



# Dentistry IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Allied Staff News

## Delta Dental's Foundation Boosts Dental Assistant Training At Two SD Tech Schools

By Connie Halverson

The Delta Dental of South Dakota Foundation is putting substantial financial support behind Dental Assistant programs at two of South Dakota's technical institutes.

At a meeting in early January, the Foundation's board awarded grants to the Southeast Tech Foundation and the Western Dakota Tech Foundation for programs to train dental assistants to support the oral health workforce in the state.

The DDS Foundation awarded \$50,000 to help start a new dental assistant program at [Southeast Technical Institute](#) in Sioux Falls. Expected to begin in the fall of 2019, the program would be the only one in Sioux Falls. Southeast Tech is planning to accept up to 24 students in the 1-year program, with graduates prepared to meet the SD Board of Dentistry requirements to become a Registered Dental Assistant.

A grant of \$49,725 was also awarded to provide equipment and supplies to expand and enhance training opportunities for dental assisting students in the [existing program at Western Dakota Tech](#) in Rapid City. The funds will be used to add specialized manikins for students' lab practice as well as supplies for community rotations where students gain practical experience providing oral care and education for local seniors and children who are without a dental home.

The SD Department of Health's [2017 Healthcare Workforce Report](#) noted that dental assistant is one of the fastest growing professions in healthcare in South Dakota, ranking 4<sup>th</sup> in overall projected growth in job openings from 2014-2024.

In addition to the DDS Foundation's longstanding support of the dental assistant program at [Lake Area Technical Institute](#) in Watertown, the grant awards demonstrate Delta Dental's commitment to sustaining a well-trained dental workforce, improving oral health, and creating opportunities for young people in South Dakota.

## 2019 SDDA Annual Session Social—Thursday, May 16, starting at 5:30 pm



Come enjoy dinner and entertainment. The SD Dental Foundation will once again be conducting their Chinese Raffle. Lots of fun prizes to be had!

Entertainment will be provided by *Goodroad Band*. "We're just a group of guys who love to play music." If you'd ask Allen Goodroad, lead singer of *Goodroad*, about what this band is like, that's what you'd hear. "We've come from all sorts of backgrounds to form this unique group that allows us to play anything from Johnny Cash to Metallica."

What Allen's talking about, of course, is the wide range of musical talent in the group. Every band member is proficient in more than one instrument. While they keep drummer Kyle Maurer on the drums to keep the groove, the remaining members pull out instruments that include guitar, mandolin, ukulele, saxophones, trumpets, trombone, fiddle, accordion, and keys. This allows them to not only play their original songs from their albums, but to also perform chart toppers and crowd favorites with their own twist.

Register online TODAY for the 2019 SDDA Annual Session!

[www.sddental.org](http://www.sddental.org)

### SDDHA Update *By Amy Ericks, RDH; SDDHA President 2018-2019*

The South Dakota Dental Hygienists' Association had a great experience during our Lobby Day presence in Pierre on Monday January 28th. While we intended on having the majority of our Board Members in attendance, weather and illness changed our plans. We did have four board members and one additional SDDHA member join us for the event. We had a promising experience speaking with many legislators as they passed through. We heard many voice their concerns regarding access to care issues and their support in seeking solutions. We are pleased in the response that we received and indicated our intentions to work collaboratively with the dental community and other healthcare professionals in order to continue to improve the oral health of South Dakota. We look forward to spending time together in May learning and growing with our fellow dental professionals.

### Annual Session Table Clinics

Have you developed a new technique? Have you obtained exceptional results with a particular product or method? Have you something to share that might help the dental professional do its job better? Then by all means, make plans to present a table clinic during the 2019 Annual Session. Table clinics will be held in Rushmore Hall of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center on Friday, May 17, 2019 from 11:30AM to 12:30PM.

If you'd like a Table Clinic application email [brenda.goeden@sddental.org](mailto:brenda.goeden@sddental.org), or print off a form from the SDDA website at: <http://www.sddental.org/meetings-events/sdda-annual-session/registration>.

### Classifieds

**Hygienist Position:** Scott Family Dentistry in Yankton, SD is looking for an amazing Registered Dental Hygienist to join our close knit team! Our practice emphasizes treating our patients and each other as family without strict goals and production requirements. Our long term staff will attest to the comfortable and friendly team atmosphere. We are a progressive, privately owned office offering personalized dental care to our patients. We have a 4 day work week with competitive salaries, vacation, holidays, health expense reimbursement account, retirement plan, continuing education, uniforms, and profit sharing. Candidates must possess strong periodontal clinical skills including local anesthetic credentials and excellent communication skills to be able to work with patients of all ages. If you have a desire to work with our team of talented women please drop off a resume, call 665-2448 or email [info@scottfamilysmiles.com](mailto:info@scottfamilysmiles.com).

#### BEST FOR LAST RAFFLE

**Drawing to be held during the Thursday Night Social Event on May 16, 2019**  
**130 tickets to be sold at \$125 each**  
**CASH PRIZE \$8,000!**

The "Best for Last" raffle is a reverse drawing—the winner will not be the first name, but rather the last name drawn. All 130 names will be drawn. While not the big winners, the 1st, 50th and 100th names drawn will win consolation prizes.

