

## MEET A MEMBER OF MDHA/ADHA

### Jennifer Self



Hi! My name is Jennifer Self. I live in Saucier, Mississippi with my husband of 15 years, Jon, and my two sons, Hayden 18 and Joseph 11. I am originally from Indianapolis, Indiana and moved to the coast after my husband and I met. I have really enjoyed this area. As a family, we are very active in our church, we enjoy scuba diving together, watching movies, playing the Wii, or just spending time outside or on the boat. We have two lab mix puppies, almost a year old, that keep us busy repairing all that they destroy.

I became interested in the dental field just after high school where I graduated from an Indianapolis dental assisting program in 1992. I worked as a dental assistant when I moved to the coast for several years until I felt a great need to provide care to those patients that I would see on a regular basis. So with great determination and a wonderful support from my family and my employer, I began going to school during the evening, working full time and raising a family, I finally graduated from the Pearl River Community College dental hygiene program in 2006.



I am now the secretary for the MDHA. I have been so very excited about being a part of a collective group of individuals who will collaborate around one another for the concerns and well being and the admiration of these health care professionals. I have been a member of the MDHA/ADHA for a little over two years and will continue to participate in this organization that has made great strides to make this profession what it is. When I think about the testimonies that I have heard from those who have been there on the fighting grounds for this profession that was almost done away with and to know how hard I had to work to achieve my education, I will be a part of the MDHA/ADHA to ensure that I did what I could do to continue the works of those who have made the path for any who want to take it. We never thought that we would endure the greatest national disaster ever known, but we did. Don't think that we may never be faced with loosing this great profession. Please ensure that we will be here to stay. Won't you join on our path and be a member of this great organization and join today?