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Welcome to the 2014 NADL Annual Awards Presentation

Presented by 2014 President Gary Iocco and 2013 President Henry Martin, CDT

Congratulations to all of the 2014 NADL award winners. There are few greater honors than to be recognized by your peers for achievements in the profession that has meant so much to your life.

2014 NADL President ➔ Gary Iocco

Gary Iocco is the President of Dimension Dental Design, a CDL in Hastings, Minnesota.

He attended DePaul University from 1975-1976 and Winona State University from 1976-1978 where he majored in business. He started Dimension Dental Studio in 1982 as a fixed laboratory, located in Minneapolis, Minnesota and in 2010 combined it with Red Wing Dental Lab in a new facility to become a full-service laboratory.

Mr. Iocco is a former president of the Midwest Dental Laboratory Association and was the lead elected leader of the association in helping to get Minnesota’s laboratory regulation passed into law. Most recently, he testified in front of the ADA House of Delegates on behalf of the dental laboratory profession. He was instrumental in passing Resolution 52, which supports dental laboratory registration in an effort to ensure patient safety, elevate the profession and assist in establishing compliance regarding minimum standards.

In addition, Mr. Iocco serves on the NADL Budget & Finance Committee, the JDT/Communications Advisory Board, the NADL Nominations Committee, and the NADL Public Awareness Committee. Prior to this, he also served on the NADL Business Management Committee and was Chair of the Dental Laboratory Manager Task Force.
Zahn Dental, a division of Henry Schein, is the leader in providing integrated solutions to enhance efficiency and productivity within the dental laboratory. Their specialists, consultants, and technicians are specially trained to help achieve a customer’s professional goals. Zahn Dental is committed to continue adding innovative products and solutions to their portfolio helping business owners compete in the evolving industry.

Zahn Dental has been in operations for 81 years and employs nearly 16,000 full-time employees. The company is a big supporter of supporting dental laboratory technology through offering continuing education, sponsoring events and tradeshows and giving back to the industry. To help support the future growth of the dental laboratory industry, Zahn Dental is proud of their partnership with The Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology. Not only has Zahn committed $200,000 to support dental laboratory education, they have worked with their partners to donate equipment and technology, like bench top scanners, to help customers access the latest tools available to them.

Zahn Dental is like no other company, making sure that they stay ahead of their competitors through innovation and imagination, through community service, and through their growth, stability and staying power.

“We are constantly looking for innovative materials and services to help create opportunities for existing and new customers.”
Renata Budny is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at New York City College of Technology, an Educational Institution and CDL in Brooklyn, New York. She also attended school there, earning an Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Laboratory Technology. She has been in the dental laboratory profession for 16 years and has received two certifications from the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology (NBC) in Crown & Bridge and Ceramics. She has also earned the title of Master Dental Technician from the American Society of Master Dental Technologists (ASMDT).

Ms. Budny is a member of numerous associations and societies, attending their meetings and seminars. Of those, she has served as a President for the Greater New York City CDT Study Group and for the past few years, with help from the executive board she has been actively managing the study group and its Facebook page as well as organizing 4-5 dental seminars per academic year. In addition, she works closely with dental companies and lab owners to bring educational programs to the dental lab community. She says “My ultimate goal is to always continue my lifelong learning and to share my knowledge with future leaders of our industry in the classrooms and beyond.”

Ms. Budny stays well-informed with the latest trends in the field by keeping active within the industry. She sits on the Board of Trustees for the Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology and attends the DLT Educators’ Conference held annually in Chicago. Other contributions to the profession include participation in the American Dental Education Association conference, serving as a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Site Visitor and Curriculum Consultant, as well as becoming a CODA Review Committee member. She has published articles in numerous magazines/journals including the Journal of Dental Technology, Lab Management Today, and Inside Dental Technology. She was also honored in 2011 to be named one of the “Top 25 Women in Dentistry”. With all of this and more, Ms. Budny is well-deserving of the Educator of the Year Award.

“She has given many years of unselfish dedication to the dental technology profession and to the students who are the future leaders of our profession.”

- Nicholas Manos
Craig Pickett is the Manager of Technical Support at Whip Mix Corporation in Louisville, Kentucky. He has worked in the dental laboratory profession for 36 years and became certified in Crown & Bridge in 1982 through the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology (NBC). He received a Certificate in Dental Laboratory Technology from Diablo Valley College in California.

Mr. Pickett travels the world training technicians and speaking at meetings, last year alone speaking in both Korea and Dubai. He has also published several articles in dental technology magazines such as the Journal of Dental Technology, Inside Dental Technology, and Focus Magazine. Mr. Pickett stays current with everything happening in the industry by being a member of several state associations such as the Kentucky Dental Laboratory Association, the Illinois Dental Laboratory Association, and the California Dental Laboratory Association as well as being an active member of NADL. It was for all of these reasons and more, that Craig Pickett was selected to receive the Excellence in Education Award.

