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A DIFFERENT LENS

**NADL ANNUAL AWARDS**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024**

**Congratulations to all of the 2024 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.*

# SUPPLIER MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

## ALIEN MILLING TECHNOLOGIES

**W**ith eight years of dedicated service, Alien Milling Technologies, located in Glendora, California, employs a team of 40, including eight Certified Dental Technician (CDTs). At the helm is Saro and Raffi Hatzakortzian, who are passionate about revolutionizing the world of restorative dentistry.

Their company's goal is to provide dental professionals with state-of-the-art solutions that make their jobs easier and more efficient, while also improving patient outcomes. Alien Milling Technologies has left an indelible mark on the dental laboratory profession by facilitating the expansion of digital solutions for laboratories. The organization's commitment to a family work environment is evident, fostering positive employee morale.

Alien Milling Technologies believes in giving back to their customers and communities. From the very start, they have offered free crown Fridays, donating free crowns to customers (new or existing) each and every week. Notably, their Denture Drive initiative provides 100 free dentures annually, showcasing an exemplary commitment to community service.

Constant innovation and improvement in prosthetics, as well as a strategic focus on growth and stability, define their contributions to the field. As they envision integrating automation for the future, Alien Milling Technologies continues to lead with excellence in customer service and a dedication to revolutionizing restorative dentistry.

***Congratulations to Alien Milling Technologies on being awarded the NADL Supplier Member of the Year Award!***



# LABORATORY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

## RENSTROM DENTAL STUDIO, CDL

**R**enstrom Dental Studio, CDL, stands as a distinguished dental laboratory with a rich history and a commitment to excellence. Established 57 years ago, Renstrom Dental Studio, CDL, is a full-service laboratory located in Lino Lakes, Minnesota. With 48 full-time employees and a team of Certified Dental Technicians (CDTs) specializing in Crown & Bridge, Ceramics, and Complete Dentures, the laboratory exemplifies a diverse skill set.

The leadership team, including Randi James, Scott James, and Rick Renstrom, reflects the laboratory's stability and commitment to quality. Renstrom has actively contributed to the dental community, with Randi James serving on the board of the Midwest Dental Laboratory Association, Scott James being recognized in LMT's 40 under 40, and team member Jennifer Ludwig, CDT, earning CDT of the Year for 2023.

Renstrom Dental Studio, CDL, fosters a unique work culture, prioritizing a family atmosphere over a traditional hierarchical structure. The laboratory's emphasis on positive employee morale, involvement in business operations, and human resource development, sets it apart. Regular team meetings, a "Thank You" board, and a focus on work-life balance contribute to a collaborative and supportive work environment.



Community involvement is integral to Renstrom's philosophy, as they participate in local events and support charitable causes. The laboratory has experienced significant growth in the last several years and recently expanded to a new 20,000 sq. ft. building. Despite this success, Renstrom Dental Studio, CDL, remains committed to organic growth, technological advancements, and nurturing a talented workforce.

Looking toward the future, the laboratory envisions sustained growth while staying attuned to industry trends. Renstrom Dental Studio, CDL, maintains a customer-centric approach, valuing open communication with clients and other laboratories. Their dedication to enhancing the lives of doctors and patients underscores their mission to provide exceptional dental solutions.

*"Third-generation owners Randi and Scott are continuing our family tradition of excellent service and quality for their clients. I am personally proud of the work they have been doing and their commitment to our family's legacy." — Randall Renstrom, CDT*

***Congratulations to Renstrom Dental Studio, CDL, on being presented the NADL Laboratory Member of the Year Award!***

# MERIT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

## CARRIE PEIL WARNER, CDT

**C**arrie Peil Warner, CDT, is the Executive Director of the Oregon Association of Dental Laboratories (OADL). With an impressive 36-year tenure in the dental field, her journey reflects a commitment to excellence, professional growth, and community service.

Carrie's career began in 1981 in Israel, where she served as a clinical assistant and translator. Her relocation to Eugene, Oregon, in 1987 marked a pivotal moment as she discovered her passion for dental laboratory technology. Motivated by her newfound passion, she went on to establish Birch Dental Laboratory, Inc., a venture she owned and operated successfully for 16 years.

She earned her Certified Dental Technician (CDT) designation in Crown & Bridge in 2011 and her expertise extends beyond technical proficiency. She also holds a Vocational Business Administration Certificate, showcasing her dedication to continuous learning and diverse skill sets.

Carrie has actively participated in professional organizations, serving as a board member of the Oregon Association of Dental Laboratories (OADL) from 2015 to 2017, and then taking on the role of Executive Director in 2017. She passionately advocates for Oregon dental laboratories, contributing to education through OADL's annual conference. Carrie's commitment to industry advancement is further evidenced by her collaboration with the National Association of Dental Laboratories (NADL) to facilitate the registration of dental laboratories in Oregon.

