

THE STORY BEHIND OUR SMILES...

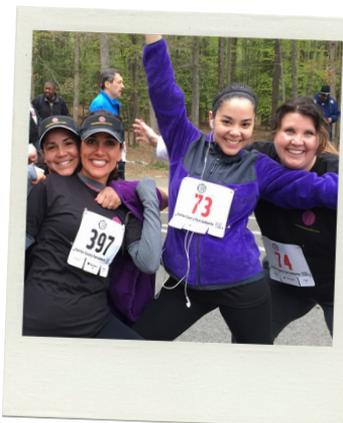
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They say, “If you can turn passion into a career, you’ll never have to work another day in your life”, and that has been the case for me. Becoming a dentist was never a dream I had growing up as a child... let’s face it, not many people see the allure of working in dark, wet, oral environments every day. It was the influence of my older brother and the memories of taking my cancer riddled grandmother to her never ending doctors’ appointments that steered me down that path. My brother is an orthodontist and while he was in dental school, I was in college deciding which of my two majors I would truly pursue in life... one was in science and the other in the arts. With his advice, I started to shadow dentists in town to gain some exposure to the world of dentistry. I remember going into one specific office, where the dentist and his team treated their

patients with such integrity and gentility and it reminded me of how much that impacts a person who is scared or feels vulnerable because they are a patient. It was when I was going through dental school that I realized I truly found a profession that allowed me to marry art and science together and that I would be able utilize that knowledge and skill set to help people improve their lives on a daily basis and in so many ways.

Now...could I do this without the help and support of a team that didn’t shared this same passion? I think we can unanimously say “No”! I know that so much of my success and enjoyment comes from the fact I have a team that supports me completely. Each woman on my team is a completely different person that brings a different perspective to the group but shares the same mission to treat each patient uniquely, with empathy and gentility. They are people with their own lives outside our office but who chose to dedicate themselves to our patients and our practice. They continuously train to remain top of their field of practice and come to work with patience and enthusiasm. I feel privileged to be

surrounded by a team as devoted to their craft and passionate about helping others as I am. For the past couple of years, I have been writing informative health commentaries in the Washingtonian. This time I wanted to write about us. This is the story behind our smiles... what’s yours?



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