



ODA New Member Spotlight:

Ashley Coerver, DDS Moore, OK

Dr. Ashley Coerver earned her DDS in 2008 from the OU College of Dentistry. Since graduation, she has worked at Gentle Dental in Moore, OK. She is single and loving the time she has to fulfill her passions of travel and social outings.

Why did you choose dentistry as your profession?

During my last two years of high school I was considering either the medical or dental field, so I began working part time at the front desk in my dad's dental practice. While in college I worked as a dental assistant during the summers. After weighing the pros and cons of both professions and lots of prayer, I felt like God was calling me to be a dentist. It was definitely the right decision because I love my profession!

What is your favorite thing about dentistry?

My favorite thing is the relationships I develop with my patients.



Coerver at Niagara Falls August 2014.

If you could go back to the beginning of dental school what advice would you give yourself?

Just hang in there; it will all be worth it in the end.

What advice do you have for the recent dental school graduates before they embark on starting their practices?

Seek wise counsel from more than one person before you make a final decision on your place of practice. It's a critical decision in your first year as a dentist.

What is your favorite thing about being an ODA member?

I love how the ODA/ADA is so involved in lobbying for our profession to protect its integrity.

What has been your biggest challenge as a new dentist?

During my first year after graduation, I felt inadequate in having all of the answers for my patients. Fortunately, I had an excellent mentor in the office, Dr. Bill Chang, who ended up

graciously guiding me for two years before he moved to Texas to set up a private practice there.

What is your favorite quote(s)?

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

Who are your heroes and why?

My heroes, as clichéd as it sounds, would have to be my parents. They have taught me how to put God first and how to live a life of integrity.

What is one thing that you want to make sure to teach your children?

I want to teach my children to love God first and others second.

What book are you currently reading?

John Maxwell's *21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership* and Jentzen Franklin's *Believe That You Can*.



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