

TEMPLE DENTAL ALUMNUS PROUD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Jay M. Goldberg, '83, '85, certainly has the credentials. After receiving his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the Temple University School of Dentistry in 1983, he completed an endodontic residency in 1985. He has been in full-time private endodontic practice ever since.

Named a Top Doc in Endodontics in the February 2010 and 2012 issues of *Philadelphia Magazine*, Dr. Goldberg is a past president and active member of the Louis I. Grossman Endodontic Study Club of Philadelphia, the Eastern Dental Society and the Greater Northeast Dental Society. He has had an ongoing involvement in organized dentistry, having served on the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia County Dental Society and recently completed a two-year term as president of the society. Dr. Goldberg has also served on various industry boards and is a fellow of the International College of Dentists.

But the wealth of experience and skills that the Pittsburgh, Pa., native has accumulated over the years did not fall into his lap—he worked for it. And the path to his career successes began at Temple Dental School.

"Temple University gave me an opportunity to pursue a dream," said Dr. Goldberg. "I was the first one in my family to pursue a dental degree and was very excited about the road ahead."

But dental school proved to be demanding for Dr. Goldberg. "The education itself was grueling at times," he commented. "I remember feeling afraid that I would fail. Temple was hard, but it challenged me to put forth my best effort."

It was at the graduate level that Dr. Goldberg had the opportunity to study with leaders and founders of his specialty.

The highlight of Dr. Goldberg's career may have come several years ago when he was asked by Dean Amid Ismail to "come back" and visit the school. "I was impressed with the changes Dean Ismail initiated and how progressive the school had become, offering students an exceptional educational experience," said Dr. Goldberg. "In fact, I was so impressed with the visit that I joined the faculty as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Endodontics. The entire experience has been inspiring. The students I assist are



bright, energetic, knowledge-seeking and the most diverse group one could ever imagine."

Dr. Goldberg said that the new technology, materials and techniques that are being introduced today are making the dental profession tremendously interesting and demanding. However, he is confident that those who work for their dreams will receive success.

Noted Dr. Goldberg, "If you shoot for the stars, you may not reach them, but you will find yourself in some higher place than where you started."