

Biography

Tanya L. DeSanto, DDS

Nominating and Leadership Development Committee

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Dr. Tanya DeSanto has been an active general member to the AACD since 2004 and has served the last two terms on the Board of Directors, currently serving her second elected term. Dr. DeSanto is also a fellow in the International College of Dentists. She is a graduate of Northwestern University Dental School, Class of 1993. She has been in practice for 25 years and is the managing partner at Prairie Dental Group Center of Cosmetic Dentistry, She has been in private practice with this group practice for the last 15 years where they focus entirely on esthetics. Prairie Dental Group is located in Springfield, IL, the state capital and heart and soul of Illinois, the Land of Lincoln. Dr. DeSanto not only teaches and lectures to dental students but is also the Founder and Past President of Prairie Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry for local and regional dentists in Illinois. Dr. DeSanto has also served as the President of the G.V Black District Dental Society (central Illinois/seven county area). Dr. DeSanto passionately gives her time and talents to the needy, receiving several awards and honors as well as many published articles on her endeavors both locally and overseas. She is an active member of the international mission group, IAMM. IAMM is a medical mission group made up of physicians and surgeons traveling to Haiti and Nicaragua annually. Dr. DeSanto is the only dentist in this group and has been an integral part of this mission work along with her teenage daughter Emma for almost 10 years. Very recently, Dr. DeSanto was the recipient of the international Athena Award. She would love the opportunity to now give back to the AACD, a true passion of hers.