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Greetings, Washington State Dental Laboratory members and friends! The 2022 2nd Quarter Contact newsletter is filled with information about our upcoming events, Scholarship Opportunities, Industry News and much more.

President's Message - Gary Smotherman

The 2022 Northwest Lab Forum was a success! Thank you to everyone that was able to attend. It was great to get back on schedule with the March 18 - 20 conference this year. This event focused on local speakers to take advantage of all the great local talent our community has to offer. Participants were able to enjoy industry relevant panel discussions, table top clinics, keynote presentations, and vote for a "best work" photo contest. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to create new friendships, reconnect with old friends, and celebrate personal growth within our membership organization!

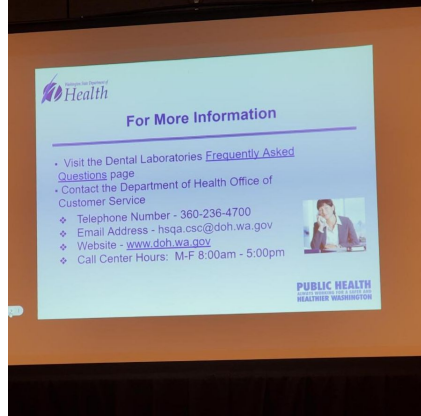


To read the full President's Message, please [click here](#).

Meetings

2022 WSDLA Forum - Thank You For Attending!

Thanks to everyone that attended the 2022 NW Laboratory Forum from March 18 - 19, 2022 at the Embassy Suites - Seattle/Bellevue. From local speakers to table clinics, photography awards to trade show, it was a great success! Your WSDLA Board is already hard at work planning 2023 NW Laboratory Forum! See below and stay tuned for more information.



Thank you to attendees, our knowledgeable speakers, and excellent exhibitors!

Thank You to our 2022 NW Lab Forum Exhibitors:

Exhibitors

Aidite Technology Co., LTD
The Argen Corporation
Bates Technical College
DENTSPLY Sirona
Garfield Refining Company
Panadent Corp
Panthera Dental
Precision Dental Supply
Results-Driven
TruAbutment
VITA North America
Whip Mix Corp

Upcoming Events

2022 Roundtable Retreat & Annual Membership Meeting

Save the Date!

**WSDLA Roundtable Retreat
Friday, September 23, 2022**

The Tulip Resort Casino
10200 Quil Ceda Boulevard
Tulalip, Washington 98271
(360) 716-6000



More information coming soon!

2023 WSDLA NW Laboratory Forum

Save the Date for **March 2023**. WSDLA is working with the Embassy Suites Seattle-Bellevue for possible dates to host the upcoming 2023 NW Lab Forum. More details to come!

A Call for Nominations

Chet Claus Award

WSDLA is currently accepting nominations for the Chet Claus Award. Please see below for requirements and email your Chet Claus Award nominations to WSDLA@executiveoffice.org.

Call for Nominations Chet Claus Award

The Chet Claus Award was first given in 1978 or '79. The award is named for Chet Claus, CDT who served the dental laboratory industry for many years.

Requirements

The honoree must meet at least three of the following four criteria:

- 1 – having held high office in and long time supporter of the WSDLA;
- 2 – an educator;
- 3 – holding a position at the national level;
- 4 – having owned a dental laboratory for over 20 years.



Past Winners

Andy Anderson CDT	Chuck Lemke CDT	Ted Walker CDT	Leon Hermanides CDT
Ike Miller CDT	Delores Reeves CDT	Peg Greiwe	Loren Ford CDT
Bill Baker CDT	James McLees CDT	David Reimers CDT	Your Nomination Here
Ray Nakanishi CDT	David McIntyre CDT	Thornton Ford CDT	
Ron Geaudreau CDT	Gary Questad CDT	Maurice Gress CDT	
Tom Dahman CDT	Bob Bragg CDT	Ron Miller CDT	
Wilbur Brown CDT	Robert Holmes, Jr. CDT	Jim Haxton	
Ron Cox, Sr. CDT	David Nakanishi CDT	Wes Brandon CDT	

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Classified Ads

Dental Technician Wanted

Experienced high-end dental technician needed for unique Renton, WA Dental Laboratory.

We are searching for experience in eMax, Zirconia, and a desire for excellence!

For more information, call (425) 251-3535 or email dene@lebeaudental.com.

Denture and Partial Technicians Wanted

Edgewood Dental Lab is looking for experienced Denture and Partial technicians.

Contact:
steve@edgewooddentallab.com
(425) 348-8848

Free Classified Ads! - WSDLA Member Benefit

Post your FREE classified ads for equipment, job openings, etc on the WSDLA website. As a member benefit, all WSDLA members receive free classified ad posting for up to 30 days. For more information and to send a request for a classified ad, please visit www.wsdla.com.

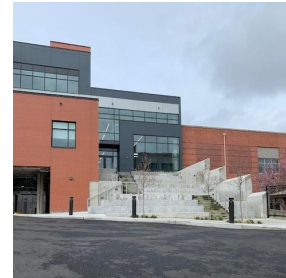


Industry News

Bates Technical College Dental Lab Technician Program

by Bob Hayes, CDT

I would like to update organization members on the Bates Technical College Dental Lab Technician program. In January, we cut the ribbon on a brand new, state-of-the-art dental lab technology facility at our downtown campus. This monumental event involved years of planning, moving the lab into a new building, and updating most of the dated equipment. Most exciting to announce: in addition to all of the traditional tools for creating dental devices, the school has updated and improved its digital design and restoration department. The curriculum includes digital design, scanning, milling, and printing techniques.



To read the full article, please [click here](#).



Technical Article

2022 Grant and Scholarship Opportunities!

SPEAR

The Spear Education Grant awards two virtual Spear Educational Seminars (\$1,695 value each) and five Spear Online Memberships (\$2,748 value each), which includes 24/7 access to their online continuing education platform

Application Deadline: July 15

[Apply Online Here](#)

[Download Application Here](#)

The NADL University Grant covers tuition for two individuals to attend the [2022 NADL University](#). Eligible professionals will earn a Certificate in Dental Laboratory Management during this 3-day, intensive professional management course.

Application Deadline: July 15

[Apply Online Here](#)

[Download Application Here](#)

Best Work Photo Contest Winners



Congratulations to our winners, Nate Seimears and Angelika Oeckl!

First Place: Nate Seimears (see photo above)
Second Place: Angelika Oeckl (see photo on the right)
Judge's Award: Nate Seimears

Photos were exhibited and prizes awarded as part of the 2022 WSDLA NW Lab Forum on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Embassy Suites - Seattle/Bellevue. Thanks to everyone that participated, attended, and voted!



WSDLA held this photo contest as part of the 2022 Northwest Laboratory Forum to showcase the best work of our members.

