



# ODA New Dentist

Nicole Reynolds, *Oklahoma City, OK*



Dr. Nicole Reynolds graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry in 2009, and is currently practicing in Oklahoma City. Reynolds has been married to her husband, Adam, for six years and they have two children, Jillian and Evan. She is able to juggle her time being a mother and dentist due to the tremendous support of her family.

***Out of all professions you could have chosen, why dentistry?***

I chose dentistry because I was interested in health care and I wanted to choose a career that allowed me to help others while building ongoing relationships with my patients.

***What's your favorite and least favorite memories of school at OUCOD?***

My favorite thing about dental school was getting to share the journey with so many wonderful people in my class. My least favorite was the drab green scrubs we had to wear every day for four years!

***Have you kept up with your classmates since graduation?***

I've remained close with several of my classmates since we graduated. Everyone

is busy, but we make a point to try and get together several times a year to catch up and reminisce!

***What is your favorite thing about being a dentist?***

My favorite thing about dentistry is getting to see someone smile again who was previously embarrassed of their mouth or who was in pain.

***What advice do you have for new graduates before they embark on their careers?***

Develop good relationships with everyone in your professional circle: patients and colleagues alike. Do your best to improve yourself every single day.

***What kind of philanthropic activities are you involved with?***

Through Schools for Healthy Lifestyles I visit Columbus Elementary School in South Oklahoma City teaching kids about oral health and how to better care for their teeth. I have been on two mission trips with the Christian Dental Society, but overall, my favorite volunteer experience was participating in mission trips to rural Jamaica. The patients we treated had limited access to routine dental care and were so very appreciative of the services we provided. When I return from any mission trip, I have a more blessed heart and appreciation for life!

***Reynolds and her husband, Adam, on vacation in Savannah, Georgia.***



***Reynolds with her family on Easter Sunday.***



***What's your idea of a good time?***

Watching OSU sports (Go Pokes!) and Thunder basketball (Thunder Up!), cooking, traveling, and jogging (like running, only much slower!).

***What is your favorite place to eat in Oklahoma?***

Chow's Chinese Restaurant in Oklahoma City. Try the shrimp with snow pea tips!

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

I hope to teach my children to appreciate our differences. To be happy with who they are, but never to be stagnant. To see the beauty in their surroundings. Oh, and eventually...to do their own laundry!