 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session in Baltimore. This award recognizes Ms. Curran’s contributions as an individual who has demonstrated outstanding service to the prosthodontic community as well as her outstanding contributions to the dental laboratory profession and the discipline of prosthodontics. The Dental Technician Leadership Award was approved by the Board of Directors in 2010.

Ms. Curran graduated from Riverside Community College in 1976 with a certificate in Dental Laboratory Technology and an Associate of Science Degree, followed in 1986 with a lifetime teaching credential awarded by the State of California in the health sciences for adult education. She is an active dental laboratory technician board certified in dental ceramics by the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology (NBC), and a registered dental technician in the UK (GDC). Currently she is an Assistant Professor and the Director of Dental Laboratory Technology at A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health. Ms. Curran has held numerous leadership roles in several associations and organizations, and is currently a commissioner on the Commission on Dental Accreditation representing the dental laboratory technology profession. Ms. Curran has lectured nationally and internationally on competency standards, the Medical Device Directive and the impact on the regulation of dental laboratory technicians. Her charitable community work has resulted in the development of three dental clinics in Arizona and California. All three clinics provide care to the underserved for Catholic Services and St. Anthony, Greek Orthodox Monastery.

Ms. Curran will receive her award at this year’s 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session being held in Baltimore on Oct. 31-Nov. 3. More than 1,000 dental professionals are expected to attend, which includes prosthodontists, dental technicians, and other dental industry authorities and guests. Annual Session topics include: new developments in CAD/CAM technology and high-strength ceramics; creating affordable dental health opportunities; understanding the shift toward precision medicine in dentistry; the use of digital imaging; sleep apnea management; the role of clinical psychology in prosthodontic practice; recreating nature: the harmony of function and esthetics with digital technology; and a proactive team approach to avoid pitfalls with the cost-effective All-on-4 Concept.

Prosthodontists are specialized dentists with advanced training in oral health issues, who are committed to improving patient results. From implants, crowns, veneers and tooth whitening, to full- mouth reconstruction, prosthodontists are specialists in digital dentistry and CAD/CAM solutions.

The ACP is the only prosthodontic specialty organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. ACP members must be in or have completed an ADA-accredited advanced education program in prosthodontics.

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