

OUR OWN SHERI KAY NAMED ONE OF TOP 25 WOMEN IN DENTISTRY

By Kirk Behrendt

We at ACT Dental have always known how special Sheri Kay is. She is an inspiration to colleagues, a major contributor to the field of dentistry, a positive influence in our industry and a genuinely good person. But now the world knows it too.

Dental Products Report recently named Sheri as one of the Top 25 Women in Dentistry.

According to the publication, this award recognizes women in the dental industry for their many contributions. The 25 women honored this year are all incredible individuals who *Dental Products Report* believes are stepping up to lead this profession in so many different ways.

In our opinion, there's not one reason that Sheri was honored with this award. There are countless reasons for her recognition. If you're not familiar with Sheri, here is her story, as featured in *Dental Products Report*. We know you'll find it amazing:

Sheri Kay was on a dental mission trip to Guatemala when she learned some news that would change her life forever. She got a diagnosis of breast cancer.

Sheri, who is lead practice coach for ACT Dental and has a BS and RDH, continued her demanding work counseling dentists and dental practice team members on how to better do their work even as she was undergoing a difficult phase of cancer treatment.

"I was making coaching calls while I was undergoing chemo," she recalls. "I stayed anchored in my work."

Remaining focused on her job helped her get through her treatment. It also is an occupation she loves.



"I am most passionate about mentoring the doctors and the team members to help them be the best they can be," said Sheri, who knows a thing or two about every job within a dental practice. She has worked for 32 years in the field and has done stints as a dental assistant, dental hygienist and office manager.

"I can relate to team members because I've been there," Sheri said. Overcoming cancer is just the latest of her achievements. She is married, a mother of two adult children and grandmother of one. She volunteers on dental mission trips about once a year and says having cancer has taught her some important life lessons. "My gratitude for the little things has grown," she said. "I am more patient and the life-work balance is really important to me."

Sheri also strives to encourage others in the field to achieve the goals they seek.

"I like to believe I inspire possibilities," she said.

Please join me in congratulating Sheri in her achievement. We at ACT Dental are all very proud to call Sheri our colleague, but more importantly, our friend.