



Good Looks Great Future

TEAM ATLANTA ESTHETIC DENTISTRY MAKES A LASTING IMPACT

When Catherine Muldoon was a youngster she was deathly afraid of the dentist's office. Today, the 18-year-old Atlanta native is preparing to spend her life in one. Catherine is a biology major at Pace University in Pleasantville, New York who aspires to become an orthodontist. Her inspiration is Dr. Maurice Salama, the orthodontist at Goldstein, Garber, Salama and Beaudreau, the practice known around the country – and around the world – as “Team Atlanta Esthetic Dentistry.”

At age 15, Catherine became a Team Atlanta patient when she was fitted for braces by Dr. Salama. Her teeth had spaces between them, were poorly aligned and further complicated by 4 congenitally missing permanent teeth. Her course of treatment was typical of many patients who take advantage of the multi-disciplinary specialties offered under one roof. The collaboration of three dual-specialty dentists makes the practice uniquely qualified to solve virtually any esthetic dental challenge.

MORE OPTIONS...BETTER OUTCOMES

Catherine wore braces for less-than-the-average two years, then the day they were removed, Dr. Salama, also a periodontist, sculpted her gums to make her tiny teeth appear a bit larger. Orthodontics had corrected the spacing, and then dental implants were

surgically placed where the four teeth were missing. As a final touch her teeth were professionally bleached to yield a truly lustrous smile.

“Depending on the situation, missing teeth can be approached in various ways, including orthodontics to close a gap, implants -- like Catherine had – or actually building on existing teeth. Because we do all that and more right here in the office, every option can be considered, not just one or two,” explains Dr. Salama. In a situation like Catherine’s it is essential to time the treatment carefully to be sure the young patient has stopped growing before treatment is initiated with dental implants, he adds.

Working side-by-side with Dr. Maurice Salama are Dr. Ronald Goldstein, Dr. David Garber, Dr. Brian Beaudreau, Dr. Henry Salama, Dr. Angela Gribble Hedlund, and Dr. Maha El-Sayed. A long-time fixture in Atlanta’s Buckhead neighborhood, the office is recognized widely for its expertise. The Team Atlanta doctors travel worldwide to teach and lecture, and have authored a shelf of books, including Dr. Goldstein’s classic text, *Change Your Smile* (Quintessence Publishing Co.).

“One of the joys of practicing all these years has been working with this multi-specialty team who are able to produce smiles like this – for Catherine and many others,” voices Dr. Goldstein.

TRY ON A SMILE

Master Ceramist Pinhas Adar was also involved in Catherine’s case. His expertise is the creation of beautiful, lifelike replacement teeth in his high-tech laboratory. One of his most exciting

contributions was the development of what he calls the “trial smile” about 20 years ago.

“This is a removable acrylic device that we put over the existing untouched teeth to show in three dimensions what the outcome will look like,” he explains. The patient can “try on” and “take for a test drive” the proposed changes, which are authentic down to the color and shape of every tooth that will be altered. Adar points out that many patients who seek cosmetic dentistry are disappointed because they wanted a certain look that did not materialize. The trial smile prevents costly miscommunication and cuts out the guesswork. It complements computer imaging “because patients can walk and talk with it and show it to their families and friends.”

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“LIKE PULLING TEETH”

“When I was younger it was like ‘pulling teeth’ for my mom to make me go to the dentist,” says Catherine with a smile. “I would lock myself in the car just so I didn’t have to lie back in that chair!” However, something about the process of orthodontics, as practiced by “Dr. Maurice,” captured her interest. Before long, she found herself interested in how those tiny pieces of metal could work together to move her teeth.

She recalls: “When I got my braces off, I felt like an entirely different person. I smiled more when I was around others, I became more social, and I generally felt better about myself.”

Her affection for the office and her interest in the process led Catherine to seek an internship position at Goldstein, Garber, Salama and Beaudreau while she was in high school. She started as a receptionist and ultimately worked alongside the dental assistants. “Working at the office I could see firsthand how patients’ self-esteem rose when they saw



Atlantan Catherine Muldoon decided to compete in her first beauty pageant after receiving her “new smile” from Dr. Maurice Salama. In 2003 she was second runner-up in the Miss Georgia Teen USA pageant. After moving to New York she captured the title of Miss New York Teen USA. Catherine looks forward to representing the Empire State in the Miss Teen USA Pageant in August.

their new smiles. People became more beautiful not only on the outside, but on the inside, too.”

READY TO SERVE!

If you would like to learn more about developing a brighter, more beautiful smile, call a Team Atlanta patient coordinator today at (404) 261-4941. The office offers a wide variety of services, including implants by one of the world’s leading teams, ceramic veneers, cosmetic gum surgery, single-appointment bleaching and treatment for breath problems.

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