Beyond her professional achievements, Carrie's life is enriched by her roles as a parent to a grown daughter and son, as well as caregiver to a rescue dog and a one-eyed cat. Her interests extend to the realms of art and music, where she has devoted her time to directing various youth choirs for many years and serving on the board of the Oregon Children's Choir, exemplifying her dedication to both her professional and personal passions.



*“What I am most impressed by is Carrie's passion and efforts to train and foster the advancement of each technician's career. She leads by example and encourages the team to “love to learn”, to create opportunities from mistakes, and to be open to new methods, all of which is ever so important in our rapidly evolving industry.”*

— Nick Yoshida

***Congratulations to Carrie Peil Warner, CDT, on being presented the NADL Merit Award for Outstanding Achievements!***

# EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

## R. KURTIS HELM, CDT

**R.** Kurtis Helm, CDT, is the President and Owner of Helm Dental Laboratory LLC, in Wylie, Texas. With a stellar professional background spanning 30 years in the dental laboratory profession, Helm has proven his expertise and dedication to staying abreast of the latest advancements. In addition to earning the Certified Dental Technician (CDT) designation in 1994, his educational contributions are extensive, encompassing various areas of dental laboratory technology and active participation in continuing education.

Helm's commitment extends beyond his laboratory, evident in his involvement with prestigious organizations and councils, such as Dentsply Sirona PEERS, Carbon Oral Health Leadership Council, Straumann Pinnacle Alliance Excellence, and many more. In the realm of community service, he engages in initiatives like Dentistry from the Heart and Wounded Warriors. Helm Dental Laboratory was also a Platinum Sponsor in the Foundation Race for the Future in 2022 and again in 2023.

Ever the consummate educator, Helm has given countless presentations across the country, presenting at national meetings, study clubs, hosting lunch & learns, and more. He has also published articles in industry journals including the Journal of Dental Technology and IDT magazines.



*“Mr. Helm has been an invaluable asset through the years, as he has tirelessly given of his time and his skill to help develop student efficacy in the field.”*

— Joel Karns, DDS

***Congratulations to R. Kurtis Helm, CDT, on being presented the NADL Excellence in Education Award!***

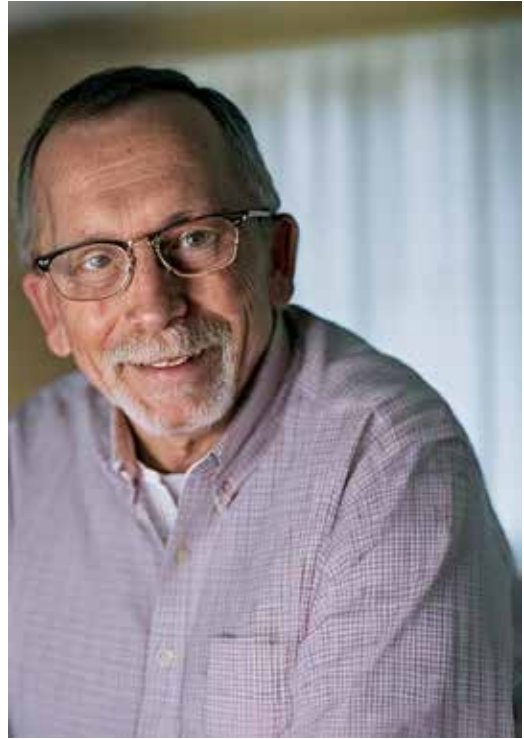
# EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

## JIMMY STEGALL

**J**immy Stegall, a distinguished figure in the dental laboratory profession, stands out for his exceptional contributions and accomplishments. Currently serving as the National Procedural Solutions Specialist at Dentsply Sirona, Stegall brings a wealth of experience. He has been with Dentsply Sirona since 2017, where he held various roles, including National Accounts Manager, Implants Clinical & Laboratory Education Specialist, and more.

Stegall's extensive expertise encompasses digital dentures, implant workflows, CAD/CAM technologies, production and operational costs, and marketing strategies. He holds certifications from various institutions, including the University of South Carolina, Winthrop University, Dawson Academy, The Pankey Institute, and York Technical College. His commitment to education is evident as he conducted over 400 lectures and training classes between 2017 and 2023, impacting clinicians, labs, technicians, and sales teams.

Beyond his professional achievements, Stegall actively engages in community service, having served as an Eagle Scout, school board member, and ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church in America. His dedication extends to the dental community, where he has made significant contributions to NADL and other associations.



*“Jimmy Stegall has a passion for dentistry with a heart for teaching.”*  
— Michelle Ziegler, DDS, FSCDA

***Congratulations to Jimmy Stegall on being presented the NADL Excellence in Education Award!***

# HALL OF FAME AWARD

## MORRIS FUCARINO, CDT

**M**orris Fucarino, CDT, is a distinguished figure in the dental laboratory profession with over five decades of experience. As the Owner/President of Majestic Dental Arts, CDL, located in Bushnell, Florida, Fucarino has played a pivotal role in the industry. His dedication is evident in his 53 years of service.

