Achiving an AAID credential is a considerable accomplishment; it is an excellent way to demonstrate dedication to the practice of implant dentistry. Recently, we sat down and talked with Dr. Jonathan Bullard, of Martinez, GA and Dr. Jennifer Holtzman, of Sterling Heights, MI, both of whom were inducted as Associate Fellows at AAID’s 2015 Annual Conference. Read their thoughts on why they became credentialed and their experiences in pursuing the Associate Fellow Credential.

Dr. Bullard:
“Pursuing the credential has forced me to become the dentist I was trying to be all along.”

Dr. Holtzman:
“I wanted something to show for all the work I had done, to prove I had learned something. It has also helped me market my practice better.”

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