

KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS
ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

Once again, it is time to give a summary of some important activities and achievements associated with the University of Louisville's Orthodontic Program during the academic year of 2017-2018. It has been an exciting year for our department. Things are going very well in the Department of Orthodontics as well as for the University of Louisville, School of Dentistry.

Dr. Bradley was inducted recently as Fellow of the American College of Dentists. Dr. Eric Bednar received the 2017 SAO Faculty Lecture Award! Dr. Nandakumar and Dr. Chandiramani received \$ 40,000 Grant money from WHAS Crusade for Children. The grant was submitted to Integrate three dimensional (3D) technology in Department of Orthodontics, University of Louisville. With this money the department acquired another intraoral scanner the 3 shape Trios.

Over the past year we have made some valuable addition to our clinical staff. Dean Dr. Bradley has been a great asset to our program. In spite of being extremely busy leading the School he finds time to actively teach didactics and clinical orthodontics. Dr. Sudha Gudhimella is the newest addition to our faculty. She comes from University of Kentucky, where she received her Certificate and an MS in Orthodontics in 2017. Her research interest has been concentrated in the area of "Developing a rodent model for orthodontic tooth movement". In a very short time she has become active in clinical and didactic teaching as well as serving as a mentor on the resident research projects. She has also taken on the lead as program director for the predoctoral program. We are also pleased to welcome Dr. Robert Spiller to our faculty ranks in 2017. He retired from his private practice of 30+ years and has returned to teaching Orthodontics.

On the other hand, after many years of committed service, Dr. Ed Johnson and Dr. Michael Badger have retired from teaching activity. I would like to express my heartfelt respect for and appreciation for their dedication.

I am pleased to report that we graduated yet another group of extraordinary Orthodontic residents from our Orthodontic Specialty program in June of 2018:

Dr. Raina Chandiramani, Practice, Louisville, KY
Dr. Evan Cox, Private Practice, Franklin, TN
Dr. Wade Hillam, Private Practice, Idaho Falls, ID
Dr. Jennifer Oakley, Private Practice, Chesapeake, VA

Dr. Blair White, Private Practice, Saginaw, MI
Dr. Garrett Wood, Army, NC

With no surprises, the Class of 2018 passed the ABO written exam with excellent scores and in addition completing their research projects covering a wide array of topics in Orthodontics. The Class of 2018 was the 45th graduating class from our program. The graduation for the Orthodontic Class of 2018 was a celebration of all the accomplishments and successes of the Class of 2018 during their two years of training. Dr. Christopher Edelen was the Keynote speaker and Guest of Honor. He spoke about his life experiences as a past resident and his long professional journey as an Orthodontist dedicated to his patients, the orthodontic profession and to his community. We, at the ULSD, are grateful for his teaching contribution to our program.

Kudos to Dr. Courtney Aman Class of 2017 for her recent publication in AJODO June 2018 "Apical Root Resorption During Orthodontic Treatment with Clear Aligner Therapy: A Retrospective Study Using Cone Beam CT".

The University of Louisville Orthodontic Alumni Association held its Annual Alumni Meeting on October 20th, 2017 at the French Lick resort. The event was well attended by alumni who gathered from all parts of the country. The speaker for this event was **Dr. Anil Idiculla**. He presented "***i-Identity: Define Your Brand and Discover Your Purpose***".

Thank you to ULSD Orthodontic Alumni for their contributions and continued support of the University of Louisville, School of Dentistry, Department of Orthodontics. Your generous support helps us to be the best orthodontic program and to educate outstanding board certified orthodontists.

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