

# WB Orthodontics

## *We take your smile personal*

**CHESTER** ■ There is a new orthodontist in town and she is eager and delighted to create healthy, beautiful smiles. Dr. Wakeshi Benson is fulfilling her five-year goal and opening WB Orthodontics in late October/early November at 12230 Iron Bridge Rd., Suite B in the Rx Pharmacy building.

Dr. Benson's team specializes in ceramic (clear) braces, metal braces, Invisalign (invisible) braces and dentofacial orthopedics. They are also experienced in surgical orthodontics that help create a healthy, properly aligned smile for adolescents and adults alike. "Our team is eager and delighted to create healthy, beautiful smiles," she said. "We take pride in focusing on our patient's concerns and explaining the orthodontic process."

With a beautiful smile herself, Dr. Benson first acknowledged that she wanted to practice dentistry when she was in orthodontic treatment for three years as a young teen. "I just had so much self-confidence after I had my teeth straighten," she said. "This experience gave me the passion to pursue a career in dentistry."

She said there are many reasons to have orthodontic treatment, more than just cosmetic. Misaligned or crooked teeth are difficult to clean. A bite that is off can cause abnormal wear of tooth surfaces, difficulty in chewing, speaking, increase the stress on the gum

tissue and supporting bone. "It is also important to have an orthodontic consultation by age seven according to the American Association of Orthodontist," she said. "Early orthodontic treatment can take advantage of growth spurts during treatment for fast results. The longer one waits, the longer the treatment in certain cases." She has treated patients that still had some of their baby teeth and patients in the 60s and 70s, but the most common age for treatment is during the teen years.

Dr. Benson is a native of Battle Creek, Michigan and has lived in Chesterfield for five years. She graduated from Michigan State University with honors and attended dental school at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. While in dental school Dr. Benson became involved in several outreach programs such as, the Traverse City Migrant Worker Program, Colgate Bright Smiles Bright Future and the Marshall Becker Dental Clinic.

Immediately following dental school she became a general practice resident in dentistry at the John D. Dingell Veterans Administrations Medical Center. After residency, she worked as a general dentist for five years in the metropolitan area of Detroit. Dr. Benson completed her specialty resi-

gency in orthodontics at Howard University College of Dentistry in Washington D.C.

During her orthodontic training she served as Chief-Resident. In 2004 she became the youngest President of the Detroit District Dental Society (Central Branch).

According to the American Association of Orthodontist, "All orthodontist are dentist first. Out of 100 dental school graduates, only six go on to become orthodontists."

Along with numerous awards and recognition, her most recent was being a 2013 inductee into the Battle Creek Central High School Hall of Fame. Dr. Benson is also a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontist.

Dr. Benson moved to Chesterfield with her husband, Dr. Larry Benson, when he accepted a position with CJW Hospitals Sports Medicine team in Chester. She and her husband have three children.

Before opening her own practice, Dr. Benson was an associate with Anderson Orthodontics. "We are passionate about providing friendly, patient-centered care for families in Chester and the greater Richmond area," she said. "Call or email us today to schedule your complementary initial consultation."



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