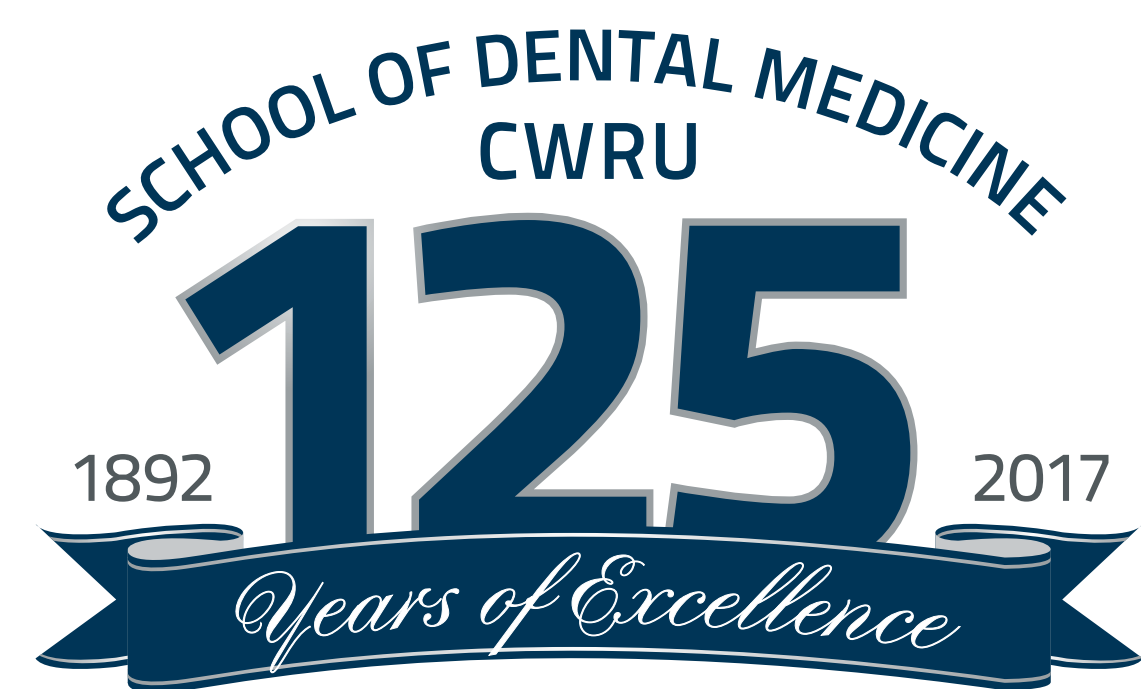


2017 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year



Col. Thomas E. Dundon, DMD '86



- Awarded the distinguished U.S. Army Bronze Star, a medal denoting meritorious achievement or service in a combat zone for his deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008.
- While serving, Dr. Tom Dundon's unit built dental clinics and provided dental care to thousands of uniformed service members, civilians, coalition forces, and contractors in five different locations in Iraq from Baghdad to Mosul.
- In addition to his military deployments, Dr. Dundon has led numerous dental teams on humanitarian missions to impoverished areas throughout the world, improving access to dental care for thousands of people.
- To date, Dr. Dundon is most proud of his military service and service to veterans, working with and educating residents, and having the opportunity to return to CWRU School of Dental Medicine and teach students for the last 15 years.
- When asked if he had the opportunity to change his path, would he, his answer was simply, "I would not change a thing." He exemplifies all the qualities of service, leadership, and integrity to which we all aspire.
- "Tom's selfless service to our country, his soldiers, veterans, reservists, to the many people he has positively affected and treated throughout the world, and to the many students he has taught over 15 years as a CWRU clinical instructor (Basic Procedures Fixed Prosthodontics), makes him a most worthy Distinguished Alumnus of the Year for the school's 125th anniversary," said classmate, Stephen Atkins.

