

COLLEGE OF
MARIN

Registered Dental Assisting/COMDAAC

Industry Advisory Meeting

Thursday, May 09, 2024

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Attendees:

Gabriella Garcia Rojas, Dentist, Mill Valley

Judy Husen, Dentist, Larkspur

Stephanie Shyn, Dentist, Marin Community Clinic

John Boland IV, Dentist, Corte Madera

Wende Bohlke, COM, Registered Dental Assisting Instructor

Alina Varona, COM, Dean of Career Education and Workforce Development

Christy Burton, COM; Instructional Specialist, Registered Dental Assisting

Pam Rosell, COM; Registered Dental Assisting, Instructor

Shelley Smith, COM, Registered Dental Assisting, Instructor

Ron Palmer, COM, Department Chair, Career Education and Auto Technology Instructor

Angela Olmanson, COM, Program Administrator, Allied Health Programs, Career Education

Heather Rahman, COM, Program Coordinator, Career Education

Tanya Paredes, COM, Administrative Assistant, Career Education

“Jesse” Yesenia DeLong, Dental Assistant, Gabriella Garcia-Rojas Dental Group

Welcome and Introductions

Alina Varona, COM, Dean of Career Education and Workforce Development

Career Education and Program Overview

- Please refer to the presentation slides

Labor Market Information

Alina Varona, COM, Dean of Career Education and Workforce Development

Heather Rahman, COM, Program Coordinator, Career Education

- Information based on last 2 years
- Refer to the presentation slides

Advisory Check-in

Per Wende Bohlke, lab upgrades –

- New and different types of cameras for students – smaller groups and more time per camera
- New typodonts with ortho bands
- iTero upgrades and new one
- Students practicing on typodont, then on each other. Adds confidence when in externships.
- 3DScan was donated
- Students are making bleaching trays.
- Automatic mixer – just ordered 2 brands

Advisory Group Feedback -

- iTero is “cutting edge” and great for training.
- Opportunity for using other technology beside iTero is helpful such as 3D scanner.
- Not all systems are the same and training on multiple systems helps.
- A Cerec scanner was recommended. It’s easier to use than iTero.
- Tips on splints for students: can practice hard splints on typodonts, bleaching trays, or athletic mouth or sports guards weighing the difference in thicker vs. thinner materials.
- The practice of fabrication of splints is valuable. Students should make impressions, and they will want to do it with their own mouth; but they are not legal without a dentist oversight.

Program Growth and Discussion

Wende Bohlke RDA, CDA, RDH, RDHAP, MS Registered Dental Assisting
Instructor/Program Coordinator

Heather Rahman, COM, Program Coordinator, Career Education

Program updates

- 6/20/24, 5:30pm Dental Graduation, Jonas Center
- Open house Fall 2024 – invite Dental Society members, advisory committee, externship offices
- Marin County Dental Society – bring back Staff Appreciation Spring 2025 – students hold table clinics
- Marin County Dental Society is giving away 2 scholarships at graduation, as well as from Christy's society
- Accreditation in 2 years – process starts now
 - o How advisory committee can support: Accreditation looks at the list of advisory committee members and meet with them to make sure the committee is legitimate. Will also visit 1 or 2 externship offices.
 - o Will be a community forum and a survey sent to employers to validate.
- Funds for approval:
 - o iTero
 - o New DXTTRs
 - o Ortho mannequins
 - o Camera purchased – suggested by Dr Husen in previous meeting
 - Can eBay purchases be done with college funds? EBay is a good source for equipment.
 - Gabriela has some things to donate

High School Outreach:

- Dual enrollment is free for high school students
- Outreach department connects with K-12
- Kaiser Youth Forum, Marin Oaks Job Fair, Tomales, Terra Linda, San Rafael High job fair, San Marin
- Healthcare Summer Career Academy
- Empower Tomorrow event on Friday, October 11, 2024, open to up to 500 8th graders

6:15 pm

Meeting Adjourned