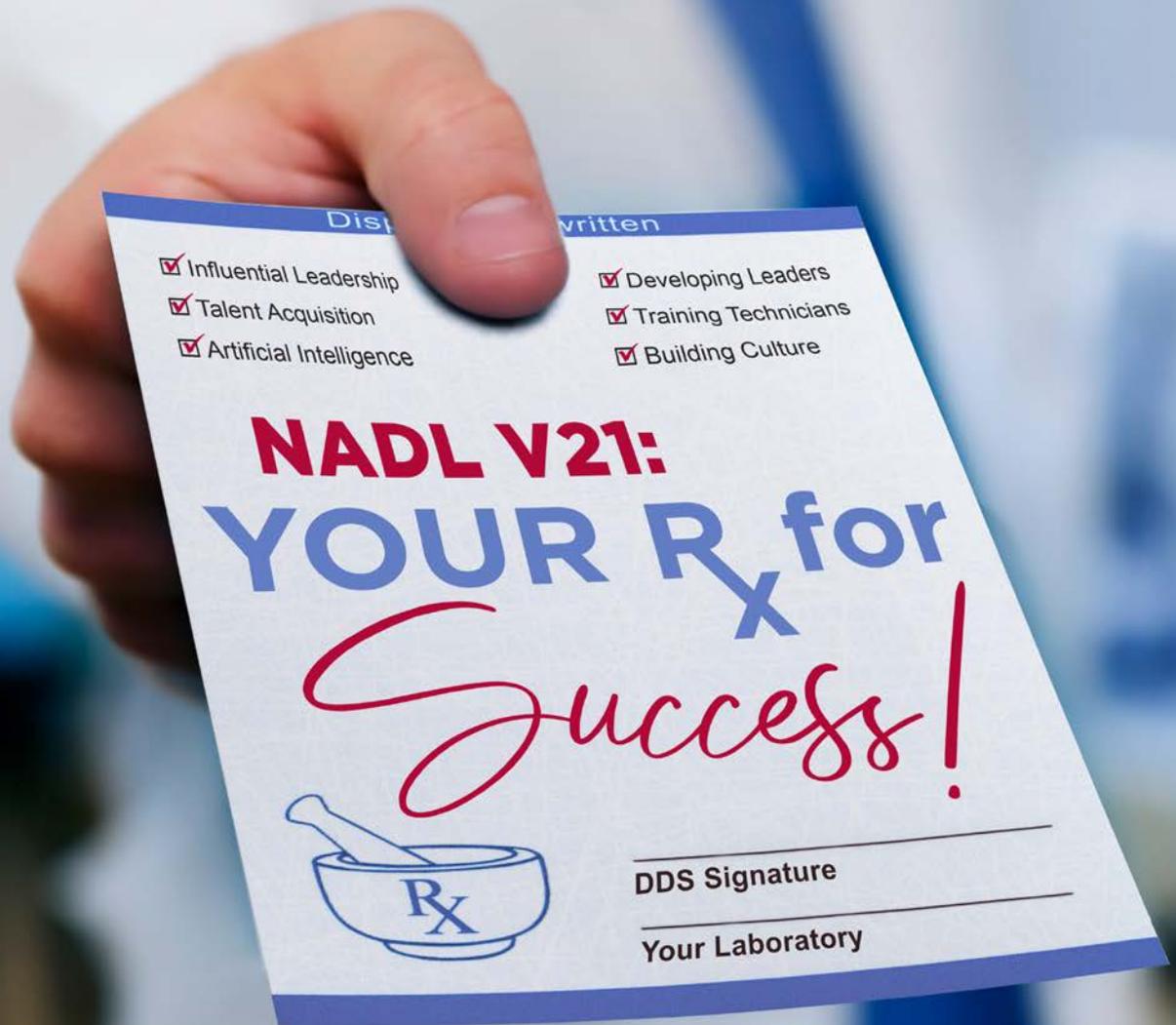




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NADL ANNUAL AWARDS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023

Congratulations to all of the 2023 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.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

ANTHONY PRESTIPINO, CDT

Anthony Prestipino, CDT, is the Owner and President of Artifex Dental Lab in Alexandria, VA. He has been in the industry for almost 40 years, getting his start by completing the Dental Technology Program at Northern Virginia College in 1984.

