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**NADL ANNUAL AWARDS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021**

# LABORATORY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

## BURDETTE DENTAL LAB, INC., CDL

**B**urdette Dental Lab, CDL, is located in Birmingham, Ala., and has been in operation for over 70 years. The laboratory was founded on January 1, 1950 by Harold A. Burdette, Sr., as a denture and partial laboratory. In 1970, Harold A. Burdette, Jr., CDT, joined the business and started the crown and bridge department. Growth through the years led to the continued addition of talented team members, and they now have more than 50 employees. Burdette Dental Lab has continued to be successful through the years due in large part to CEO Harold Burdette, Jr., CDT, Chris Waldrop, CDT (owner and president), and their impressive management and client services team. They offer digital and traditionally processed crown and bridge and removable products and chairside support services for implants and traditional products.

Burdette Dental Lab has shown since the beginning that they are champions for their industry. The lab has maintained certification as a Certified Dental Laboratory for over 15 years, and eight of their employees hold individual certifications as Certified Dental Technicians. They have had volunteer leaders in several organizations around the country including the Alabama Dental Laboratory Association, the Southeastern Conference of Dental Laboratories, the National Association of Dental Laboratories, the CAL-Lab Group, and the Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology. Harold Burdette, Jr., is a past president of the Southeastern Conference of Dental Laboratories and both Harold and Chris Waldrop are past presidents of NADL.

In addition, Burdette Dental Lab and its team have been passionate about giving back, having donated over \$20,000 to the Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology. Several of their team members have also participated in the Race for the Future triathlons since the launch. The laboratory is also very involved in the local community. Burdette Dental Lab has raised money for the



Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama, Magic Moments (a charity to help terminally ill children get their last wishes fulfilled) and The Foundry Ministries.

Burdette Dental Lab has worked to be a leader in bringing innovative technologies and products to the market. This mission began under the leadership of Harold Burdette, Sr., with his willingness to cut his own path and open the doors in 1950. He believed that there was a better way. That mission continued with Harold Burdette, Jr., as he embraced new technologies while developing the crown and bridge business. His vision led Burdette Dental Lab into the best evolving technologies of their times, including castable ceramics, pressed ceramics such as Empress and Emax, to pressed to metal technologies and most recently CAD/CAM technologies. The current leadership group has brought in innovative thinking related to digitizing of the denture workflow, digitization of implant workflows, and a collaborative chairside team for helping assist clients in achieving their desired outcomes.

***Congratulations to Burdette Dental Lab, Inc., CDL, on being awarded Laboratory Member of the Year!***



# SUPPLIER MEMBER OF THE YEAR

## CARBON

Carbon was founded in December 2013, and has grown to over 400 employees. Under the leadership of Ellen Kullman, President & CEO, Elisa de Martel, CFO, and Phil DeSimone, CPO & BDO, the company continues to flourish.

Carbon is a 3D printing technology company helping businesses to develop better products and bring them to market in less time. The Carbon Digital Light Synthesis™ (Carbon DLS™) process combines versatile printers, advanced software, and best-in-class materials to create functional parts with end-use performance and aesthetics. This process helps dental professionals deliver products that improve patients' lives.

The following are some of Carbon's most notable achievements:

- In the 2020 NADL 3D printer survey, Carbon was named #1 in customer satisfaction (as measured by Net Promoter Score) for the second year in a row and was the most preferred 3D printer brand by dental labs.
- Carbon was named "Best Company for Work-Life Balance" and Carbon CEO Ellen Kullman was named "Best CEO for Women" by Comparably in 2020.
- Carbon hosted "Code with Klossy" for two weeks to help promote young women in STEM.
- In 2020, at the onset of the pandemic, Carbon created an organized way for dental laboratories to participate in producing PPE using Carbon printers. Carbon's laboratory partners printed and delivered hundreds



*Ellen Kullman, CEO*

of thousands of face shields to essential workers when they needed them most.

- In addition, when faced with a shortage of nasopharyngeal swabs for COVID-19 testing in early 2020, Carbon and Resolution Medical produced the Resolution Medical Lattice Swab by leveraging Carbon Design Engine™ software.
- Since fundraising efforts began in 2014, Carbon has raised a total of \$682 million, with its latest Series E funding round in June 2019 resulting in a \$2.4 billion valuation.

Carbon offers its customers connected 3D printers on a subscription basis, which includes over-the-air software updates for continual platform improvements, streamlined remote troubleshooting, and industry leading customer support. Through ongoing diagnostics, Carbon can precisely predict and prevent customer issues before they impact production.

***Congratulations to Carbon on being awarded the Supplier Member of the Year!***



# CDT OF THE YEAR AWARD

## EDWIN KEE, MASTER CDT, TE

**E**dwin Kee, Master CDT, TE, is an Associate Professor at the Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Dentistry, CDL, in New Orleans, La. He has worked in the dental laboratory profession for over 24 years, and earned an associate and bachelor's degree in dental laboratory technology. He also holds the prestigious title of Master CDT, being one of only 11 CDTs who has earned certification in all six specialties.

Edwin Kee began his career in 1998, earning his degrees from LSU. He then switched from student to teacher, and joined the staff at LSU to help mold the minds and hands of others. In 2003, he earned his first certification in ceramics, and over the next four years completed the other specialty exams to earn the Master CDT designation. When NBC announced the implants specialty in 2012, Mr. Kee was one of the first to successfully complete the certification.

Edwin Kee has always been incredibly passionate about education and attends multiple meetings and courses each year. In addition to the many industry meetings that he attends, Mr. Kee also spends much of his time giving back to



the industry with research and speaking engagements. He has been published numerous times in industry magazines, including JDT. He has volunteered several times with Mission of Mercy, as well as with the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped. Mr. Kee also volunteers his services to NBC, with LSU hosting the CDT exams each year, on top of additional volunteer activities.

When Mr. Kee is not working or volunteering, you can find him with his family. He met his wife, Kathy, in New Orleans and together they have two sons, Evan and Aiden. In his free time, he enjoys traveling, spending time on his aquariums and koi pond, working on bonsai trees, and has become an avid tortoise and turtle farmer.

***Congratulations Edwin Kee, Master CDT, TE, on being awarded the 2021 CDT of the Year!***