

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Rolf Behrents



Rolf "Buzz" G. Behrents (DEN '75), DDS, MSD, PhD, is a leader in orthodontic teaching and research, dedicated to advancing the profession.

After receiving his undergraduate degree from St. Olaf College and a degree in dental medicine from the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry, Behrents attended Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine for his orthodontic training. He later earned a PhD in human craniofacial growth and development from the University of Michigan, and was

awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Athens in Greece.

Behrents taught and served as director of Case Western Reserve's orthodontic program from 1978 to 1984. Throughout his career, he has held leadership and teaching positions at the University of Tennessee, Baylor University and St. Louis University, where he is a professor emeritus of orthodontics. An active researcher and editorial contributor, Behrents is editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics* and author of *Growth of the Aging Craniofacial Skeleton*, and has published more than 70 articles in refereed journals and worked as an editorial board member and referee.

Behrents is a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists, co-director of the Graduate Orthodontics Residents Program and a non-voting member of the American Association of Orthodontists Board of Trustees. He has received notable industry recognition, including the 2018 Callahan Memorial Award from the Ohio Dental Association and, most recently, the 2020 Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award—the highest honor presented by the American Board of Orthodontics.

Behrents and his wife, Eileen, have two children and reside in St. Louis. ■