Prestipino is NBC-approved as a speaker and lectures nationally on implant dentistry and many other topics. In addition to earning his Certified Dental Technician (CDT) certification in Crown & Bridge in 2002, Prestipino is certified in e.max and CAD/CAM abutments for virtually every implant company, including, iTero, 3Shape, 3M, and more. He holds a patent on an advanced protocol for full arch immediate loading of dental implants in the United States and Canada.

Along with his membership with the NADL, Prestipino is also a member of the Academy of Osseointegration, Northern Implant Society and numerous local study clubs. He has attended Pankey, Dawson, Spear, Kois, and several other programs, always trying to learn everything he can. Prestipino currently serves on the Foundation Board of Trustees, and has previously volunteered on the NADL's JDT Advisory Board.

Prestipino is also an active volunteer in the dental laboratory community, donating upwards of \$60,000 a year in services to Donated Dental Services and the Catholic Diocese of Washington DC.

"Tony is not only a great technician and speaker, but he is a leader."

— Dan Elfring, Master CDT, TE



***Congratulations to
Anthony Prestipino, CDT,
on being presented
the NADL Excellence in
Education Award!***

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

ERIN POPOV, CDT, TE

Erin Popov, CDT, TE, is the Program Director of the Dental Laboratory Technology Program at Durham Technical Community College in Durham, NC. Popov began in the industry as a student at Durham Technical Community College, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 2013. She earned her Recognized Graduate (RG) designation, and by 2016 had earned her Certified Dental Technician (CDT) certification in the Complete Dentures specialty.

After graduating from Durham Technical Community College, Popov began working as an in-house dental laboratory technician for a removable prosthodontic office. Then in 2015, she was invited back to the college as an instructor and clinical coordinator. In 2021, she was promoted to Program Director.

Popov has brought innovation and excellence to the Dental Laboratory Technology program. Under her leadership, the program has been modernized and the curriculum enhanced. She has successfully acquired several grants to improve equipment in the laboratory and is focused on ensuring content is current and students learn about emerging technology. This has also resulted in a significant cost savings for the college. Her connection to the profession has resulted in bringing highly qualified and renowned speakers to the classroom.

“Her energy and creativity enhance the classroom helping students not only learn, but also love what they are doing. Her students are successful upon program completion obtaining employment or building their dental school applications.”

— Melissa Ockert, MS, CCRA, CCRP



***Congratulations to
Erin Popov, CDT, TE,
on being presented
the NADL Educator of
the Year Award!***

MERIT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

GARY MORGAN, CDT, CQA/ASQ

Gary Morgan, CDT, CQA/ASQ, is the Vice President and Senior Consultant for SafeLink Consulting. In addition, he is also a Certified Quality Auditor, Authorized OSHA Outreach Trainer, and earned his Crown & Bridge CDT certification in 1992. He has been in the industry for 45 years and shows no signs of slowing down.

Morgan is the definition of a selfless volunteer, always being willing to make himself available to assist anyone in the industry. He has held many voluntary positions in dental associations and has provided guidance and mentorship to dental technicians and dental laboratory owners. Over the years, he has become known as an expert on the FDA's Quality Management System and has volunteered his services to many organizations, including NADL. Most recently, Gary has volunteered to serve as the NADL Representative on the American Dental Association Committee on Dental Products that reviews existing and potential ISO standards related to dental materials, equipment and other technologies that impact dentistry.

Morgan has been a presenter for dental and dental laboratory associations and study groups throughout the United States where he shares his knowledge and expertise, including being a faculty member for the NADL University program since 2014. Morgan is a published author many times over and contributes on



regulatory compliance topics to trade journals and publications such as the *Journal of Dental Technology*, *Inside Dental Technology*, *Lab Management Today*, and *Focus* magazine.

“On a day-to-day basis, Gary provides dental laboratory owners guidance on providing a safe workplace and also ensuring a quality product. Whether the dental laboratory is a client of SafeLink’s or an NADL member calling to seek advice, Gary is there to help.”

— Claudia Morgan, CDT, and Mary Bartlett

Congratulations to Gary Morgan, CDT, CQA/ASQ, on being presented the NADL Merit Award for Outstanding Achievements!

LABORATORY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

SHIKOSHA DENTAL LABORATORY, CDL

In 1963, Takeshi (Tak) Yoshida opened Shikosha Dental Laboratory in Yokohama, Japan. Soon after, he moved the laboratory and his family to the United States with the dream of establishing a dental laboratory that would lead the industry in dental technology and expertise. Initially, Tak opened branches in Los Angeles, Guam, Honolulu, and Seattle, but when he opened the Portland branch in 1976, he then consolidated all business to southeast Portland, where the laboratory continues to be in operation today. In the years that followed, Shikosha grew to become one of the largest and most recognized dental laboratories in the region.

