

A message from Carrie Peil, Vice President and General Manager:

Fall is in the air, and with it comes a sense of grounding and change. School will be in session soon, schedules and activities will be planned out and a new rhythm for the season begins. I came to Shikosha a little more than a year ago. Before Shikosha, I owned a cosmetic lab for 16 years in Eugene, where I raised my daughter and son. They are grown and off living and enjoying life as young adults now, and after some thought, I realized my next chapter could be a different one! Coming to Shikosha presented that new chapter opportunity and I made the move. It has been a fun, dynamic and rewarding time. In the past year, Shikosha, too, has experienced the same sense of grounding and change. A new bundled implant product line was introduced - our SmileX line, a 4 day workweek was implemented for better life and work balance for our crew, and through it all we renewed our commitment to product quality, education, and open lines of communication.

Our mission to be the premier, fully integrated dental solutions provider here in the Northwest remains unwavering. Our technical team is staffed with 5 Certified Dental Technicians in the specialties of Ceramics, Crown and Bridge, and Removables. We host a CDT study club with 5 more candidates that will become certified in Implants, Removables and CAD design. Read more about our CDT candidates in this newsletter. Additionally, we strive to offer continuing education opportunities for you that can help us work together.

In tandem with our focus on education, we have purchased more state-of-the-art equipment this past year: 2 new milling machines, 2 new printers, sintering oven and scanner - all to assist in the production of our quality products. We are grateful for your partnership in this industry of Dental Technology. It is with our combined efforts we achieve great results for your patients, and we look forward to our continued partnership with you as the season turns into the next year and beyond! Thank you for your trust in us.

Enjoy the last days of summer and the changing of the season!

Warm regards,

Carrie



In the Spotlight: CDT STUDY CLUB!

Shikosha is continually striving to be better at everything we do! Currently we have 5 Certified Dental Technicians on staff and we anticipate adding 5 more in the near future. In support of our CDT candidates, recently Shikosha started a CDT Study Club that meets weekly. It is led by our Director of Integrated Solutions, Research and Education, Vadim Vainer, who is also a Certified Dental Technician. The specialty areas of focus are Digital Technology, Removables, Implants, and Crown and Bridge. Shikosha provides study materials, online modules and resources, support and access to guidance from our in-house CDT team. Congratulations to our candidates!

Here are our CDT candidates:



Tyler White, Removables Specialty CDT candidate

Jesse DeLeon, Digital Technology Specialty CDT candidate



Cassandra Jo Wilson, Implant Specialty CDT candidate (Second CDT designation; her first is in Removables)



Alison Santens, Crown and Bridge Specialty CDT candidate



Xander Ortiz, Digital Technology Specialty CDT candidate

CDT Study Club Leader: Vadim Vainer, CDT

Vadim has been a dental technician for over 18 years. He began his career as an apprentice, but he soon realized he had a passion for the dental arts. After earning an AAS in dental technology, he opened his own laboratory where he became an expert in all facets of dental tech - from the aesthetics of cosmetic restorations to the fast pace of digital systems, as well as the business of running it all. He is currently kept on his toes with a new challenge as the Director of Integrated Solutions, Research, and Education at Shikosha Dental Laboratory. In his free time, Vadim is passionate about photography and often teaches classes about dental and portrait photography. Grateful for an amazing group of fellow dental technicians, he likes to participate in education and training as part of the Dental Technicians Guild.



Shikosha's CDTs

Education is the foundation for our quality work here at Shikosha, and we are happy to share our efforts and vision with you! After receiving their CDT designation, our new CDTs will bring the number of Certified Dental Technicians up to 9 (of 19 technicians) which will only make our lab a stronger, more highly educated lab! Our technicians who already have their CDT certification are:

Miyuki McCloud
Ceramics Supervisor

Paul Melott
Removables Technician

Carrie Peil
Vice President & General Manager

Vadim Vainer
Director of Integrated Solutions,
Research and Education

Cassandra Jo Wilson
Removables Assistant Supervisor



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