



The American Prosthodontic Society Announces 2019 Kenneth D. Rudd Awardee, Luke Kahng, CDT



Luke S. Kahng

The American Prosthodontic Society (APS) has selected Luke Kahng as its 2019 Kenneth D. Rudd Awardee. The award was developed to promote and encourage dental laboratory technicians and support the advancement of dental technology education. APS, in conjunction with the editorial council of *The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*, presents this award to a certified dental technician or dentist who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of prosthodontics and dental laboratory communities. Kahng will be acknowledged and presenting at the 91st Annual Meeting of the American Prosthodontic Society in Chicago on February 21, 2019.

ABOUT LUKE KAHNG

Luke S. Kahng, CDT has spent 27 years as a dental laboratory technician. He invented the 3.0, 4.0, and 5.0 Chairside Shade Guide System and has extensive expertise in custom shade matching as well as the waxing technique with biomechanical design of occlusal surfaces. He is the owner and operating director of LSK121 Oral Prosthetics.

Mr Kahng is a world renowned master ceramist, published author, international lecturer, trainer, and a dental industry innovator with nearly 30 years of experience as one of the most respected dental technicians in the world. He has published over 100 articles in various dental journals since 2005, as well as four books: *Smile Selection Book*, *Anatomy from Nature*, *The Aesthetic Guide Book*, and *Replicating Naturalism: Tooth Design*.

Previous Kenneth D. Rudd Award Winners

Dr Edward A. McLaren – 2018

Mr Dene LeBeau – 2017

Mr Walter Gebhard – 2016

Mr Enrico Steger – 2015

Mr Robert Kreyer, CDT – 2014

Ms Elizabeth Curran, CDT, RDT – 2013

Mr Arnold Wohlwend, CDT – 2012

Mr Vincent V. Alleluia, MDT, CDT, TF – 2011

Mr Matt Roberts, CDT – 2010

Mr Willi Geller – 2009

Mr Roosevelt Davis, MCDT, MS – 2008

Mr Lee Culp, CDT – 2007

Mr Robert Berger, CDT – 2006

Mr Masahiro Kuwata – 2005

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