Tak's son, Nick, took over leadership of the business in 2011, with the vision of growing and navigating the laboratory through the digital age of dentistry. Today, Shikosha has 30 employees and is at the forefront of digital dentistry with thirteen advanced milling, scanning, and printing machines and some of the most knowledgeable minds in the dental laboratory industry. In 2015, Shikosha became a Certified Dental Laboratory (CDL), and currently has seven CDTs on their team.

Under Nick's leadership, Shikosha's mission is to become the premier, fully-integrated dental solutions provider in the northwest by providing dentists with the most accessible and comprehensive support and service available in the market. At the heart of it though, Shikosha's



SHIKOSHA
DENTAL LABORATORY

passion and purpose is to create smiles — on patient faces, dentist faces, and employee faces. Their slogan is “Smiles are what we live for.”

Shikosha Dental Laboratory, CDL, is proud to be a local, family-owned business. Its diverse team includes people from twelve different countries and all walks of life. All of them are experts at their trade, whether it is dental technology, artistry, or customer service.

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

SUPPLIER MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HARVEST DENTAL PRODUCTS

Harvest Dental Products designs, manufactures, markets, and distributes premium dental products and materials for dental laboratories. The company was founded in 2004 by Sasha Der Avanesian, getting started in his garage. From there, Harvest Dental Products has consistently remained one of the fastest growing dental laboratory consumable brands in the world. Their products are now fully distributed in over 70 countries worldwide, with offices in Germany, Mexico, and Colombia. The company currently has a team of almost 30 people.

When it comes to product development, Harvest Dental Products seeks to refresh the customer with value they do not expect. The company has been recognized with seven industry product awards from all major industry publications.

Harvest Dental Products fully sponsors a program that supports patients with anodontia, a congenital defect causing missing teeth, by bringing local laboratories and dentists together to grant these patients with a full mouth restoration, enabling most of them to confidently smile for the very first time. In addition, Harvest Dental Products donates resources to various local charities, including church outreaches, as well as national programs such as World Vision, Samaritan's Purse, and the National Forest Foundation.

In addition to running Harvest Dental Products, CEO Sasha Der Avanesian devotes a



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large portion of his time educating the market, and in particular, dental laboratory entrepreneurs, through content creation on the pillars of leadership, brand strategy and transformation. As a result, he has been recognized as one of the "Ten Most Influential People in Dental Technology" by *Inside Dental Technology* in 2016, and was proud to be featured in the *Journal of Dental Technology's* 'Who's Hot' edition for Educator in 2021.

Congratulations to Harvest Dental Products on being awarded the NADL Supplier Member of the Year Award!

CDT OF THE YEAR AWARD

JENNIFER LUDWIG, CDT

Jennifer Ludwig, CDT, is the Regional Director for Apex Dental Laboratory Group. In addition, she also manages the laboratory management software for all 21 locations.

She began her career in the dental laboratory in 2003 at PJ's Dental Lab, at that time a small laboratory with only five technicians. As the laboratory grew, so did Ludwig, learning all she could about the industry and eventually getting promoted to Laboratory Manager. In 2016, when the laboratory was acquired by Apex Dental Laboratory Group, they quickly saw Ludwig's potential and she has been moving up in the ranks since then.

Ludwig earned her Certified Dental Technician (CDT) certification in 2018 in the Crown & Bridge specialty. She has a passion for continuing education and the dental technology industry. She has attended and spoken at several dental technology meetings. She is a champion for certification, just this year she started a CDT Mentorship program within her company, guiding technicians through the process of earning their certifications.

She is also a strong advocate for the Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology; fundraising, attending, and cheering on participants at the annual Race for the Future. In 2023, Ludwig will join the Foundation Board of Trustees and be able to further support her mission of giving back to the industry.

Outside of her career and achievements, Ludwig is also active in her community, volunteering with several organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Honor Flight, Sharing Smiles, and many more. One of her activities she is most proud of is starting the Dodge County Toy Drive with her daughter Renee in 2014, collecting hundreds of toy donations each year.



"She has an infectious attitude that puts her heart and soul into everything she does. Coaching and mentoring team members to succeed in an area she thrives. She loves to make others happy and supports them in any way she can."

— Tom Love

Congratulations to Jennifer Ludwig, CDT, on being presented the 2023 CDT of the Year Award!



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