



MEET DR. KATHY S. SANDERS, DMD, FAACD, AND HER DAUGHTER, ERIKA SANDERS LOVETT, DMD TRI-CITIES CENTER FOR COSMETIC DENTISTRY

The Tri-Cities Center for Cosmetic Dentistry is a full-service dental office specializing in cosmetic dentistry. With an unwavering commitment to excellence and the artistry of beautiful smile design, the Tri-Cities Center for Cosmetic Dentistry’s mission is to integrate leading dental techniques and technology with the performance of a dental team valuing exceptional patient care and the inviting charm of Southern hospitality. The Center was established in March of 1992 and is enjoying a year-long celebration of its 30th Anniversary.

The Center is owned and operated by Dr. Kathy Sanders, DMD, FAACD, and most recently, her daughter, Dr. Erika Lovett, DMD, has joined the practice.

Dr. Sanders grew up in Savannah, GA, and has lived in Kingsport for 31 years. All of her dental career has been here in the Tri-Cities. Her family includes her husband, Brian Sanders,

daughter and son-in-law, Erika and Pierce Lovett, and son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Alayna Sanders.

Dr. Lovett was born and raised in Kingsport but only recently made it her home as an adult. She is discovering a lot of new places to explore with her husband, Pierce. “My husband and I got married Aug. 6,” says Dr. Lovett.



“He is new to the Kingsport area. Pierce and I, along with Shadow (our German shepherd), are enjoying making the Tri-Cities our new home.”

Both doctors attended the Dental College of Georgia. Dr. Sanders, through many years of continuing education, has received both Accreditation (2007) and Accredited Fellow (2018) designation with the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD). The Accredited Fellowship was awarded in San Diego at the Annual Scientific Session.

Dr. Lovett graduated in 2022 and, while at the Dental College of Georgia, initiated the student study club of the AACD.

Dr. Sanders is the only Accredited Fellow with the AACD in the state of Tennessee. She is the 81st person in the history of this international organization to receive this award. The AACD is the largest of all cosmetic dental organizations. “Since Erika joined the practice in June, we are a unique Mother/Daughter Dental Practice,” says Dr. Sanders. “Dr. Lovett is a third-generation dentist. Her paternal grandfather, Fred Sanders, DDS, practiced in Indiana and passed away in 2019.”

Guided by its core values, the Tri-Cities Center for Cosmetic Dentistry’s vision is that of being a provider of choice — both within the Tri-Cities and across the nation — for those who esteem dental excellence and desire the smile of their dreams. “We offer full dental care from general to the most complex full mouth restorations with expertise,” says Dr. Sanders. “Our focus is compassionate patient service. We offer periodontal care in our hygiene department that is exceptional.” Dr. Lovett adds, “Dentistry is a great career where you get to make a tangible difference in patients’ lives.”



The dental practice also has a Complex Case Coordinator to oversee care for its patients with an additional dental specialists. "We focus on the timing of that care so that our patients move through their complex treatment as smoothly as possible," says Dr. Sanders. "It has been really nice to be able to add Erika to the practice. We are able to serve patients

much sooner than we were before she came on board. This allows us to team up to provide patients with the care they need at a faster pace."

Tri-Cities Center for Cosmetic Dentistry is located at 4623 Ft. Henry Drive, Kingsport. You may contact the Center at 423-239-7899 or visit their website at tricityessmiles.com.

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