



Nicole Auser, Limerick, Saskatchewan

I nominate Nicki Auser. She has been working at our office since 1993. She is a valuable asset to our team. Nicki loves what she does, and it shows. Always putting her patients needs first and doing the best thorough cleaning, assessment of their mouth, giving the best advice and oral health instruction. She goes out of her way to make sure her patients understand the importance of oral health. Nicki answers every question they have and if the need further explanation she makes sure the patient leaves educated. She makes all the patients comfortable if they are feeling at all anxious and makes their hygiene experience a positive experience. I personally love getting my teeth cleaned because of her. I know she treats all patients like they are family, and it shows!!!

I have had the privilege to practice with Nikki since 2003. I have worked with over 20 fine hygienists since 1985, and she is simply one of the best. She works full time despite raising a young family and co-managing a large grain farm. Nikki has impeccable clinical skills, and her patient engagement is off the charts. Every patient from our small community is made to feel valuable and appreciated. She is a tireless volunteer who has organized a community Christmas party for many years. Nikki actually launched a day care in the community including program formation and hiring of staff. She is our Sterilization Coordinator responsible for three sterilizers. We have never had a positive test during her tenure. Her leadership skills are well recognized among our veteran team as well as a strong work ethic. She would devote to teaching if geography allowed as we reside two hours from the hygiene school. Nikki even laughs at my corny jokes. Thank you for this opportunity on Nikki's behalf. Please forgive the disjointed flow as I am continuing this composition. Thank you for the opportunity. Our Clinic regularly entertains young students interested in dental careers to observe. 2021 is no exception except for the fact this year is a big exception. It would have been so convenient and easy to cancel our latest Grade 12 student due to Covid restrictions. Nikki pointed out that the late teen and early 20 age group has been devastated by this pandemic and we could not agree more. She has taken Taylor under her wing on a daily basis and ensures that she wears the gown, mask, cap and gloves to observe the hygiene department. Nikki has noted tha Taylor possesses rare communication skills by engaging in conversation with each patient. She will be a fantastic addition to the dental community in the future due to a strong role model and a positive experience. I was fortunate to be nominated to the International College of Dentists by peers in 2019. This came as a complete shock. I am not a grandstander and was strongly considering declining the invitation. Nikki reminded me that a number of my colleagues took the



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time and effort to nominate me and most certainly I deserved the prestigious accolades. We recently had two young hygienists join us from Ontario. They were born, raised and trained there and would not have envisioned coming out here to seek employment. Nikki has welcomed them with open arms and reminded them that all of our communities are comprised of good people who are appreciative of their services. They will assimilate well into their new homes. Our practice was fortunate to be one of the first to re-open in early May 2020 with hygiene shortly thereafter. Her patients often comment that they are actually delighted to come in for the socialization and services provided as it gives them a sense of normalcy in these times. Nikki embraced the timing and precautions confidently and positively. In closing, I strongly believe that Awards such as yours exist for recognition of truly exceptional people and health professionals such as Nikki Auser. There can be no more worthy individual who has gone above and beyond the average standards.

I am nominating Nicole Auser for the Dental Hygienist Superhero for 2021. Let me tell you, this woman is a Superhero in our office. Our patients have nothing but amazing things to say about her after they leave the clinic. She is extremely knowledgeable and very informative. She demonstrates strong leadership skills. She thinks outside the box and is a great problem solver which helps the office succeed every day. She is a huge asset to our dental team. She cares for our patients with her compassionate presence. She will work extra hours to accommodate her patients. She will drive through any snowstorm that mother nature throws her way to make it to work and rarely takes a day off. She comes in on days off when we need her with no hesitation. She has been practicing hygiene for 20 years and continues to grow. She is a firm believer in continuing education for growth and development for not just herself but for her team, to help her office thrive. She is kind and thoughtful, always making sure her patients come first, her team and then herself. She is far from selfish. Her positive attitude makes her shine bright every day! She just finished dedicating 70 hours of her time to a Grade 12 student who wants to pursue a career in Dental Hygiene. She was a great mentor to this student. The student had to put together a portfolio for her application to the Hygiene program and we just were informed this student was accepted and will be going to school this fall. Nicole provided this young lady a great experience that most do not get to receive. Her knowledge and passion is now being passed onto a student who is going to thrive just like herself. A huge thank you goes out to Nicole for taking this on, especially with all the extra protocols needed to keep this student and herself safe during this challenging time with Covid. I believe she is the best Hygienist in Saskatchewan and deserves to be the Superhero of 2021. Thank you.



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