

# Distinguished Graduate

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## Shani Graves

**DENTAL ASSISTING**

*“The struggle you are in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow”*

**- Sukh Sandhu**

Shani Graves was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. At the age of 18, she graduated high school and enlisted in the United States Army, where she trained as a radiology technician. Her career in the Army took her many places including Georgia, Texas, and Germany. She also deployed to Iraq where she used her expertise to help wounded soldiers. While in her last year she cross-trained as a dental assistant and it is there where she discovered a newly found passion.

Upon retirement, she moved to San Antonio, Texas with her husband and 5 children. She has been enrolled in the dental academy for the past 2 semesters and plans to make another career out of dental assisting. Like she did in the military, she is hoping her expertise can help individuals throughout their dental life, and maybe even transition into teaching about dental assisting. She is loved by her family, as well as those who have met her.