

Top-class dentist cuts teeth the US

A LEADING North East dentist has become the first in the UK to graduate from a world-renowned advanced training programme.

Dr Ken Harris has just returned from Seattle after graduating from the prestigious Kois Centre.

The Kois Centre is internationally-recognised for offering training programmes to dentists from around the world and Dr Harris – who runs Riveredge's centres in Sunderland and Newcastle – is the first UK dentist to graduate from it.

Dr Harris said: "Dr Kois is a world-class teacher, and I initially travelled to Seattle intending to study occlusion – how teeth meet together – but such was the quality of the teaching, I was hooked.

"I just had to complete the entire process.

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"Being the first UK graduate maintains the position of Riveredge right at the top of the tree in UK dentistry."

Dr Harris completed a masters' curriculum in specialised areas including cosmetic dentistry, implants, periodontics and occlusion, along with general restorative dentistry.

He has made the trip to Seattle six times in the last 18 months to complete all the modules of the training programme in double-quick time.

As a Kois Centre graduate, Dr Harris now becomes eligible to sit the Mentor exam in July 2009.

Those who pass the Mentor exam will be invited to join the Kois Centre Mentor programme and become involved in teaching future Seattle delegates.

"I will have to get used to travelling to Seattle many more times in the future once I pass the mentor exam," he explained.

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