

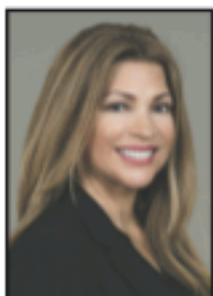
Dr. Barba earns Fellowship Award

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Point Pleasant resident Dr. Valerie A. Barba, who has a dental office in Manasquan, received the Fellowship Award during the the Academy of General Dentistry's (AGD) convocation ceremony, a commencement celebration that recognizes an AGD member's commitment to excellence in dental education. During the event that was held at the AGD's scientific session on July 30 in Orlando, Florida, Dr. Barba accepted this award along with about 342 other recipients.

The Fellowship Award is presented to dentists looking to provide the highest quality of dental care by remaining current in their profession. In order to receive this award, Dr. Barba was required to complete at least 500 hours of continuing dental education, pass a comprehensive written exam and fulfill three years of continuing membership with the AGD, which she surpassed with over 2,000 hours of continuing dental education and 27 years of continuing AGD membership.

"The AGD is designed to influence professional growth and development through continuing education and we are proud to honor Dr. Barba



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for her commitment and dedication to provide her patients with advanced and exceptional oral health care," said AGD President Dr.

Gerald J. Botko. "Dr. Barba is exceeding industry requirements and paving a path of success distinguishing herself professionally amongst her peers and exemplifying her allegiance to the dental community."

Dr. Barba graduated from UCLA School of Dentistry in 1986. In addition to the AGD, Dr. Barba is a member of the Jersey Shore University Medical Center Continuing Education Study Club, the Gordon Christensen International Study Club, the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the American Academy of Clear Aligners and the New Jersey Dental Association. Dr. Barba is also a Leader of Song and choir member of St. Peter Church in Point Pleasant Beach, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce.