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Quarterly Newsletter Q1 2021



A Letter From Kyle

What in the world would we do without dental assistants? They provide the dental office with energy, empathy, and enthusiasm. Sadly this profession is shrinking, as less people are going into the profession. What are doctors going to do if they can't find a quality dental assistant to work alongside them?

This month I had the incredible privilege of spending three days meeting with applicants for the Dr. Carolyn Ghazal Dental Assistant Scholarship. We heard inspirational stories from individuals who have overcome so much and have so much drive and passion to be the servant-hearted leaders that the next generation of dental assistants need.

I think of Fasika who recently moved to the U.S. from Ethiopia not knowing anyone, but is now ready to graduate and work in a practice in Colorado.

Of Adriana who came to the U.S. with one suitcase in pursuit of her dental career, or Shelby working full time, going to school, and caring for her sick truck driving father. This is exactly the drive needed for the next generation of dental assistant leaders. Thankfully we're able to help them on their journey and alleviate some of the financial burden that comes with accomplishing their goals. With your help and financial support we can elevate the dental profession, make life a little better for ourselves in the office, and help patients get healthier and happier. The future is bright if we help people shine.

Thank you again for your hearts to serve.



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Dental Assistant Education

This month the PDS Foundation awarded scholarships to 17 dental assistant students from across the country. Six different schools were represented in the recent scholarship awarding including: Carrington College, Concorde Career College, UEI, Florida Career College, Clackamas Community College and Lane Community College. Since 2016 the Foundation has awarded 96 scholarships across 15 states.

We are thrilled to be able to provide continual educational support to students who want to make a positive impact on the lives of others through a career in dental assisting. You can support students by donating [here!](#)

"It was very important to me receiving this scholarship, not only to help me pay my student loans but also to inspire me to continue going after my dream of being in the dental field."- Saraa Hamed, Dental Assistant Student at Carrington College

Saraa came to the U.S. when she was nine, coming from a country at war, Saraa didn't have access to oral healthcare. She underwent many dental procedures when she arrived to the states. Her new smile instilled a great level of confidence in her. Saraa wants to share her knowledge and passion

for oral healthcare with other people who are also struggling with their confidence.

If you are a dental assistant student or know one make sure to spread the word that May 1st is the next deadline to submit scholarship applications. [Apply today!](#)



Special Needs Dentistry

The number one health care problem of people with intellectual and physical disabilities is the inability to access competent oral healthcare. At Dentists for Special Needs, we strive to make every dental visit as comfortable as possible. Just listen to what one of the patient's parent had to say.

"Thank goodness we found the most amazing dentist, because I can't imagine a better experience! Since they only book one patient at a time, we all got comfy with the dentist and anesthesiologist before walking back... They kept us updated in the lobby throughout the whole process and then we were able to go back and be with her before she ever woke up!"

We have a passion to increase access to care for patients with special needs and these are the outcomes we are looking for! Our team at Dentists for Special Needs is ready to provide our patients with the best dentistry possible in a sensory integrated environment. For more information, visit us [online](#).



Guatemala Dental Clinic

The PDS Foundation Clínica Dental in Guatemala is officially open. We are so thankful for Kevin and Hilda and our partners Mission Impact, Beeline Wheelchairs, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala and Imfohsa Dental Center for making this reopening possible. In early February, we welcomed dental students, Rodrigo and Gissel, and dental assistants, Brenda and Jorge, to serve patients who have not been able to receive care since March 2020.

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