

Jill Peterson

Arapahoe County

Taking 4-H Life Skills to the Field of Dentistry

Inducted 2012

Jill was a 4-H member for 10+ years in Arapahoe County. Her 4-H projects included foods and clothing. She represented Arapahoe County at the State Fair Fashion Revue three times where she placed in the top 10. Her clothing projects have had a definite bearing on her career path. While in dental school she had an opportunity to stitch up an incision during a dental surgery exercise and the observing professor told her that her stitches looked great. When asked where she learned to stitch like that she responded it was through her 4-H sewing projects. When the professor saw the different types of sutures she used he said, "You are way over my head!"

In April of 2002, Dr. Peterson purchased an existing endodontic practice in Arlington, Texas and named it Uptown Endodontics, P.A. Jill also learned about teamwork through her 4-H experience and utilizes that leadership and teamwork experience to make her practice a great place to work for her staff of six dental professionals.

Dr. Peterson not only credits the 4-H program for having a profound positive influence in her life, but also credits her 4-H leader, Kathy McDaniel. As Kathy states, "Jill Peterson has learned to be a very caring individual with lots of patience—she probably learned that from seam ripping!"

