



2015 Alumni Board Special Recognition Award:

Phillip C. Aftoora, Director of Student Services
Joseph Niamtu, III, D.M.D '78



Phillip C. Aftoora, Director of Student Services

- Since 1988, has served as the Director of Student Services after beginning his career with the School of Dental Medicine as a clinical administrator in 1974
- Embodies the definition of servant leadership in enriching lives and building better organizations
- Dedicated to working to help individuals graduate and become successful doctors and professionals
- Enjoys making a difference and being involved in the lives of students and graduates

"Talk with any of our graduates and they all speak highly of him; talk with any of our students and they will tell you that he is considered a friend, a confidant, and an advocate," says Lenny Weiss, '63, friend and nominator.



Joseph Niamtu, III, D.M.D. '78

- Internationally well-known cosmetic surgeon, teacher and author
- Board certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and a fellow of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery and the American Society for Lasers in Medicine and Surgery
- Has taught on 6 continents, written 4 textbooks, and contributed 31 chapters to other texts
- Performs pro bono surgeries for those with facial birth defects or trauma-related injuries
- Named "Best Cosmetic Surgeon" by local magazines and newspapers more than 10 times

"I have watched him grow and mature into a leader in the fields of oral and maxillofacial surgery and cosmetic surgery. He has been a true pioneer in both fields and is recognized throughout the dental profession," says Don Lewis, '76, longtime friend.