



About Our Office

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Introduction **Happy New Year!** We are excited to bring you our monthly in-house newsletter to help keep you abreast of current happenings in our office and the profession.

Hot Topics According to the American Association of Cosmetic Dentistry's latest consumer poll, one's smile makes one appear more intelligent, happy, wealthy, successful, interesting and kind! Photos were taken of eight individuals, before and after they had dental enhancements. Then, a large sample of people representing a cross section of the U.S. population were asked to quickly judge these photos as to how they rated on the above criteria. Dramatic increases in scores were found for those who had nice looking teeth—straight and white. So, if you are considering improving your smile as one of your New Year's resolutions, in addition to looking better and more confident, you can expect an array of other benefits as well!

Around the Office This past December, our office staff sponsored a family for Christmas. Our generous employees provided toys, clothing, and other necessary items to a local family in need. Good going, employees!.....Dr. Gillespie has received his Fellowship in the International Congress of Implantologists and will travel to Orlando to participate in a special ceremony for recipients.....Michelle is celebrating her 15-year anniversary with our practice! To show appreciation for her commitment to our office, Dr. Gillespie is presenting her with a diamond tennis bracelet! Thanks, Michelle!.....February is National Children's Dental Health Month. As part of this program, our office will volunteer a Friday at the AB Tech Dental Clinic to place dental sealants on an entire classroom of second graders! In addition we will be sponsoring a school class to attend the Health Adventure's *Flossed in Space* program. During this hour-long class, students will take a "virtual" space flight, led by a talking robot, who will steer them safely through an "alien invasion" by teaching them skills such as brushing, flossing and visiting the dentist!

Employee Spotlight Donna Singleton, RDH, was born and raised in Asheville. After graduating from Enka High School, she worked in our office as a dental assistant for 3 years until entering AB Tech, where she obtained her degree in Dental Hygiene. Donna is engaged to Chris, and they are planning a wedding in June! Donna enjoys watching sports with Chris and has become a big Yankees fan!! She enjoys babysitting, traveling and spending time with family, friends and Sydney, her dog.

Quote Unquote **Resolve and thou art free. –Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

Our goal is to fill the next year with great patients like yourself, so we kindly welcome all your referrals!