

SHEEPSHEAD BAY ORAL SURGERY, PLLC

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To whom it may concern,

During the months of July and August in 2022 Ethan Khotylev volunteered in Sheepshead Bay Oral Surgery, PLLC. When Ethan started his first day at the office, he walked in with enthusiasm and curiosity filling the room around him. He greeted everyone with a huge smile and told the staff about himself and why he loves dentistry. While Ethan shadowed his very first procedure, he quietly and unexpectedly walked out of the operating room. 15 minutes later, upon finishing the procedure, I went to ask Ethan why he had walked out of the room in such a peculiar manner. I found him in the next room, where he was laying down on an operating chair and one of my assistants was giving him oxygen. He had told me he felt uneasy while observing, and left the room to sit down and get water. I offered for him to go home if he felt uncomfortable watching these surgeries and if he felt as though dentistry wasn't for him. This was the moment when the extent of Ethan's ambition was established. He told me that he, in no way, was going to go home and he wanted to stay. After 15 minutes, Ethan was back in the operating room with me and ended up shadowing over 10 more surgeries that day.

He was always extremely respectful to all of the staff, and especially to each and every one of the patients, whom he made feel very relaxed before their procedures. He showed his hardworking spirit by always making sure that the drawers in every operating room were stocked with all of the necessary supplies for the upcoming operations.

Patients started coming into the office at 7:15am, and Ethan was always in the office by 6:45 to help the dental assistants get ready for the day, a task he didn't have to complete. He showed initiative by not only watching how the procedures were done, taking care and making sure each and every patient felt comfortable post-procedure, but also writing down and asking inquisitive questions about everything ranging from the numbing agents we use to the CT scans we showed. His biggest fascination was the Robotic assisted dental implant placement system, Yomi, which we use in our office.

I know that Ethan will go far with any and all of his future endeavors. With his initiative, resilience, and dependability, he will achieve whatever he dreams. I wish the best of luck to a very deserving young man with his college admissions. I am positive that he will be as contributive and amazing in the university and continue education as enthusiastically as he did in my office.

Sincerely,



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