

IdentAlloy: Building the Foundation for the Future

Julie R. Mroziak is the board president of IdentAlloy/IdentCeram, an organization with the purpose of providing traceability of key dental materials from manufacturing through end patient. The IdentAlloy/IdentCeram program allows participating manufacturers and suppliers a way to verify the content of restorative materials by providing certificates that attest to the material's type, source, and composition. Manufacturers become licensees under the IdentAlloy/IdentCeram program by conforming to rigid requirements for compliance with material specifications. IdentAlloy/IdentCeram certificates are provided from participating manufacturers to dental labs with their alloy or ceramic material orders. Labs include these certificates with every case sent to dentists to verify the content of the materials used. Dentists may then assure patients that appropriate material is being employed, while adding the certificates to the patient's permanent record. Julie shared with the JDT why donating to the Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology is important to them.



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Why did IdentAlloy decide to donate to the Foundation?

The Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology (Foundation) is the educational arm for our profession. The IdentAlloy/IdentCeram organization is proud to support the dental laboratory industry and drive forward the organizations that continue to make the industry strong. Since 2010, IdentAlloy/IdentCeram has contributed more than \$125k to the Foundation.

How does it benefit your organization?

IdentAlloy/IdentCeram certificates are distributed from our licensees to dentists through the dental laboratories. It only makes sense to support one of our partners in advancing the industry. Both organizations are contributing to the overall health of the profession we are so passionate about.

How has the Foundation positively impacted dental laboratory technology?

The Foundation provides free training information to dental technicians. They have hundreds of educational articles and training tips online. The Foundation has also awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships and grants to dental technicians.

One of the exciting events that has taken place for the past seven years is the annual Triathlon fundraiser. This event is a staple of the Foundation to raise money. The awareness and successful campaigning this has brought to the Foundation allows for significant investment back into the laboratory community, including scholarship awards for technicians to take the CDT exam, attend NADL University, and other educational events. IdentAlloy has chosen to be a long-time sponsor of this wonderful fundraising event to show their continued support for FDLT.



Why should someone donate to the Foundation?

The Foundation is probably the leading organization that gives out more scholarships and grants than any other organization in the dental laboratory profession. This is even more critical now because it works to supplement gaps in education with the declining number of dental technicians joining the trade and the reduced number of technical school programs.

What advice would you give to someone who wants to get more involved?

I encourage those that share this passion to get involved in the good work the Foundation is doing. There are several ways to contribute, such as joining a committee or becoming a trustee on the Foundation board. Consider donating to the next Triathlon fundraiser in the summer of 2022. Call the Foundation office to learn more at (866) 627-3990. **JDT**