

# A Newfound Confidence

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Alaska is rich in natural beauty, from majestic mountain ranges to the austere magnificence of the Arctic tundra. Our patient Laura's case provided the perfect opportunity for us to showcase the beauty of Alaska and Alaskans. Laura works with the public in our small community of Soldotna; everyone in town knows how lovely she is, inside and out. Laura had been self-conscious about her smile for most of her adult life due to broken fillings, cracked teeth, and the disproportion and improper axial inclination of her anterior teeth. She longed for an impactful change; having a beautiful smile meant everything to her. She also wanted to have the most conservative treatment, one that would spare as much sound enamel as possible.

Our office worked with an AACD Accredited laboratory technician, Karsten Klimmek (MicroDental Laboratories; Livermore, CA), on Laura's case. Thanks to comprehensive communication, including excellent photography and discussion via FaceTime; and meticulous attention to detail, with a diagnostic wax-up and a smile designed utilizing digital technology, we were able to make Laura's dream of a beautiful smile a reality. She was thrilled and, just as important, she was confident about the treatment and a predictable outcome from day one, due to her involvement and communication with our office and the lab.

It was an honor to provide Laura with the minimally invasive, esthetic, life-changing treatment that has enabled her to smile with joy. As Laura herself said, "My smile makeover has given me a newfound confidence when meeting with clients and in my personal life... a smile reflects the happiness in your soul."

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