

# Welcome New 2019 WSDLA Board Members!

## **Kaila Nakanishi**

### **Nakanishi Dental Laboratory, Inc.**

#### **How did you get into the dental laboratory industry?**

My family has been in the dental laboratory industry for over 65 years, but I really just stumbled into it. I started out as an interior designer with focus on CAD and I'll be the first to say this was never the path I saw for myself. But the moment I stepped through the double doors and into the laboratory, I was hooked. There is something about the people and the culture (and the dust) that keeps me coming back day after day.



#### **What do you love about the dental industry?**

The blend of creativity, technology and production. Not many industries get to embrace technology yet still have human touch incorporated into every individual case.

#### **What challenges is our industry going to face in the coming years?**

With the connections of the WSDLA, any challenges we face, we instantaneously gain a support system behind us. With the sharing of information and the learning opportunity at the forums, this allows us to flourish as an industry. The challenges are our opportunities!

#### **As a new WSDLA Board Member, what do you want our association to achieve this year?**

Our State Association is in the midst of a very exciting time with dental laboratory registration on the table. I hope to see this important initiative pass!

#### **What do you hope to bring to the WSDLA?**

I hope to bring a fresh perspective and help create a connection to our local industry. Especially with the next generation that's up and coming in the Laboratory. (yes, I'm talking to you, millennials- Join up!)

#### **What does being a WSDLA member mean to you?**

Being a member of the WSDLA is something that has been important to my family for many decades. Carrying on the commitment to our local industry is something I'm excited to get to do.

