

Carly Jo Ellingson

2013 PR/Coke Scholarship Recipient

1. What college did you attend?

I completed my prerequisite coursework through the University of South Dakota, at the University Center in Rapid City, SD. After applying and being accepted to Sheridan College's Dental Hygiene Program, I moved to Sheridan, WY to complete my degree!

2. What major/minors did you graduate with?

I graduated with an Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene in May of 2017.

3. What is your job and title?

I am a Registered Dental Hygienist, practicing in the state of South Dakota!

4. Fun facts or life events.

Fun fact: I have drag raced competitively since 2003, beginning at the age of nine. I continued racing throughout the hygiene program after winning Champion Parts' annual Search for a Champion sponsorship contest, which was an impressive accomplishment in itself.

Another fun fact: After graduating from the hygiene program and obtaining my license to practice professionally as a Registered Dental Hygienist, my boyfriend proposed to me on the starting line at Oahe Speedway, which was our last race of 2017! This past year was stressful, rewarding, blissful, and downright life-changing to say the least!

5. Did your employment at Pizza Ranch teach you life lessons you are practicing today?

My employment at Pizza Ranch certainly taught me a great deal about giving 100% at my workplace, and about striving for greatness alongside my coworkers. What's more, my five years at the Northern Rapid City Pizza Ranch taught me a lot about working with the public! As a dental professional, I work with the public every day and maintain my office's rapport with patients. I am able to accomplish this on a daily basis as a result of my attention to detail, drive to help people, and conscious effort to achieve a comfortable and healthy environment! I excel in this area, much thanks to my experiences as an employee and manager in the Pizza Ranch family!