

## Vernonia Dental Welcomes New Dental Hygienist

Vernonia Dental is pleased to welcome the newest member of their staff, dental hygienist Jillona (Jill) Frangipani. Frangipani will be working in the Vernonia Dental office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Frangipani grew up in the small town of Durkee outside of Baker City in eastern Oregon and graduated from Baker High School in 2008. She says she is named after her mother's best friend Jillona, but goes by Jill. She attended Pacific University in Forest Grove, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Biology in 2012 and then studied in the Dental Hygiene program there, graduating in 2016.

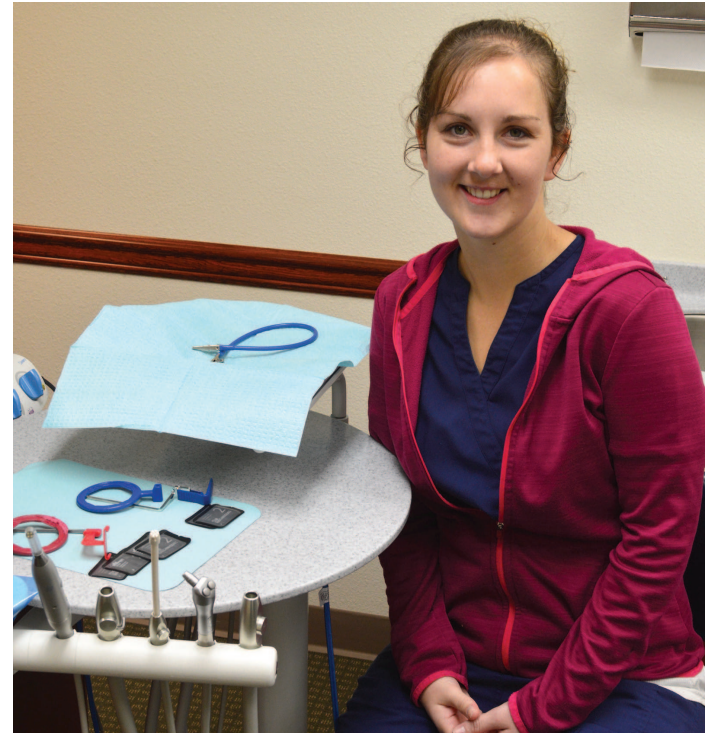
While at Pacific University she met her husband, Daniel Frangipani who is originally from Portland. The two were married in 2014 and currently live outside Scappoose on the Scappoose Vernonia Highway. "I grew up in a small community and he really likes the outdoors so we both agreed to move out to

Columbia County," says Frangipani. "We both just fell in love with it – it's so beautiful!"

As a dental hygienist Frangipani exams patient's oral health including the health and cleaning of teeth and gums, and also educates and provides pointers for patients on how to improve and maintain their oral hygiene and prevent disease.

Frangipani says she became interested in the dental field because her uncle, Dr. Todd Chandler, was a dentist in Baker City, where she helped in the office while in high school. "I really liked being around the profession and really liked the atmosphere in his office," she says. "That sort of piqued my interest in a dental hygiene career and I just followed through with it."

Frangipani says she hopes to get established in Vernonia and build relationships and get involved in the community.



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