

NEW DENTIST SPOTLIGHT

DR. JAMIE CAMERON

Dr. Jamie Cameron attended the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry and graduated with her DDS in 2007. She and her husband, Taylor, have one daughter, Katy, born in 2013. In 2010, Dr. Cameron returned to her roots to establish her own dental practice and to be close to family. The only dentist in a 25-mile radius, she continues to grow her practice to provide treatment in and around Carnegie. Dr. Cameron was featured as one of America's Best Young Dentists by *Incisal Edge* magazine in 2013.

Why did you choose dentistry as your profession?

Sad to say, it was because I ran out of college classes to take and had to pick a major! My advisor asked me if I had ever thought of dentistry. Truthful answer was no... But that got me thinking that it wasn't such a bad idea after all. I like doing things with my hands and I like interacting with people. I got a part-time job working as a dental assistant, and it turns out that it was the best decision I ever made!



Dr. Cameron and her husband, Taylor, with their newborn daughter, Katy.

Where did your path take you right after graduating from dental school?

It was a great learning opportunity to focus on dentistry under a mentor before beginning an adventure into the business aspects of starting my own practice. Then, in May 2010, I started up Liberty Dental in Carnegie. I love the small-town atmosphere and you will likely find my family and me eating out in Carnegie quite often - I'm much better at dentistry than at cooking!



What advice do you have for recent dental school graduates?

#1: Get some experience first before starting your own practice. Become an associate to build your speed and confidence, and mentor under someone you respect!

#2: Hire a consultant early rather than later. It will help you implement good systems and will provide you with a productive, less stressful practice!

What has been your biggest challenge as a new dentist?

Becoming the boss, hiring, firing and making practice decisions.

Which philanthropic activity has been your most rewarding and why?

I voluntarily fixed a girl's front tooth simply with a filling. This brought her to tears, and completely changed her feelings about her teeth!

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

Do unto others as you would want done to you. I apply this philosophy in my practice, as well.

What is your favorite quote?

It's not having what you want; it's wanting what you've got.



Dr. Cameron with her team at Liberty Dental in Carnegie, Oklahoma.

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