

The Foundation

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Below are a few of the many proud faces our generous donors helped serve.



Tori Anderson, CDT



Dale Wester, CDT



Darius Lajauskas, CDT



Kristy Hoffman



Mohammed Ismail



Tom Rostron, CDT

2023 BY THE NUMBERS:

- ▶ 14 different grants and scholarships offered
- ▶ 123 individuals/organizations awarded, including record breaking CDT/RG Pillar Scholarships
- ▶ Nearly \$100,000 of donor dollars awarded in grants and scholarships
- ▶ Over \$90,000 raised in the Race for the Future, making it the second largest

“Receiving the CDT Pillar Scholarship is not just an academic achievement for me; it is a life-changing opportunity. It has provided me with the financial support necessary to continue my dream of running my dental lab. It has relieved some of the financial burdens I’ve faced, allowing me to focus on my family’s well-being while pursuing my educational and career goals. For that, I am profoundly thankful.”

– Darius Lajauskas, CDT

“As a result of receiving the NADL University Grant, I now have the tools to be an effective manager with the information I gained from attending. Thank you for supporting the dental technology profession through your continued generosity and by giving dental technicians and their labs opportunities to grow.”

– Tori Anderson, CDT

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It is my true honor to represent our profession by serving as the 2024 Foundation Chair. I have personally gained tremendous strides through the generosity of the Foundation and its programs, including obtaining my CDT, which ultimately made being named 2023 CDT of the Year possible. This profession and continuing education have been my pride and joy for over two decades. It is my goal as Chair to ensure as many individuals as possible benefit from the Foundation as I have, ultimately leading to a brighter and stronger future for our profession.

This year is a big year, as it will be our tenth annual Race for the Future – the Foundation's largest source of revenue each year. The race will be held on September 15, 2024 in Fort Worth, TX for the first time. They say everything is bigger in Texas, and I am dedicated to upholding that phrase to be true for the Foundation this year! As with every year, fundraising will be our leading focus. Raising funds is THE driving factor behind the number of grants and scholarships we award each year. We will also continue to work closely with our sister organizations, NADL and NBC, to ensure other workforce needs are met in this ever-evolving industry.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to every donor big and small that has made the decision to support the Foundation and its efforts, and to the future first-time donors that will make the decision to support us this year. You all are making a significant impact on a daily basis.

—Jennifer Ludwig, CDT
Renstrom Dental Studio, Inc., CDL



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“Receiving the CDT Pillar Scholarship is a pivotal moment in my career journey. It empowers me to contribute to the advancement of dental technology, as I can pass this on to my students, ultimately benefiting patients by ensuring the highest quality dental prosthetics and restorations. I am deeply grateful to the Foundation for this scholarship, and I am committed to upholding the values it represents.”

— Dale Wester, CDT

“Sometimes lab life can become busy, and it can feel like it’s impossible to leave the bench, especially as a new owner. The Mark Jackson Memorial Education Grant has given me the resources and motivation I need to be able to take time away from the bench to learn new advanced skills. I can’t wait to see the improvements in my cases and for the doctors and patients to benefit from my growth. Thank you for supporting my continuing education and for making this possible.”

— Shanon Torstenbo, CDT, TE

Your Donations Have Helped to:

- ▶ Sponsor NBC’s Job Task Analysis of the new Digital Workflow CDT specialty, in order to support their efforts of incorporating digital dental technology into the CDT program.
- ▶ Assist NADL in their occupational awareness campaign.
- ▶ Assist schools with the purchase of CAD/CAM consumables and the creation of a new CAD/CAM curriculum to teach students how to utilize new technology.
- ▶ Launch a national NBC Approved Continuing Education Provider Directory Search at www.dentallabfoundation.org/ceseach for interested candidates to have easy access to 1,500+ continuing education opportunities.
- ▶ Secure longevity of the CDT Pillar Scholarship and provide scholarships to over 400 technicians pursuing their CDT totaling over \$400,000.
- ▶ Launch the RG Pillar Scholarship and provide scholarships to over 75 DLT students pursuing their RG, totaling nearly \$20,000.
- ▶ Bring back the NADL University Grant after previously being funded by a strategic partner rather than Foundation donors.
- ▶ Launch the Keystone Grant, providing more than \$150,000 directly to schools to develop and heighten dental laboratory technology awareness and education.
- ▶ Offer the Mark Jackson Memorial Education Grant, providing higher level education opportunities to dental laboratory technicians, totaling over \$75,000.
- ▶ Create strategic partnerships with educational providers, such as Spear Education and Productivity Training Corporation (PTC), to offer grant and scholarship opportunities enhancing DLT education.
- ▶ Launch and continuously expand the Foundation Learning Library at www.dentallabfoundation.org/courses, which hosts over 100 online courses, all of which are currently being offered **free of charge** with the coupon code DLTFoundation.
- ▶ Launch the CDT Hardship Grant to assist CDTs experiencing a hardship in paying their annual CDT renewal fee.
- ▶ Launch the Vision 21 Grant and Leadership Development Grant in order to provide access to higher education in DLT.

