

Amy Derick

Age: 37

Occupation: Dermatologist, owner of Derick Dermatology

Residence: Inverness

Hometown: Palatine

Family: Husband Michael; children Charlie, 6, Henry, 4, and Jane, 2

Education: Bachelor of Science degree from University of Notre Dame; Doctorate of Medicine from University of Chicago

Favorite McHenry County restaurant? Montarra Grill in Algonquin

First job? In high school, I worked at Inverness Country Club on the golf course serving food to the golfers and their caddies.

One word that describes you? Conscientious



Photo provided

What is your job and what makes you good at it?

I have many jobs these days: mother, dermatologist, small business owner and president of the Illinois Dermatological Society. I don't really view these as jobs, instead I lead by example and do my best to build great support teams that supplement my efforts.

What accomplishments and innovations are you most proud of this year?

We've added a third location

to Derick Dermatology and have been adding significant jobs to our community. Last quarter, we added 27 jobs, and this year we added four new dermatologists to our practice. We also were rated top 10 in the country based on patient reviews, according to www.demandforce.com.

How do you give back to the community, and what drives your service?

In addition to community outreach through lecturing, I've provided four free skin cancer

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screenings so far this year. One of the nurses at a screening told me that I had found a melanoma on an uninsured patient the year before. It's incredibly rewarding to know that a few hours of my time can have a major impact on someone else's life.

What is something you have never done but want to do some day?

I would like to visit Asia.

What is the best career

advice you have received?

Success equals talent multiplied by motivation (and you need a little luck as well). When I was young, my dad used to sing a song to get me out of bed in the morning: "Motivation. Sense of purpose. Commitment to excellence. Get up, Get up, Get up." Sometimes I hear that song in my head when I need a little motivation to accomplish something.

Which CEO would you most like to spend the day with and why?

Vince Foglia of Sage Products in Cary. I know a lot of people who work for him, and I consistently hear that he is one of the best guys to work for in the world. I'd love to hear more about what he has done and is doing to keep his team so happy.

Nominator's comment:

"Dr. Amy Derick is a powerhouse in the medical field. In addition to founding and growing her three-office practice in

McHenry County's Barrington, Crystal Lake and Elgin, she is an active mom to three young children," professional colleague Suzanne Devane said. "Beginning as a solo practitioner, Amy has grown her practice by recruiting physicians trained at some of the leading medical schools throughout the United States. Now employing 75 people, Amy has created the type of work environment with the flexibility to accommodate working mothers wishing to balance professional and home life. In fact, her commitment to working mothers has extended to hiring as office staff, single at-risk moms and providing the type of training and mentoring that will enable them to succeed in life. In addition to her medical practice, Amy holds an academic appointment as an Instructor of Clinical Dermatology at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine."

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