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Winnie Kan, M.D., earns Claus D. Walter Award for highest international score on 2018 IBCFPRS examination



Dr. Winnie Kan, 2018 Claus D. Walter Award winner

Dr. Winnie Kan earned the highest score on the 2018 IBCFPRS examination, administered in Washington, D.C., in cooperation with the ABFPRS. Dr. Kan will be honored with the Claus D. Walter Award for Academic Excellence at the AAFPRS fall meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Kan graduated from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2003 and went looking for her dream job. “I found it in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery,” Dr. Kan relates. “I loved going to the clinic every day to see my patients—it made me happy to see them pleased with their results. As I became more involved with the facial plastic surgery department, I saw that those procedures helped to change the way patients interacted with other people during the course of their daily lives. I wanted to further develop my skills to make it possible for patients to look their best to give them the confidence to live more fully. I knew I had to learn more.”

“To help me achieve that goal, I was very fortunate to have worked with many skilled, generous mentors who shared their wisdom in patient management while inspiring me to reach deeper to find my untapped potential,” says Dr. Kan. “Drs. Gordon Soo, Frederick Wong, and Ullas Raghaven helped train me and I started to perform rhinoplasties, scar revisions, and facial reanimation surgeries. I also went on to train with Dr. Stephen Park, who set such high standards and showed me an even wider spectrum of procedures performed as part of a facial plastic surgeon’s repertoire. Finally, I spent time with Dr. Patrick Byrne and his colleagues at Johns Hopkins in 2016, learning facial reanimation and rejuvenation procedures,” recalls Dr. Kan. “This specialized training has given me the direction and the skills to offer facial plastic surgery procedures as part of my practice in Hong Kong.”

“I’m so excited to know that I received the Claus D. Walter Award for the IBCFPRS examination. I will encourage young fellows to participate in the IBCFPRS examination and certification program because preparing and studying for this exam has helped me become a better surgeon. Now I know I’ve found my true dream job,” concludes Dr. Kan.

“The IBCFPRS examination has been established to encourage applicants for

certification to reach for and achieve the highest standards in our profession. That Dr. Winnie Kan not only passed the examination, but also achieved the highest international score, is a testament to her knowledge and commitment to be the best that she can be. May she serve as an inspiration to others as she continues to promote the advancement of our specialty,” notes Dr. Adamson, IBCFPRS President.

The 2019 examination for international candidates will be given June 22-23 in Washington, D.C. and in July in London. To apply for IBCFPRS certification, please go to www.iffpss.org or www.ibcfprs.org and click on IBCFPRS for additional details and to download an IBCFPRS application.