Who Have We Helped? 2023 FDLT Grant & Scholarship Recipients



CDT HARDSHIP GRANT

A total of six CDT Hardship Grants were awarded. Recipient's names are kept anonymous for privacy purposes.



CDT PILLAR SCHOLARSHIP

Aarti Ahuja – Cleveland, OH
 Agumenaitwe Ambrose – Kampala, AZ
 Aida Byrd – Salt Lake City, UT
 Amanda Joslin – Billings, MT
 Amiee Le Dinh, CDT – La Puente, CA
 Amy LaValla – Thornton, CO
 Arlene Romero, RG – Pasadena, CA
 Barbara Simmons, CDT – Bonsall, CA
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 Da Young Kim – Phoenix, AZ
 Dale Wester, CDT – Republic, MO
 Darius Lajauskas, CDT – Kenmore, WA
 Dawn Lumpkins – Callaway, MD
 Farheen Malek – New Orleans, LA
 Geum Lee, CDT – Waco, TX
 Gina Won – Phoenix, AZ
 Gongming Meng, CDT – Alhambra, CA
 Hanna Allinson – Eagle Mountain, UT
 Heather McMeans, CDT – Morganton, NC
 James Jameson – Pleasant Grove, UT
 Janae Avery – Chester, PA
 Jesse Montez – Waco, TX
 John Madden, CDT – Minneapolis, MN
 Jonathan Thomas – Glens Falls, NY
 Julia Hernandez – Brandon, UK
 Julia Valentino – Mount Prospect, IL
 Jun Park – Chantilly, VA
 Justin Harris – Lehi, UT
 Karen Vidaurri – Kenner, LA
 Krysta Lovelace – Fletcher, NC
 Lena Choi, CDT – Newbury Park, CA
 Marissa Carr – Moody, ME
 Mary Cardenas – Dripping Springs, TX

Meredith Gee – Enumclaw, WA
 Mohammed Ismail – San Francisco, CA
 Muatasim Mohammed Abdulqader Sr. – Yemen
 Muhammad Farooq – Lahore, MI
 Nicholas Drage, CDT – West Jordan, UT
 Oluwakayode Odusanya – Romford, UK
 Patris Gasparyan, CDT – Glendale, CA
 Paul Alabi – Lagos, Nigeria
 Ricardo Fontanez, CDT – Chesapeake, VA
 Robert Berry – North Charleston, SC
 Ronald Rubis – Silang, Cavite, Philippines
 Roxanne Caldwell – Park Hall, MD
 Roy Petersen – Vernon, UT
 Russel Alzona, RG – Los Angeles, CA
 Russell Smith – Metairie, LA
 Simone Tate, RG – Houston, TX
 Sylvia Toloe, CDT – Pasadena, CA
 Thomas Bivens, CDT – Buda, TX



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT

April Striano – Bristol, PA
 Bridget Boudreau, CDT – Collinsville, IL
 Daniel Soma – Charlotte, NC
 Danny Newton – Cordova, TN
 Jason Holtz, CDT – Colchester, VT
 Jesse Montez – Waco, TX
 Kate Nguyen, CDT – Los Angeles, CA
 Kristi Hoffman – Anchorage, AK
 Kyle Russell – Bristol, PA
 Ryan McKee – Billings, MT



