

Rola Receives Creighton University School of Dentistry Alumni Merit Award

Anlee Kappenman Rola, DDS'77, received the Creighton University School of Dentistry Alumni Merit Award on Sept. 21, during the University's annual Alumni Weekend.

Rola, originally from Sioux Falls, S.D., received her doctorate in Dental Surgery from the school of dentistry in 1977. She followed in her family's footsteps as her father is a 1946 School of Dentistry graduate, along with her three siblings, and most recently her daughter. Rola and her brother Tim opened a private practice, Dakota Dental, in Sioux Falls.

In the beginning of her career Rola served as a dental consultant for the Good Samaritan Center, an area nursing home. While there she accepted a position on the subcommittee of the Council on Dental Health to help develop guidelines for the other nursing home dental consultants.

Rola has dedicated herself to providing quality dental care to her patients and giving better access to care for low-income families. She serves as a board member for the American Dental Association, the South Dakota Dental Board of Directors, the Southeaster District Dental Society and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. She was awarded the Outstanding Dentist of the Year Award and the Fellowship Award for her public service and expertise within the South Dakota Chapter of the International College of Dentists.

She is a member and former president of the School of Dentistry Alumni Advisory Board and works to ensure Creighton dental students continue to receive the best education possible.