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## ABIGAIL MARHOFER | Dental Assisting

Abigail Marhofer is a 21-year-old aspiring dental professional who considers San Antonio her true home, though her early years were spent in Oklahoma. As one of seven in a close-knit family, Abigail has grown up surrounded by love, laughter, and the occasional challenge. Her family has been her greatest source of inspiration and support — whether through encouragement, rides to class, or witnessing the academic journeys of her four sisters.

Her interest in dentistry began with a memorable visit to the dental office — an experience that was both eye-opening and fascinating. Over time, her curiosity deepened, especially as dental issues continued to affect her family. What once felt like an unattainable dream began to feel more tangible as she pursued formal training in the field.

For Abigail, dentistry represents not only a career but a personal calling — one shaped by real-life experiences, a strong support system, and the desire to help others through compassionate care. With determination and growing confidence, she now sees a bright future ahead in the dental field and is proud to be turning her long-time interest into a fulfilling path.

“A quality **education** has the **power to transform societies** in a single generation; provide children with the protection they need from the hazards of poverty, labor, exploitation and disease; and give them the knowledge, skills and confidence to reach their full potential.”

— Nelson Mandela



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