Mr. Pickett is also very involved in his community with a long list of community service including the Boy Scouts of America, serving on the Board of Trustees of the Oakley Unified School District, and working with the Opportunity House’s Annual Festival of the Trees Fundraiser in Vacaville, California.

“Craig loves dental technology and takes great pleasure in sharing his knowledge with others. It is exciting to watch him interact with other technicians because you can see his love for dental technology and the desire to assist his fellow technicians.”

- Bruce T. Keeling, CDT
**MERIT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS**

**DR. C. WILLIAM D’AIUTO**

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**I am inspired by the laboratories and technicians that I work with because of their commitment.**

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Dr. C. William D’Aiuto received his doctor of dental surgery from Ohio State University and practices general dentistry in Longwood, Florida. Dr. D’Aiuto is being honored with the Merit Award for Outstanding Achievements for the countless hours he has spent working with dental laboratory technology profession over the years.

He has served as chairman of the ADA’s subcommittee on the Future of Dental Laboratory Technology and on the ADA Council on Dental Practice. More recently, he served as the Dentist Representative on the Board of Trustees for the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology (NBC) and on the Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology (FDLT).

Dr. D’Aiuto has been recognized by his colleagues for his contributions to the dental profession as well. In 2010, he was presented with the Florida Dental Association’s distinguished “Leadership Award” and has been presented with the Florida Dental Association “Service Award” and named the Florida Dental Association’s “Dentist of the Year,” its highest award.

Dr. D’Aiuto is a powerful advocate for dental laboratory owners and technicians taking their concerns to the heart of the American Dental Association. Dr. D’Aiuto championed Resolution 52 in support of dental laboratories in front of the 2013 ADA House of Delegates. He believes the best dentistry is relationship-based, high-quality care with a strong relationship between the dentist and the patient as well as a dentist and the laboratory. In addition, he’s a proponent for dentists and dental school utilizing local Certified Dental Technicians and Certified Dental Laboratories.
Bob Rusler is President of Indiana Dental Prosthetics, Inc. in Indianapolis, Indiana. He has been in the dental laboratory profession for 33 years and has owned and operated his laboratory for 20 years.

Mr. Rusler is being honored with the Harry Hagman, CDT Inventors Award for his invention of the Snap Denture in 2010. This is a patented prosthetic device developed to help laboratories manufacture dentures in larger quantities with no compromise to quality or strength found in traditional dentures. “I wanted to develop a product that could streamline the manufacturing of dentures so that patients could have a high quality denture at a fraction of the cost, making it more affordable for laboratories, dentists, and patients,” said Rusler, when asked about the vision behind developing his invention.

“It is difficult to estimate the amount of influence that Bob has exercised on others. He is always willing to go the extra mile to help with any case.”

- Mark V. Bohnert, DDS
Wilma Peterson has been in the dental laboratory profession for over 57 years and became a Certified Dental Technician in 1971, specializing in Ceramics. She currently works as the Manager of Education at Glidewell Laboratory, CDL in Newport Beach, CA, where she trains technicians in both day-to-day and general management of full service dental laboratories and how to troubleshoot problems in the laboratory. Along with her daily responsibilities, Ms. Peterson stays updated on the ever-changing industry by attending educational courses and tradeshows and by being a member of the Tennyson Study Club.

Ms. Peterson has shown time and again that she is dedicated to certification. She has maintained her certification for over 40 years and hosts the CDT pilot tests, written and practical exams at her laboratory every year to allow technicians to challenge themselves to get certified. “I talk to employees and encourage them to become CDTs, and help train technicians to prepare for the exams,” says Peterson.

She is also very active in the dental laboratory field. While living in the Philippines, she started two dental technology schools. She also helped to write the book *Essential Guide to Prosthodontic Laboratory Procedure* as a training manual for dental technology programs to use. In 2012, she was honored to be chosen as one on the Top 25 of Women in Dentistry from the *Dental Products Report* magazine.

She is passionate about community service and has spent a lot of time in the Philippines learning and volunteering. She began the Feathered Friends Foundation in 2009 to address the needs of birds and protect endangered species. Through this Foundation she has fabricated dental prosthesis on animals, including beaks on birds and crowns on jaguars. Ms. Peterson was involved in several dental missions creating teeth for police in Manila that cannot afford it through the Give a Smile program. She just returned in November from a mission trip to Belize, where they made approximately 200 partials and dentures for the underprivileged.

**This year, we are excited to acknowledge Wilma R. Peterson as the 2014 CDT of the Year!**