This year, the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry welcomes 28 dental professionals to accreditation status and one individual to accredited fellow status. This is the largest group to be awarded these credentials in history, and their accomplishments are being honored in the Smile Showcase.

This year’s newly accredited fellow is Nancy Norling, who practices in Stillwater, Minn. Newly accredited AACD members include:

• R. Steven Ballback, DDS
• Angela Britt, DMD
• Randall S. Burba, DMD
• Stephen D. Doan, DMD
• Juan M. Escobar, CDT
• Henry F. Evans, DMD
• Craig P. Goldin, DDS
• Prashant A. Hatkar, BDS, MDS
• Ross S. Headley, DDS
• James C. Hodge, Jr., DDS
• Gary R. Hubbard, DDS
• Donald M. Jayne, DDS
• Michael J. Koczarski, DDS
• Ryan Langer
• Gerard J. Lemongello, Jr., DMD
• Dianna Lenick, DDS
• Elizabeth L. Lowery, DDS
• Adamo E. Notarantonio, DDS
• Jason S. Olitsky, DMD
• Nicholas J. Pournaras, DMD
• James D. Salazar, DDS
• Naoki Ned Shimizu, DDS
• Robert E. Stafford, DDS
• Shoji Suruga, CDT
• Nathalie Vachon, DMD
• Mark B. Whaley, DDS
• Barbara Warner Wojdan, CDT

The accreditation process, which was developed by the AACD and is the world’s most recognized advanced credentialing program, encourages further education, interaction with like-minded colleagues and the opportunity for professional growth. Accreditation requires dedication to continuing education and responsible patient care.

“We are honored to welcome these professionals to the ranks of AACD accredited members,” said Dr. Nils Olson, chairperson for AACD accreditation. “Accredited dentists and laboratory technicians are the most passionate and committed dental professionals. Those who have achieved accreditation have improved their skills, acquired new techniques and can provide their patients with better care and services. They understand that a smile is more than just an anatomical part; it’s an expression of who their patients are.”

These dental professionals will receive their recognition and award at a special ceremony Saturday evening. Attendees can also see their work displayed in the Showcase of Excellence, located in Boylston Hallway.

The work of recently accredited AACD members is on display in a special gallery on the third floor. (Photo/Fred Michmershuizen, Dental Tribune)