



MB2 Dental

Mauricio Dardano '02 | Co-Founder

Justin Puckett '05 | President

Jackson Hildebrand '05 | CFO

2021 Summit Award

When Dr. Mauricio Dardano '02 co-founded MB2 Dental in 2007, he set out to transform the way in which dental offices operate. Whether they need more capital to expand, more offerings for their patients, or just more time away from the office to spend with the ones they love, over 350 dentists have now partnered with MB2 to access the resources needed to maintain the quality of a private

practice without having to sell out to a large corporation.

In addition to Dardano, many Aggies have since joined the ranks at MB2, including Justin Puckett '05, President, and Jackson Hildebrand '05, CFO. Puckett and Hildebrand, who first met after sitting next to each other in an accounting class, never dreamed they would find themselves working together. But over the years, these three dynamic Aggie leaders have grown MB2 and earned the company a spot in both the 2019 and 2020 Aggie 100. And they have something new to celebrate this year with MB2 being recognized as the 2021 Summit Award winner.

Started in 2012, the Summit Award celebrates the top Aggie-owned or led company that has the highest average revenue over the same three year period as the Aggie 100. In addition to winning this prestigious award, MB2 has earned its way into the top 100 for the third year in a row, joining the ranks of only a few companies that have been recognized as both the Summit Award winner and a top 100 company in the same year.

As one of the original partners in the business, Dardano is proud of what he and his team have built. "It has been an amazing ride", he says, adding that the highlight of his career has been being able to bring private equity partners into the business. "[It] almost validated things for us - [to see] the things that we had worked so hard for that others found value in that as well." Bringing on the second private equity partner in January 2021, Dardano said "[it] just further legitimize[d] that we weren't the only ones that appreciated what we were doing."

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