



**Marius M. Laniauskas D.D.S.**

## **Distinguished Alumnus of the Year**

**Case Western Reserve University  
School of Dentistry 2003**

Dr. Marius Laniauskas, a 1980 graduate of the School of Dentistry, and presently an associate professor in the Department of General Practice Dentistry, has spent more than 20 years as a lecturer and professor at the school. Dr. Laniauskas has several times received the CWRU Student Council Award for excellence in teaching. He has served on numerous committees at the School of Dentistry. Included in this list are the last Dean's Search Committee, the Committee for Infection Control and Safety, the Committee for Faculty Promotion in the Department of General Dentistry, and the Subcommittee for Clinical Affairs.

As a preceptor, Dr. Laniauskas is responsible for supervising the clinical experience of junior and senior dental students, acting as their advisor and mentor in treatment planning. He helped supervise a pilot program which is currently being used in the patient based system of evaluating dental students during their third and fourth years of dental school. Dr. Laniauskas has lectured on topics of crown and bridge, as well as esthetic dentistry, and meets with small groups of students on and off the campus to expand their horizons of the dental world. In his own private practice, he is a general dentist for adults and children.

In a survey, whose results were published in the February 2003 issue of Northern Ohio Live magazine, filled out by 1600 randomly selected dentists and hygienists in an eight county area, he was voted one of the top ten general dentists, chosen as someone they would go to or recommend to a loved one for dental care.

A member of the American Dental Association, the Ohio Dental Association, and the Greater Cleveland Dental Society, Dr. Laniauskas has been honored by the Ohio Academy of General Dentistry, elected to the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Society in 1988, and also elected to the Pierre Fauchard Academy in 1991. He is the present vice-president of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon chapter at CWRU and will serve as its president next year.

Dr. Laniauskas has participated in the Cleveland Dental Hygienists' sponsored program for Cleveland city children, as well as the PGA golf tours sponsored Christiana's Kids program.

When not teaching or involved in his private practice, Dr. Laniauskas enjoys spending time with his wife Egle and their four children, Matas, Simas, Lukas, and Vaiva.