A proud member of the National Association of Dental Laboratories (NADL), Fucarino has been actively involved in various capacities. Earning his Certified Dental Technician (CDT) certification in Crown & Bridge and Ceramics in 1976, he brings a wealth of expertise to the field.

His extensive list of accomplishments includes serving as the President of the Florida Dental Laboratory Association (FDLA) in 2014 and receiving the FDLA President's Leadership Award in 2010. Fucarino was also a trustee for the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology (NBC) from 2016 to 2021 and held the position of NBC Chair in 2019.

In addition to his contributions to professional associations, Fucarino has actively engaged

in community service. Notable among his activities is his involvement in the Mission of Mercy for Florida and his service on the church council at First Baptist Bushnell.

Fucarino's commitment to the dental technology profession is further emphasized by his roles on the NADL Board beginning in 2022, as well as his participation on the Journal of Dental Technology (JDT) Advisory Committee from 2017 to 2022.

Born in Tampa, Florida, Fucarino's journey in the profession began there, culminating in the establishment of Majestic Dental Arts, CDL, in Bushnell in 2000. His passion for the field and dedication to service underscore his remarkable contributions to both his profession and community.



*"I've come to know Morris to be a man of unequalled integrity and a servant leader by nature. He has a passion for dentistry that is contagious and I've been blessed by his influence and mentorship for many years now. Morris has a kind and gentle presence that draws in everyone who meets him. Most leaders possess some of these qualities but it is rare to find someone who has all of them!"* — Denise Burris, CDT

*"In the heart of every community beats the rhythm of selfless dedication, and tonight, we illuminate a guiding star among us - Morris Fucarino, CDT. As a beacon of compassion and commitment, he has tirelessly led with an unwavering spirit, transforming mere actions into a symphony of positive change. This accolade is not just a recognition; it is a celebration of the profound impact made through countless hours of service. In the tapestry of our collective endeavors, Morris stands as a testament to the extraordinary power of one individual to inspire and uplift. Let us honor not just the achievements but the indomitable spirit that fuels a legacy of service and goodwill."* — Heather Voss, MBA, CDT

***Congratulations to Morris Fucarino, CDT, on being presented the NADL Hall of Fame Award!***

# CDT OF THE YEAR AWARD

## DENNIS URBAN, CDT

**D**ennis Urban, CDT, serves as the Director of Operations and Clinical Education at MicroDental New York, CDL. With an impressive 45 years in the dental laboratory profession, if there is one word that can sum up Dennis Urban, CDT, and his accomplishments, it would be ILLUSTRIOUS! Urban earned his CDT certification in Complete Dentures in 2003 and has since dedicated two decades to the field. Holding additional certifications such as Valplast Certification and Sleep Appliance TAP Certification, he stands out as a seasoned professional.

In his current role as Director of Operations and Clinical Education, Urban has showcased his commitment to continuing education. While attending numerous programs and lecturing throughout 2023, he was also published in reputable journals like JDT and IDT. Urban's dedication to certification is evident through his multifaceted involvement with the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology (NBC), including a two-year term as Chair from 2020 to 2022. During the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, he played a pivotal role in implementing computer-based testing for the practical examinations.

Urban's activities and achievements extend beyond the boardroom, including his contributions to the Foundation for Dental Technology and the launch of the NBC CDT Fest starting in 2018. Serving as a committee volunteer for both NBC and NADL, he was a driving force in championing certification. Urban's outreach efforts extend to high schools, where he educates students about the dental laboratory profession and the importance of certification.



Furthermore, Urban's career is marked by leadership roles in various associations, including past presidencies of the Long Island Dental Laboratory Association and the Dental Laboratory Association of New York. He has also received numerous awards, such as the 2007 NADL Excellence in Education Award, the 2020 Smile Source Educator of the Year Award, the 2021 Upgrade Dental Inaugural Speaker Award, and the 2019 Asia Pacific Academy of Implant Dentistry Speaker Award.

Urban's greatest career accomplishment lies in his dedication to educating dental technicians for nearly four decades, fostering success and focus on their careers. Certification, to him, is crucial for elevating professional standards, acknowledging expertise, and ensuring patient satisfaction. He believes that certification not only benefits individuals but also enhances the image and commitment of the entire dental laboratory technology community.

*"Dennis is not only an outstanding technician and contributor, but he also is a committed and natural leader. He leads by example, inspires his peers, and fosters a collaborative work environment." — Laura Kelly, AAACD*

***Congratulations to Dennis Urban, CDT,  
on being presented the 2024 CDT of the Year Award!***