



MEDALLION OF DISTINCTION AWARD

An extraordinary member of our community, Dr. Ann Marie Silvestri '75, is the 2025 Medallion of Distinction recipient. This award is the highest honor given annually by the School of Dentistry and will be presented during the 5:00 p.m. Recognition Program by the dean, Dr. Nader Nadershahi '94, and the 2024-2025 Alumni Association president, Dr. Amanda Rae Kronquist '15. A reception for all meeting registrants will immediately follow the program.



DR. ANN MARIE SILVESTRI '75

A member of our Class of 1975 – the first class to matriculate into the then-new, accelerated three-year program – Dr. Silvestri was one of three women in her dental school class, which may have contributed to her perseverance, determination and pluck. After marrying Tom Ellerhorst '77 and working for San Francisco Public Health and as an associate dentist in San Francisco, she was a volunteer dental educator at the U.S. Army's installation at Fort Riley, Kansas. She and her husband opened a general dentistry practice in San Francisco where she worked for 30 years. For 21 of those years, Dr. Silvestri was also an integral component of the team that created the San Mateo Medical Center Dental Clinics, serving as general staff dentist and consultant from 1979 to 2004 and as program director, 2004-2020. She is proud of her role at this federally qualified health center (FQHC) which inspired her to earn a Master in Public Administration (MPA) degree in 1999.

Dr. Silvestri is in her 17th year of volunteering on the dental and dental assisting program advisory boards at Foothill College and the College of San Mateo, is chair of the San Mateo County Civil Service Commission, and a Grant Committee member for the Sequoia Healthcare District. She volunteers as an associate professor at the Dugoni School (24 years so far), a position she previously and simultaneously held at UCSF for four years. She is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Dr. Silvestri has volunteered at local ADA and CDA annual meetings, CDA Cares events, and at San Mateo Dental Society activities. She has published articles, given presentations and received County of San Mateo and San Mateo Medical Center awards, including "The Doc that Rocks" award.

A member of our Alumni Association Board of Directors for 11 years, Dr. Silvestri served as president in 2002-2003, and is an active past president. Drs. Silvestri and Ellerhorst are the parents of Tom Ellerhorst '02/'04 Ortho, married to Kacie Bonner, and Theresa Ellerhorst Dito, married to Marco Dito. They have four grandchildren, Kaylee and Connor Ellerhorst, and Rocco and Aria Dito. They are active members at their local church where Dr. Silvestri – you guessed it – volunteers her time on the finance committee.

The Alumni Association is pleased to present the 2025 Medallion of Distinction to Class of 1975 alumna, Dr. Ann Marie Silvestri, for her outstanding contributions to the profession of dentistry, her local community, and the School of Dentistry.