

OUTSTANDING NEW DENTIST AWARD

Brian Gallagher



Since graduating from Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, Brian Gallagher (DEN '16), DDS, has taken on the role of dentist and positive driving force in his community.

Shortly after graduation, Gallagher joined West Park Dental on Cleveland's west side as a dentist—and also joined the Health Sciences Board at Saint Joseph Academy,

an all-girls school in Cleveland, to provide mentoring and shadowing opportunities for students considering careers in medicine or dentistry. In addition to his board responsibilities, Gallagher has provided custom-fitted mouth guards for the school's rugby team.

That same year, Gallagher joined the West Park YMCA board, where he still works with his colleagues to extend the organization's presence in the community; he recently was appointed to its fundraising campaign committee.

In 2018—learning from those who mentored him during his academic career—Gallagher co-founded the CLE Study Club to provide guidance and assistance to young dentists in navigating PACE certification and state dental board approval, and bringing monthly speakers to venues across the region.

An elected member of the Greater Cleveland Dental Society Board of Directors, Gallagher has also served as a delegate to the Ohio Dental Association. In 2020, he earned the Ohio Dental Association's N. Wayne Hiatt Rising Star Award, recognizing a young leader in dentistry who demonstrates outstanding leadership and initiative. ■

