

Dr. Debra Gray King

Member since 1991

Accredited in 1995

Fellow in 1999

Bio:

Dr. Debra Gray King is a graduate of the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences in Memphis. She attended extensive post graduate courses at the Panky Institute, the Pacific Aesthetic, Continuum, (PAC LIVE), The Hornbrook Group, Aesthetic Masters, and the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies.

In 1999, she earned her fellowship in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. The Fellowship is recognized as the highest level of competence in cosmetic dentistry, and Dr. King is one of the only 89 dentists in the world to have earned this distinction.

Throughout Dr. King's dental career, she has been committed to the advancement of the dental profession as a whole through her active memberships in local, state, and national dental organizations. In addition to her AACD fellowship, she is a lifetime qualified member of the Crown Council, a member of the American Society of Dental Aesthetics, Academy of General Dentistry, American Dental Association, Georgia Dental Society, Northern District Dental Society, and the Hinman Dental Society.

From early in her career, Dr. King wanted to create a dental office that people actually enjoyed coming to. This desire led her to be a pioneer in spa dentistry when she established the Atlanta Center For Cosmetic Dentistry, a one-of-a-kind dental spa dedicated exclusively to practicing cosmetic dentistry. ACCD was built on the concept of being "the Ritz Carlton" of dentistry, delivering an unparalleled experience where patients enjoy a luxurious pampering like no other in dentistry.

With over 30 years in dentistry, Dr. King is recognized around the world by dental professionals and patients alike for her beautiful dentistry and dedication to excellence. Dr. King's innovative approach to dentistry brought significant media attention. Her considerable television interviews and appearances include ABC's "Extreme Makeover", "Entertainment Tonight", "The Doctors", CNN, Fox and Friends, Discovery Channel and TBS.

Throughout her career, Dr. King, an engaging speaker, has given numerous lectures and has spoken on a wide variety of subjects throughout the United States and Canada. Dr. King has published multiple articles including "Dental Economics", "Dentistry Today" and "Women's Dentist Journal", all leading publications in the dental industry.

Humanitarian and philanthropic endeavors are among Dr. King's highest priorities. Over the last decade, Dr. King has donated more than \$1 million to over 60 charities. In addition, she has participated in international mission trips providing free dental care to underprivileged children. Dr. King and her dental team have raised well over \$300,000 for Crown Council's Smiles for Life charity campaign by offering teeth whitening services to patients and donating 100% of the proceeds to children's charities across the United States.

Dr. King continues to love the practice of dentistry and when not engaged in her practice, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her family and friends. An avid reader and dog lover, she can be

found many evenings on her front porch with a good book and her puppy curled up at her feet. However, her greatest accomplishment and joy has come from raising her three children. Gray King, is about to graduate from Augusta University dental school in May. Her son, Griffin King is working in Nashville in medical device sales. And her daughter Savannah King is currently attending her first year of dental school at Augusta University.

**How long have you been a member?**

I have been a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry since 1991. My first meeting was Palm Springs and I have attended the annual meeting virtually every year since I joined. My fellowship in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry is my most treasured credential of my career.

**List all committee, positions or offices held in the AACD or other organizations**

I served on the Board of Directors for numerous terms. I also have served on the nominating committee for several terms.

**List any leadership courses or webinars taken**

I have taken numerous continuing education courses for leadership. I started in the 80s going through the entire Quest program and continued with Fortune Management for many years. In addition, I have worked with many personal and business coaches to improve my leadership skills, including the Ritz Carlton program And ToPS.

**Why do you want to be a member of the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee?**

I want to be back on the nominating committee because I feel I have a lot to contribute to our great Academy. I have decades of experience in numerous roles in our Academy, and I would like to contribute again. In the past, I was honored to help many past and present leaders get involved and lead by helping slate the best candidates for our Academy. I know how to spot and nurture people who will serve our academy well. I want to help continue to make our Academy great by helping select the best future leaders.

**Why do you feel qualified to be a member of the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee?**

I am in a chapter of my life where I have more time and energy to contribute to my profession and this Academy. My three children are grown, and I have my personal life in order. Two of my three children are currently in dental school, and it is important to me to contribute in a way that is an example that they too will want to become involved in their new profession and this Academy.

**Include any additional information you feel is pertinent.**

Dentistry has been very good to me and I feel I have a lot of expertise that brings value. I am knowledgeable in being successful in many aspects of practice, from leadership, business development and clinical dentistry which will help allow me to help find and select great leaders.