



Association of Dental Support Organizations Announces Winners of the 2024 ADSO Awards and Second Class of Inductees into the ADSO Hall of Leaders

The awards and inductions celebrate the contributions of leaders and pioneers in both the ADSO and the broader DSO industry

Denver, CO (June 13, 2024) – Today, the Association of Dental Support Organizations (ADSO) announced the winners of the 2024 ADSO Awards and the second class of inductees to its Hall of Leaders at the 2024 ADSO Summit in Denver, Colorado. The ADSO Awards, inaugurated during last year's Summit, recognizes experts and professionals who have shown remarkable growth, innovation, service, and leadership within the Association. The Hall of Leaders honors exceptional leaders and pioneers, celebrating their outstanding contributions to both the ADSO and the broader DSO industry.

Winners announced at today's ADSO Awards ceremony are as follows:

- **The Presidential Award:** This award focuses on the extraordinary service put forth by an ADSO member who has shown active engagement in the association as a leader, officer or committee member.
 - *2024 Recipient: Stephen Thorne, President and CEO of PDS Health*
- **The ADSO Service Award:** This award is given to ADSO member companies which have shown excellence in meritorious service, corporate/social responsibility, and/or contributions to greater society over the last year.
 - *2024 Recipients: DentalXChange and Smile Brands*
- **The ADSO Innovation Award:** This award recognizes an Industry Partner servicing DSOs for their achievement in innovation. They will have contributed to the advancement of technologies and systems that raise the quality of processes and products; enhanced the dignity and status of the profession; or has been involved in a combination of these efforts.
 - *2024 Recipient: Dr. Wardah Iman, CEO of Overjet*
- **The ADSO Emerging Award:** This award is given to a member DSO organization that has shown great innovation, growth or have emerged as a new leader in the DSO industry in the last year.
 - *2024 Recipient: US Oral Surgery Management*

The 2024 class of inductees to the ADSO Hall of Leaders include:

- Patrick Bauer, President and CEO of Heartland Dental
- Dustin Netral, President and CEO of Vista Verde Dental Partners
- David G. Slezak, Chief Legal Officer of Affordable Care, LLC

“We inaugurated last year’s ADSO Awards and Hall of Leaders to foster a tradition of recognizing and celebrating movers and shakers who have dedicated their work to the advancement of our industry. Today, the ADSO is proud to continue that tradition,” said **ADSO Chief Executive Officer Andrew Smith**. “We honor this year’s awardees and inductees for their exceptional work and contributions to our Association and the DSO industry’s commitment to improving outcomes and experience, not only for patients, but also for dental care professionals.”

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About the ADSO

The Association of Dental Support Organizations (ADSO) is a non-profit trade association whose members support more than 11,000 dentists. ADSO supports its members through research, education and advocacy; enabling them to foster innovation, collaboration and a vibrant market where DSO-supported dentists can provide quality oral health care. Visit www.theadso.org to learn more, and follow the ADSO on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter.

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