

## Brian Jespersen to receive 2023 Shepard Award

The MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award was created in 1987 to honor Dr. Shepard and recognize orthodontists who perform service to



mankind in a combination of service to orthodontics, other areas in dentistry, and/or their state or local community. The Board of Directors of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists selected Dr. Brian R. Jespersen of Bismarck, North Dakota as the recipient of the 2023 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award.

Brian was born and raised in the western North Dakota town of Dickinson. He graduated with a BS in chemistry from Dickinson State University and coached and taught in 1974-75 in Bismarck before going to Chicago with his new bride, Jane. After graduating from dental school at Loyola, he attended the orthodontic program at the University of Iowa, where he was mentored by some of the best in the business.

Brian practiced in Bismarck for forty years. He served as president of the North Dakota Society of Orthodontists and president of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontics in 2000-2001. He represented the MSO on the Council on Orthodontic Practice from 2006 to 2013 and participated as a MSO delegate to the American Association of Orthodontists' House of Delegates.

Jane and Brian have been married for 48 years and are blessed with four children and six grandchildren. Spending time at their lake cabin, golfing, fishing, and bird hunting are a few of his favorite pastimes. Upon retirement in 2021, besides trying to stay in shape, he substitute teaches, takes piano lessons, is active on various church committees as well as community youth organizations, cares for his aging parents, and is a member of his alma mater's foundation.

Brian is extremely grateful for this wonderful profession and is humbled to receive the 2023 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. We congratulate Brian for all that he has accomplished in his career.