“Attending CSI is the reason I am a successful Dental Hygienist. The CSI Dental Hygiene Program equipped me with a skill set to become a sought after professional clinician. As a Licensed Dental Hygienist, I've been able to travel the country, work as a rep for a corporate dental company, get involved in state legislature, care for patients in small practice, and teach clinical dental hygiene at CSI. Don't overlook the gem that is CSI. We are so lucky to have a school of its caliber in Southern Idaho.”

Michelle Watkins, RDH
CSI Alumni & Current Faculty

“Every couple of months for two semesters, I provided care for a patient recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. My classmates and I became a part of their recovery and offered non-judgmental, compassionate service. We helped motivate clients toward healthier habits and goals. All of this helped us realize the importance of our vocation as dental hygienists.”

Erica Craven, RDH
CSI Alumni

Faculty

The ten students in each class cohort learn and struggle together, sharing each other's successes and frustrations. The instructors can't help getting caught up in the emotion too. Dental Hygiene Professor Cynthia Harding explains: “The bond we form as we become invested in our students' success is almost like family. We're together not only through the rigors of the program, but also for the marriages, life traumas, pregnancies, and other life events. Then the emotional rollercoaster gets even more turbulent as we approach graduation with National Board licensure requirements. We are excited to see them become licensed professionals but torn as we say goodbye to the students we've nurtured, advised, corrected, and encouraged for two challenging years.”

Growing Through Excellence
Why Contribute?

The College of Southern Idaho Dental Hygiene Program is highly competitive and serves the community through an on-campus dental clinic site. The Dental Clinic is located in the Health Sciences building on North College Rd. and provides a welcoming dental facility with state of the art equipment to provide low-cost care, including cleanings, radiographs and emergency extractions. Hygiene students are trained in their own clinic where a team of 33 instructors, dentists, hygienists, and other professionals come to teach.

Since the program's inception in 2010 the CSI DH program has a completion rate of 100%. All 50 graduates have passed the National Board and WREB required exams. These professionals are now employed all around the western states.

The Dental Hygiene Program has initiated a scholarship fund with The College of Southern Idaho Foundation, Inc. We hope to benefit students as they prepare for the workforce. We are seeking contributions to support students in their challenges to gain education and transform lives. Many of our applicants are single parents, non-traditional students or from lower-income families. In partnership with the CSI foundation we would ask you to donate a monetary gift that may be large, small, one-time or on-going. At CSI this gift means a tangible belief in the transformative power of education.

Scholarships

Please consider contributing to the Dental Hygiene Scholarships. You can fill out this form and return to the CSI Foundation office. If you would like to contribute on-line go to www.csi.edu/foundation. Your gift could qualify for an Idaho State Tax Credit. Please contact a tax professional for more information.

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