

NEW DENTIST SPOTLIGHT

Nathan Brown, DDS



Dr. Nathan Brown attended the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry and graduated with his DDS in 2007. He and his wife, Heather, have been married for 12 years and they have one daughter, Tatum. Brown practices at Custom Dental in Guthrie, OK and truly enjoys going to work every day.

What is your favorite thing about Dentistry?

Clinically, I really enjoy the challenge of placing implants and all the options they give me. But in general, I love the ability, as a dentist, to truly help people -- get them out of pain, help them eat, or just get them to smile when they never would have before walking into my office.

What do you enjoy most about being a member of the ODA?

The strength the association gives dentists, in turn, giving us more control over our future.

What has been your biggest challenge as a New Dentist?

I think most new dentists who go out into their own practices would agree that the juggle between being a dentist and a business owner can be maddening sometimes.

What advice do you have for the recent dental school graduates?

Take lots of continuing education, and I don't just mean clinical. Business, personal and professional growth are all vital to enjoying dentistry, as well as all aspects of life.



Dr. Brown with his daughter and father, Dr. Kelly Brown, an OUCOD graduate of the Class of 1976.

Where do you see the ODA headed in the future?

I see the ODA as part of our shield from Obamacare. Sorry -- shouldn't talk politics!

In your opinion what is the most exciting thing going on with the ODA today?

Well, everyone always answers OkMOM, and it's hard not to agree. After serving at an event, I was so excited that I've started annual Free Dental Days at my office and have been able to help many people who have fallen on hard times with free care in my own office. It's amazing how much we are blessed as dentists and how much we really impact a lot of people around us.

What was your favorite/least favorite thing about dental school?

Most favorite: My classmates. Even when it was tough, we had fun.

Least favorite: PTP (Permission to Proceed). Although, I still have to get that from Heather! :)



Brown enjoys hunting and fishing, reading books by John Maxwell, eating chocolate, and going to BOTH OU & OSU games. (Whenever he gets free tickets -- he's there!)