

Mark G. Hans, D.D.S., M.S.D.

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year 2006

Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Mark Hans is a 1979 graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine. He continued on for his Orthodontics residency, graduating in 1981. After residency, he went into private practice in his native Berea, Ohio where he lives with his wife, Susan, and teenage son, Thomas. His daughter, Sarah, graduates this year from Brown University and his son, Jack, is a freshman at Occidental College.

Dr. Hans will tell you that he was drawn to orthodontics because "he liked the challenge of creating beautiful faces." But what makes him a gifted orthodontist – and a gifted teacher of future dentists and orthodontists – is his genuine concern for patients.

"Case has given me the opportunity to cross academic boundaries and achieve a profoundly satisfying professional life, I am humbled by this honor and proud to be part of the School of Dental Medicine, the most progressive school on campus," Dr. Hans says of being named the 2006 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

- In 1989 became the Chairman of the Orthodontic Department at Case School of Dental Medicine
 - Taught over 1,000 dental students and trained 79 dentists to be orthodontists
- Teaches an undergraduate seminar in Cases' SAGES program called "Face First: Thinking about the Social World"

Academic & Professional Activities:

- American Board of Orthodontics
- Research Associate in the Bolton-Brush Growth Study Center
- Co-authored the text book for the class he teaches – Facial Growth and Development