Kathleen Richards (right), the daughter of the late Prof. Albert Richards, and Dr. Sharon Brooks, hold a replica of the plaque citing his achievements.

Stohler Receives Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Christian Stohler, world renowned researcher and former chair of the Department of Biologic and Materials Sciences, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Alumni Society Board of Governors. The award recognizes and honors a living person who has made outstanding contributions to the U-M School of Dentistry, the dental profession, or the Society.

Dean at the University of Maryland Baltimore College of Dental Surgery since 2003, Stohler was with the University of Michigan School of Dentistry for more than 20 years. During that time, he conducted extensive research on pain, including its causes and manifestations, its effects on jaw functions, and how oral health care professionals can help patients experiencing the malady.

Stohler has returned to Michigan several times, including delivering a keynote address about pain in February 2007 during the School's annual Research Day program.

3 Inducted into Hall of Honor

Three prominent former faculty members were posthumously inducted into the School's Hall of Honor. Dr. Robert Lorey, Professor Albert Richards, and Ms. Frances Shook were enshrined for their lifetime contributions to U-M and the oral health care profession.

Lorey and Richards taught for more than 40 years. Shook was a member of the School's first dental hygiene graduating class in 1922 and a founder of the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association.

Forty-one men and women have been inducted into the School's Hall of Honor since it was established in 2003.

Dr. Christian Stohler received the Distinguished Service Award during Homecoming Weekend activities. Dr. Charlotte Mistretta, professor and associate dean for Research and PhD Training, highlighted his achievements before the award was presented.