

## VITA

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### **EDUCATION:**

Certificate, Graduate Pediatric Dentistry, University of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, June 1998.

DDS, University of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, May 1996.

B.S., Biology, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California, December 1991

### **ACADEMIC AWARDS/HONORS:**

- 1996 Arthur E. Iwerson Award for excellence in Pediatric Dentistry
- 1996 Certificate of completion of the Pediatric Dentistry Honors Program, UMKC
- 1996 The Academy of Dental Materials Award
- 1996 Dr. George Hedgepeth Trust Scholarship
- 1995 ASDA award of Excellence
- 1995 Dean's List Candidate
- 1995 Dr. George Hedgepeth Trust Scholarship
- 1994 Table clinic presentation award at Midwest Dental Conference and Missouri Dental Association Annual Session

### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

- 1998 - Present Pediatric Dentist for Children's Dental Village, dentistry and orthodontics for children and teenagers, Tempe, Arizona.  
Co-Owner as of December, 2002
- 1995 - 1998 Dental Receptionist/Assistant for Dr. Tom Jones, Kansas City, Kansas.
- 1994 - 1995 Dental Assistant for Drs. Fred Knapp and Susan Widick, Independence, Missouri.
- 1992 - 1996 Pharmacy Technician, Osco Drugs Pharmacy, Overland Park, Kansas.
- 1989 - 1992 Dental Receptionist/Assistant for Dr. David F. James, Los Angeles, California.

### **VOLUNTEER/INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE:**

- 1995 Venezuela Dental Outreach, Coordinator: Thomas Jones, D.D.S.

1995 Teaching Assistant, Dental Occlusion, Lecture/Lab, UMKC, School of Dentistry.  
Professors: Matthew Zale, D.D.S. (Winter, 1995) and Gerald Woolsey, D.D.S. (Fall 1995)

1991 Volunteer Dental Assistant, UCLA Venice Dental Clinic, Los Angeles, California.

1990 Internship under the supervision of Lance Sherman, D.D.S., Los Angeles, California.

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

1996 Fluoride Releasing Sealants: An In Vitro Analysis. Research presented at the 1997 AAPD Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in table clinic Competition.

1995 Involved with a research project measuring temperature change in dentin following exposure to laser treatment. Presented table clinic at the 1996 IADR meeting, San Francisco, California.

1992 Contributed to a research study conducted by Drs. Brenda Bohaty and Paulette Spencer (Pediatric Department, UMKC) in the field of Dental Fluorosis. Research presented to:  
Summer Scholars Research Program (UMKC)  
AADR meeting of the Kansas City Chapter  
Student Research Group (UMKC)  
Midwest Student Research Group Meeting (University of Iowa)

1993 Assisted with a research project in dental biomaterials under the supervision of Drs. Ronald Mito and Angelo Caputo at UCLA School of Dentistry.

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

1996 Short articles on topics of interest to dental students while on the editorial board of the ASDA.

1994 "A New Assessment of Dental Fluorosis," Pediatric Dentistry, March/April 1994, Volume 16, Number 2. (Abstract)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

American Academy of Pediatric Dentists, 1996

American Dental Association, 1993

Arizona Academy of Pediatric Dentists, 1998

Arizona Dental Association, 1998

Central Arizona Dental Association, 1998

Psi Omega Dental Fraternity, 1994

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

Tempe Community Action Agency—Health Fair Participant

Chandler Library Program—Parent/Toddler Education

Community Outreach Program—Children’s Dental Village—Dental treatment provided for Tempe School’s underserved children.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Arizona leadership 2000 and beyond—Class of 2002

APS Academy for the Advancement of Small, Minority and Women owned Enterprises (AAAME) Class 8 – 2005-2007