

## **2022 ATHENA Finalist**

Sarah Massier Newby



Growing up in DeKalb has instilled in me many values that I have used in both my personal and professional life. I was taught by my family very early the importance of giving back to my community in some volunteer capacity.

My parents were both born and raised in DeKalb and remain active in our community. They instilled in me the belief that involvement leads to a better society. In school, I was active in 4-H program where I learned the value of hard work, responsibility, and confidence; values I have used throughout my career.

When I was a teenager, I volunteered at Kishwaukee Community Hospital where I learned the importance of compassion, empathy, and kindness. I later learned the value of advanced education as I pursued my technical knowledge for my chosen field of dental oral health care. I attended UIC for oral surgery assisting and general anesthesia monitoring. My experiences in the health industry have been both lives rewarding and the ultimate gift of caring for others.

I have spent the past five years supporting a variety of local veterans' projects and was honored to be selected as the President of the DeKalb American Legion Auxiliary