MARK JACKSON MEMORIAL EDUCATION GRANT

Darius Lajauskas, CDT – Kenmore, WA
 Derek Pawlak, CDT, TE – Plantation, FL



MYERSON GRANT

Bates Technical College – Tacoma, WA



NADL UNIVERSITY GRANT

Tori Anderson, CDT – Denver, CO
 Ed Hansen, CDT – Milton, VA



PTC JOHN NESS MEMORIAL EDUCATION GRANT

Dasya Patrick – Forest Park, GA
 Trisha Forbes – Morrow, GA



RG PILLAR SCHOLARSHIP

Allan Sien – Brooklyn, NY
 Arianna Aceves – Pico Rivera, CA
 Cameron Dawkins – Aarverne, NY
 Carina Curbelo – Bayside, NY
 Corinne Figarra – Ypsilanti, MI
 Elizabeth Cervantes – Tama, IA
 Guadalupe Villacana – Los Angeles, CA
 Hira Fatima, RG – Hollis, NY
 Jeimy Hou Chan, RG – Brooklyn, NY
 Jennifer Austria – Los Angeles, CA
 Jessica Boyce – Brooklyn, NY
 Jian Tang Chen, RG – Brooklyn, NY
 Justine Hepp – Lake Mills, WI
 Kassandra Oliva – Fontana, CA
 Laura Leon, RG – Elmhurst, NY
 Lauren Hau, RG – Elmhurst, NY
 Loura Araf – Flushing, NY
 Mayra Martinez – Los Angeles, CA
 Mikayla Thomas – Cedar Rapids, IA
 Mollie Kiesewetter – Milwaukee, WI
 Paola Rosales, RG – Ramona, CA
 Paul Beck, RG – Long Island City, NY
 Rebeca Montejo – San Pedro, CA

Saja Hammad – Harvey, LA
 Steve Figueroa – Flushing, NY
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SCDL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE EDUCATION GRANT

Renee Hattaway – Horicon, WI
 Dory Sartoris – Jacksonville, FL



SPEAR EDUCATION GRANT

Alejandra Nathaly Fuenmayor Jr. – Herriman, UT
 Amalia D Rodriguez – Hollywood, FL
 Frank Tintrup – Mount Vernon, NY
 Kassandra Oliva – Fontana, CA
 Monica Buchanan, CDT – Waterford, WI
 Paul Olawumi Alabi – Lagos, Nigeria
 Tom Rostron, CDT – San Diego, CA



STERNGOLD GRANT

Durham Technical Community College – Durham NC



VISION 21 GRANT

Beth Wiand – Scottsdale, AZ
 Betsy Finder – Scottsdale, AZ
 Jerry Schiefelbein, CDT, TE – Glendale, AZ
 John Madden, CDT – Minneapolis, MN
 Marithe Baclagon, CDT, TE – Chesapeake, VA
 Nicole Paul-Smith – Dayton, OH



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Over 500 individual CDTs, over 700 dental laboratories and countless manufacturers, suppliers and speakers routinely support the Foundation. We would like to take the opportunity to recognize the key contributors that have gone above and beyond in their support.

As of 1/1/2024, these individuals and companies have provided direct cash contributions and/or in kind services cumulatively over recent years. The levels reflected are amounts received. Many of these individuals and companies have renewed multi-year pledges to far exceed their current contribution levels.

\$100K IN SUPPORT AND ABOVE:



\$50K IN SUPPORT AND ABOVE:



\$20K IN SUPPORT AND ABOVE:



\$10K SUPPORT AND ABOVE:

- Absolute Dental Services
- Apex Dental Laboratory Group
- Artistic Dental Laboratories, Inc., CDL
- Barbara Warner, CDT, AAACD
- Bismarck/Mandan Dental Lab
- CMR Dental Lab (In Kind)
- Florida Dental Laboratory Association
- Friendship Dental Laboratory, Inc., CDL
- Glidewell Laboratories, CDL
- Helm Dental Laboratory
- Nakanishi Dental Laboratory, Inc., CDL, DAMAS
- Protea Dental Studio, Inc.
- Restorative Arts Dental Lab, CDL
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- Sterngold Dental, LLC
- TCS, Inc. (In Kind)
- United Dental Labs, Inc., CDL

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- Sherer Dental Lab, CDL
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- Caruso Dental Laboratory, Inc.
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- Evident, Inc.
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