

2015 CDT OF THE YEAR AWARD



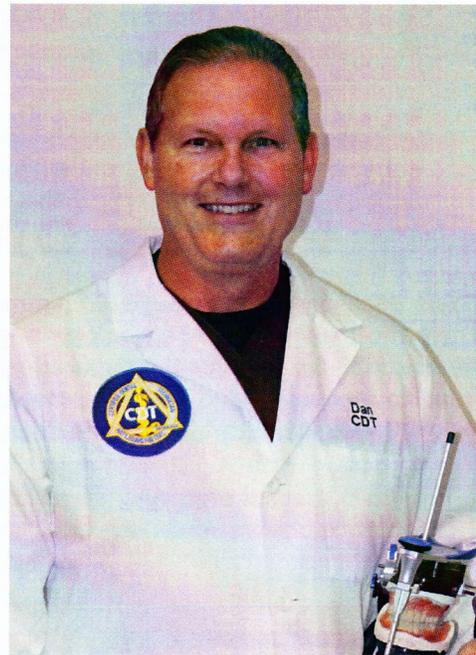
Dan R. Elfring, Master CDT, TE

Dan Elfring has been in the dental laboratory profession for 36 years and currently works as the in-house technician at Pickle Prosthodontics in Colorado Springs, CO. Mr. Elfring joined the Air Force in 1978 and received his laboratory training while in the service. He culminated his 28-year career as the most senior lab technician in the Air Force, Chief Master Sergeant, and was selected as the Dental Senior NCO of the Year during his time. He earned his associate's degree in Dental Laboratory Technology, a bachelor's degree in Management, and then earned two master's degrees; one in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix and one in Human Resource Management from Webster University.

In his capacity at work, Mr. Elfring manages all aspects of operating the lab from scheduling case workload, ordering supplies, training ancillary staff, to equipment maintenance. On top of everything that he does for his day-to-day job, he also donates countless hours to furthering the industry. Mr. Elfring worked with NBC helping to develop the Implant specialty and was selected in 2010 to assist NBC in updating the Job Task Analysis. This past year, he sponsored a team during the Chicago ITU World triathlon, which raised funds for the Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology. Most recently, Mr. Elfring was selected as one of five speakers at Spectrum dialogue's Techno-Clinical Day in Chicago in February 2015. He is a past board member for the Colorado Dental Laboratory Association and has been given numerous other awards and recognitions.

Outside of volunteering for the betterment of the DLT industry, Mr. Elfring has also been very involved in community service. He volunteered at the Colorado Mission of Mercy, helping make 53 appliances for the underprivileged. He worked with Donated Dental Services, completing laboratory work for two full-mouth complex rehabilitation cases.

Mr. Elfring was first certified through NBC in 1995, in the Crown & Bridge specialty and was then awarded the Technologist designation in 2008. Since then, he has gone on to earn multiple specialties including Complete Dentures, Implants, and Partial Dentures. Just this past October, he became certified in Ceramics to earn the title of Master CDT!



This year, we are excited to acknowledge Dan R. Elfring as the 2015 CDT of the Year!