Need to buy your luck? You can! Near the end, things will really get interesting. We will auction two bonus tickets when only eight tickets remain in the raffle drum. Minimum bid is \$250.00. You can join together with friends to bid on one of these valuable chances or buy it yourself. The ten finalists will then be narrowed down to five. The five finalists will then have the option of splitting the grand prize or going all the way. The drawing continues this way until a final winner or winners are determined. Need not be present to win.

**Return this portion with payment by May 3, 2019**  
*(tickets are also being sold by SDDF Board Members)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets. (\$125 per ticket)**

Check enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ VISA: \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check one)

CC # \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: Mo \_\_\_\_\_ Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Greetings from Western Dakota Tech Dental Assisting Program! Our semester seems to be flying by with many exciting advancements; progressing through our CODA accreditation self-study and making necessary adjustments where needed, and implementing our new curriculum. The students now have more time in expanded functions lab as well as dental materials lab.

The students began their first clinical course this spring semester and are putting into practice the skills they learned during their hands-on lab courses.

We currently have 16 offices that have agreed to work with our students and WDT as a clinical site, helping students to become successful and well-trained dental assistants. We are very grateful to the supporters of our program! The students are very enthusiastic about their career in dentistry and have had many good experiences already to share with the class.

In January our program was awarded a generous grant from Delta Dental Foundation to purchase additional learning manikins and digital sensors for radiology, instrument kits for expanded functions lab and to fund a student community project called "smiles for a lifetime". The students will be doing a rotation in a nursing home to do denture cleaning or brushing and flossing and a rotation to Youth and Family Services to present oral hygiene education. The grant has provided an enriched learning experience for the students and in turn the oral health workforce!

The WDT dental assisting club has been busy doing fund raising for their goals of community service and professional development. They went to Girls Inc. and provided hygiene supplies and oral health education activities with 20 kindergarten girls. They have also arranged a continuing education course to take place here at the WDT event center on March 14 at 6pm. Joe Mayne from Crosstex will speak about infection control, this is worth 2 continuing ed credits and only \$10 including a light meal. The money raised is going to be used to purchase oral hygiene supplies for WAVI and The Hope Center in Rapid City.

The Dental Assisting Program will participate in a school-wide mass casualty simulation this April. The students are able to practice their skills in handling an emergency situation, the use of dental software, and also gain experience with taking necessary x-rays images unique to the patient's needs. Lastly, we were active in school events that showcased our profession and facility, speaking with a variety middle school and high school students.

May 10th concludes the spring semester for the 2018-2019 school year at Western Dakota Tech with 16 students on track to graduate. Our students are working hard and getting prepared to transition into the summer semester where they will complete their clinical experience in community dental offices in Rapid City and the Northern Hills. If you are not already a clinical site and would like to participate as one, please contact me as we are always eager to have as much community participation as possible. If you have any questions about the program, or would like to participate in any capacity, please contact me at [Jenna.Golden@wdt.edu](mailto:Jenna.Golden@wdt.edu) or my phone number, (605)718-3057. Thanks again to our advisory board, the community dentists, volunteer speakers, and Delta Dental Foundation for contributing to the Dental Assisting Program!

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## Foundation Grant Applications

The SDDF Endowment Fund was created in order for the Foundation to provide financial support to the people, organizations and causes that advance the dental profession in South Dakota. Contributions are awarded for:

- Dental health projects for the underserved
- Dental and auxiliary student activities and scholarships
- Dental education programs for the dental professional and the public
- Continuing education and promotion of professional ethics
- Recruitment of dentists and dental students to South Dakota

For more information and an application, please go to our web site at <http://www.sddental.org/sd-dental-foundation/grants-and-gifts>. Applications are **due April 1**.

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR

The listing of these programs is provided as a service to SDDA Newsletter subscribers, and does not mean that these programs have been endorsed or approved by the SD Dental Association or the SD State Board of Dentistry. All members are cautioned to evaluate the programs on their own merit.

#### SDDA ANNUAL SESSION

Contact: Brenda Goeden 605-224-9133  
[www.sddental.org](http://www.sddental.org)  
May 17-19, 2018 Sioux Falls, SD  
Registration packet included in this newsletter.

#### WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Contact: 605-718-2410

#### **Third Friday of the Month, mornings**

- American Heart Association CPR Class for Healthcare Professionals

#### **Third Friday of the Month, afternoons**

- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Recertification

#### LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Contact: Nicole Pahl, 605-882-5284, ext. 362  
Nicole.pahl@lakeareatech.edu  
<https://www.lakeareatech.edu/corporate-education/corporate-education-registration/>

#### **Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)**

April 5, 2019 (Brookings Innovation Center)

#### **Home Study Radiology Courses available:**

- Radiology Safety
- Radiography Production

#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Contact: Dept. of Dental Hygiene  
605-677-5379

#### **Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation Course**

June 13-14, 2019

#### **Radiology Certification Course for Dental Assistants**

June 6-7, 2019

#### **Home Study Radiology Courses available:**

- Digital Radiography, Advantages & Disadvantages
- Exposure Errors of Periapicals & Bitewings
- Processing Errors
- Occlusal Exposures for Children
- Oral Effects of Head & Neck Radiation Therapy
- Panoramic Radiography
- Radiation Safety
- Vertical Bitewings
- Fluoride Varnish, Indication & Application

#### STAR OF THE NORTH MEETINGS

Website: [www.starofthenorthmeeting.org](http://www.starofthenorthmeeting.org)

**April 25-27, 2019; Saint Paul, MN**

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