## **Sharpening Horse Testimonials**

"Now that the students use the Sharpening Horse, we can introduce sharpening earlier in the curriculum as it is so easy for them to master the technique. The instruments last longer. When they trade in their instruments before they take their boards the instruments are not over sharpened and worn like they use to be with the old techniques. With the Sharpening Horse technique there is more cutting edge left than before. It is much easier to get consistency with their sharpening with this technique. I have tried all the sharpening systems out there and this is the only thing that truly works!" Marta Ferguson, RDH, PhD, Director of Dental Hygiene, Indian River State College, FL

"The report from the second year instructors is that the students' instruments are not only sharp, but they are holding their shape and contour which is a vast improvement over the stationary instrument/moving stone method which caused many curets to be turned into sickles from holding the stone at the wrong angle. The Sharpening Horse is easy to teach and use!" Janet Ogden, RDH, MS Columbia Basin College, WA.

"We teach the students the stationary instrument/moving stone method first and then show them the Sharpening Horse. This year, the students wanted to know why we taught the other method when the Sharpening Horse is so much easier and exact. I like the Sharpening Horse because it makes sharpening so easy. "DIY Sharpening for Dummy's!" No need to spend so much time thinking about angles. The Sharpening Horse automatically "sets the perfect angle" of the stone for the bevel of the blade." Susan Smith, RDH, MS Clinic Coordinator, Wake Technical College, Raleigh, NC."

"I discussed the Sharpening Horse technique with the full-time faculty and they said instrument sharpening has been much easier to teach and learn using the Sharpening Horse technique. By using it routinely students have positive experiences with their instrumentation. The Sharpening Horse helps to maintain the integrity of the instruments. "Susan Moss RDH, MS, Director of Dental Hygiene, Collin State College, McKinney, TX

"The Sharpening Horse design is a brilliant, user friendly approach to the critical maintenance of dental hygiene instruments. The concept and the technique is very adaptable for novice and experts in dental hygiene, and our **program faculty made the Sharpening Horse its choice**recommendation for the dental hygiene student kits from this time forward!" Vicki L. Snell RDH, EdM Lewis & Clark Community College, IL

"Recently I had the opportunity to sharpen many instrument kits for a hands on scaling technique presentation. Each kit contained 10 various curettes and scalers. I was amazed at how easy it was to sharpen these instruments quickly and precisely with the Sharpening Horse. I recommend the Sharpening Horse to all my students, faculty and fellow hygienists at every given opportunity. When I am in clinic and instruments need sharpening I have the students take their instruments for a quick ride on the Sharpening Horse and they are truly amazed at how accurate and easy this technique is to return their blades back to a sharp and effective working edge." Cathleen Korondi, CDA, RDH, MS, Director of Dental Hygiene Illinois Central College

The sharpening horse has proven to be the best method of sharpening instruments for our students. The technique is easy to learn for beginning clinicians, producing a sharp cutting edge and maintaining the original design of the blade. The instruments are lasting longer, since the **students** can consistently control the angle, pressure and movement of the blade against the stone. They love it and sharpening has never been so easy. Michele Edwards, CDA, RDH, MS Chair of Tallahassee Community College Dental Programs, FL.

Instrument sharpening is one of the most important, yet challenging, skills for hygiene students to master. The Sharpening Horse makes this skill easy to learn and students can quickly produce a perfectly sharp cutting edge restoring the blade in its original design. Confidence in their ability to produce a sharp cutting edge motivates students to employ instrument sharpening as a routine daily task. Jill S. Nield-Gehrig, RDH, MS Dean Emeritus Asheville-Buncombe Technical College, NC

The Sharpening Horse is great to use chairside as it is easy to use and to autoclave. It has given the students the confidence to sharpen their instruments without asking, "Am I doing this right?" Our instructors say that the Sharpening Horse makes it so easy for students to sharpen instruments they actually use it in clinic!" Catherine Dunn, RDH, MS Director of Dental Hygiene Mississippi Delta College