



OUTSTANDING NEW DENTIST AWARD

Maemie M. Chan, DMD '09

After graduating from Purdue University with a degree in psychology, Chicago-native **Dr. Maemie Chan** came to Cleveland to attend the School of Dental Medicine. Upon graduating in 2009, she pursued her general practice residency at St. Vincent Charity Hospital where she studied under Paul J. Priesand, DDS '75 and William Lavigna, DDS '75. Dr. Chan continues to volunteer at its dental clinic located at the St. Luke's Medical Center on Cleveland's eastside.

"Working alongside Dr. Chan allowed me to see firsthand her passion to serve our resident doctors and the community, while taking steps to continually improve herself as a clinician," said Kari Cunningham, DMD '10, '12, who was recruited by Dr. Chan to become a pediatric dental attending and nominated her for this award.

In 2015, after working together in private practice with Dr. Priesand (now retired), Dr. Chan established Mayfield Smiles that has grown to a team of five dentists where she is thriving as both a clinician and entrepreneur. Offering comprehensive dentistry, it garners stellar patient reviews that speak not only to the excellent care, but the kindness, warmth, and friendliness offered by both dentists and staff.



Outside of the dental office, Dr. Chan is active in the community, always striving to improve oral healthcare. She organizes the dental component of the Health Pavilion at Cleveland's Asian Festival and throughout the year makes presentations to the elderly, special needs individuals, and schoolchildren about oral hygiene as well as careers in dentistry. As a board member of the School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association, Dr. Chan helped to raise funds for the school's 125th anniversary.

Active in organized dentistry, Dr. Chan is a member of the American Dental Association, Greater Cleveland Dental Association, Ohio Dental Association, and is pursuing her FAGD through the Academy of General Dentistry, where she is on a path to fellowship. She is currently a fellow of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists.

In 2016, Dr. Chan married David E. Hudec Jr., DMD '11 who owns his own dental office, Anchor Dental, and also practices at Mayfield Smiles. They live in Broadview Heights with their two dogs. ■