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Auburn Dentist Takes Steps to Attract New Dentists to Maine *Dr. Limoges Sends Dental Student to Arizona Workshop*

Next week, Dr. Robert Limoges is sending his dental staff to Arizona to take a course on tooth restoratives. While that's not news, what is newsworthy is that Dr. Limoges is also paying for travel and the course tuition for a young man he doesn't know – a senior dental student at Boston University, Massachusetts.

Dr. Limoges offered this trip to a dental student at the recent Maine Dental Association (MDA) annual Convention. Dental students from across the United States and Canada were invited by the MDA to attend the convention, free of charge.

“The idea is to get students here and show them what a great place Maine is to practice dentistry,” says Frances Miliano, MDA Executive Director.

More than 40 dental students attended the MDA Convention. Among them was Cyrus Larson, a senior at Boston University Dental School. Larson was lucky enough to be selected to receive the offer of Dr. Limoges for travel and tuition to the Arizona course.

“I donated the travel costs and course tuition because I want to do what I can to encourage dental students to come to Maine to practice after graduation,” Dr. Limoges says. “I want the students to know that Maine dentists are sincere in their interest in encouraging more dentists to come here.”

In some places, new dentists are not pursued because of the competition they create. But in Maine, dentists and the MDA have significant activities designed to entice dental students to work here. To encourage new dental school graduates to come to Maine, the MDA hosts lobster lunches at New England and Canadian dental schools, offers scholarships for Maine students to attend dental school and provides travel stipends for dental students across the nation to attend the MDA Convention. The MDA also championed a new law that offers tax incentives for dentists that establish new practices in underserved areas.

“We are all very pleased with the generosity of Dr. Limoges in offering this opportunity to a dental student,” says Miliano. “It sent a very positive signal to the dental students at the Convention.”

Limoges says the course is excellent and the dentist teaching it is one of the best in the country. “I knew the dental students would be excited about the opportunity to attend.”

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