

**STANLEY BERGMAN
CALLAHAN MEMORIAL AWARD, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015**

- It is such a pleasure to be with the members of the Ohio Dental Association
 - and a great honor to be recognized with the 2015 Callahan Memorial Award for Henry Schein's longstanding commitment to advancing access to oral health care.
- While the Callahan Memorial Award may only have my name listed, it really is a reflection of the shared commitment of more than 18,000 Team Schein Members,
 - who work tirelessly to balance the needs of our five constituencies – our customers, supplier partners, investors, Team Schein and society –
 - and who help our customers advance oral health around the world.
- On behalf of all of my dedicated colleagues, we are humbled to accept this prestigious award.
- Along with this award comes a cash prize, which we would like to give to the ODA Foundation to help support a worthy philanthropic or charitable program that will continue to advance oral health here in Ohio.
- We want to thank:
 - Dr. Thomas Paumier, ODA President;
 - David Owsiany, ODA Executive Director;
 - the members of the Callahan Memorial Award Commission;
 - and all of the leaders and members of the Ohio Dental Association.
- The Callahan Memorial Award resonates so strongly with the members of Team Schein because we feel a real partnership with the ODA in advancing its mission:
 - improving oral health and strengthening dentistry in Ohio;
 - providing resources to advance the dental profession;
 - improving dental team skills;
 - and increasing public and professional oral health knowledge.
- Our Team Schein Members here in Ohio have worked very closely with ODA members on important access to care initiatives, such as Give Kids a Smile,
 - as well as a host of oral health outreach missions here in Ohio, regionally, nationally and internationally.
- We share the ODA's appreciation of the importance of oral health throughout a person's life,
 - and recognition that oral health care is a vital part of primary care.

- For many years, Henry Schein has been at the forefront of highlighting the link between oral health and total health.
- From the World Economic Forum and the United Nations to Harvard and the Santa Fe Group,
 - we have underscored the many studies that have indicated an association between periodontal disease and oral bacteria with
 - low birth weight and pre-term birth,
 - diabetes,
 - cardiovascular disease,
 - colorectal cancer
 - and Alzheimer's disease.
- We have helped advance recognition that there are bio-markers in saliva for pancreatic, breast, ovarian and lung cancer,
 - as well as the possible link between dental infections and brain aneurysms.
- We also have helped demonstrate that it really does pay to “put your money where your mouth is.”
 - Several studies underscore the important role that regular dental care can play in reducing overall health care costs.
- A study published in the Journal of Periodontology indicated that patients with periodontal disease have 21% higher health care costs than those without.
- Another study published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine indicated that periodontal therapy led to significant reductions in total medical costs and hospitalizations for
 - diabetes,
 - coronary artery disease,
 - cerebral vascular disease
 - and pregnancy.
- And, of course, later in life, good oral health and the retention of teeth can improve a person's overall quality of life and social integration.
- Receiving the Callahan Memorial Award is a tremendous honor,
 - particularly in light of the pioneering work in dentistry and dental research that Dr. John R. Callahan did in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- The list of award winners since 1922 is a veritable who's who of dentistry,
 - and it is very humbling to be included among such stellar leaders.

- Many of the past honorees are personal friends in the dental community.
- There is Dr. D. Walter Cohen, who was granted the award in 1993.
 - We worked very closely with Dr. Cohen on oral health programs in the Delaware Valley and internationally.
- There is the late Dr. Larry Meskin, who won the award in 2002.
 - For many years Dr. Meskin was chairman of the Henry Schein Oral Health Advisory Board.
- There is the late Dr. Dominick DePaolo, who won the award in 2012.
 - Dr. DePaolo and I worked closely together when he was president of The Forsyth Institute and I was chairman.
- From their valuable perspectives on the early detection of oral cancer to advancing oral care for children,
 - we relied on the excellent advice of Dr. Cohen, Dr. Meskin and Dr. DePaolo.
- And coincidentally, each of the three also won the Dr. Edward B. Shils Award,
 - which we created to honor outstanding contributions to the oral health community.
- It is a great honor for Henry Schein to be included along with such illustrious global dental leaders and such good friends.
- Our goal at Henry Schein is to help oral health practitioners operate more efficient and successful practices and to deliver high quality care to patients.
- The shared commitment of the ODA membership and the larger global dental community to improve oral health is inspiring.
 - Here in Ohio and around the world, oral health professionals are passionate about providing the best possible care to patients.
- This commitment remains constant as the profession itself continues to evolve at an accelerating rate thanks to technology advances.
- In this age of digital dentistry, the pioneering spirit of the dentist remains as strong as it was in Dr. John Callahan's time,
 - but technology-driven tools enable today's dental professionals to realize a higher vision for patient care that few could imagine even a few decades ago.
- That is what excites Team Schein most about dentistry now –

- the technology that we are using today and are dreaming about for tomorrow.
 - And we look forward to many more years of partnership with the Ohio Dental Association as we use technology together to redefine the practice of dentistry in the future.
- Thank you again for this wonderful honor.