

NEW DENTIST SPOTLIGHT DR. JULIE STORM



Dr. Julie Storm attended the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health in Mesa, AZ, graduating with her DMD and Certificate of Public Health in 2010. She and her husband, Van (who happens to be the son of her dentist, Dr. Dan Storm of Elk City), have been married for seven years and have one daughter, Dori Marie. In 2011, she joined the Midwest City practice of Dr. Brant Worthington and took over after he retired the following year.

Why did you choose dentistry as your profession?

I knew the medical field was where I could integrate science and service to others. In dentistry, I get to use my hands to create something, not just write prescriptions all day – I liked that. Growing up, I always enjoyed going to the dentist so it seemed to be a good fit.

What did you like most about dental school?

That's actually a tie between the faculty and my external rotations during my senior year. The faculty treated students as colleagues; I'm still in contact with several of them. Half of my fourth year was spent in external clinics across the United States. I worked as if I was a staff dentist, full schedule and all! It really helped prepare me for working outside of school. I spent time in a community health center in Grand Junction, CO and two different ones in Phoenix, AZ. Also, for five weeks I worked at the Cherokee Dental Clinic in Muskogee, OK.

What do you like most about dentistry?

The ability to change someone's health for the better and to build a relationship with them and their family in the process.

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

Enjoy the time learning all that is possible. Pick the brains of faculty about dentistry, the business side of dentistry, and life in general.

What advice do you have for recent dental school graduates?

Do what you feel comfortable with and learn more about what you don't. Never compromise your ideas of what dental care can be for your patients and yourself.

What has been your biggest challenge as a new dentist?

The business of dentistry.

Which philanthropic activity has been your most rewarding and why?

I really enjoyed volunteering at RAM (Remote Area Medical) Oklahoma, a program that provides free clinical care for the underserved. It's special to see that many providers in all areas come together to provide care for those in need. I'm also looking forward to being the Adopt-A-Dentist for East Side Elementary School in Midwest City.

Where do you see the ODA headed in the future?

Giving continued support of the dental community.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

I LOVE traveling! I also enjoy cooking.

Who is your hero and why?

My parents are my heroes. They have done everything to help me get to where I am in life today. My values, education, personality, work ethic – everything, I owe to them.

What made you fall in love with your spouse?

He could dance the Macarena! Just kidding... He brings out the best in me and challenges me where I need it.

If you could have a second profession, what would it be?

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