

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 2015/2016.

1. Successful Completion of CODA Inspection

After nearly two years of preparation for the Commission of Dental Accreditation (CODA) visit during September of 2015, I am delighted to report a very positive outcome for ULSD and all of the specialty programs that make up our Department during these very rigorous inspections. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all our faculty, residents, students and staff for their dedication, professionalism and hard work during the visit. Their valuable contributions were certainly essential for the highly successful outcome of this intense and important process. We are very proud of this major accomplishment, but more importantly, how it bodes a bright future for the divisions of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry, the Department and ULSD.

2. Welcoming a New Dean.

After a nationwide search for a new Dean, Dr. T. Gerard Bradley has been appointed as Dean of ULSD effective August 1, 2016. Dr. Bradley has an impressive record of academic leadership, teaching and research. He comes to UofL from Marquette University where he had been most recently the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies for the School of Dentistry. While there he had also previously served as the Chair of Developmental Sciences/Orthodontics and the Program Director of Advanced Education in Orthodontics. Originally from Ireland, he obtained his dental degree from Cork University and later went on to advance his training by earning a Master of Science and Orthodontic Advanced Training at The Ohio State University.

We also want to express our gratitude to Dr. John Sauk who is stepping down as Dean. Dr. Sauk served as Dean for nine years. Under his leadership, the Dental School made great strides, including: unprecedented growth in the number of oral health care providers trained, establishment of a combined D.M.D.-Ph.D. program and a D.M.D.-M.B.A. joint program with the College of Business, as well as establishing several new clinics/offices throughout the area to help meet the community's needs for good oral health care.

3. New Full-Time Orthodontic Faculty Member.

Dr. Nandakumar Janakiraman has been appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry and Special Care effective June 1, 2016. As an Assistant Professor for the Division of Orthodontics, Dr. Janakiramna's primary responsibilities will include all areas of Orthodontic teaching, research mentoring and clinical supervision.

Dr. Janakiraman comes to U of L from the University of Connecticut, Department of Orthodontics where he has been teaching for the past two years. His research interest has been concentrated in the area of three-dimensional imaging application in the field of Orthodontics and evidence-based orthodontic techniques and outcomes.

Dr. Janakiraman received a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the Government Dental College, Bangalore University, India in 1998; a Master's in Orthodontics from Government Dental College, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India in 2002; a Fellowship in Orthodontics at the School of Dental Medicine, University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut in 2011; a Certificate of Specialty with a MDentSc in Orthodontics from the School of Dental Medicine,

University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut, in 2014.

4. Educational Programs and Outcomes

I am pleased to report that we graduated yet another group of extraordinary Orthodontic residents from our Orthodontic Specialty program in June of 2016:

*Andrew Martin Baker, DDS, MDS
Military Service, Tokyo, Japan*

*Louisa Fernanda Betancur, DMS, MSD
Private Practice, Ocala, Florida*

*Brett R. Finkelmeir, DDS, MSD
Private Practice, Carmel, Indiana*

*Kathryn Ricks Marks, DMD, MSD
Private Practice, Norton Shores, Michigan*

*Jacquelyn Marie Nickele, DMD, MSD
Practice, Louisville, Kentucky*

*Neal Patel, DMD, MSD
Private Practice, North Carolina*

All ULSD orthodontic residents successfully completed Phase II of the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) Written Examination, in addition to completing their research projects covering a wide array of topics in Orthodontics. The Class of 2016 was the 43rd graduating class from our program.

The graduation for the Orthodontic Class of 2016 was a celebration of all the accomplishments and successes of the Class of 2016 during their two years of training. **Dr. Ralph J. DeDominico** (Class of 1977) 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 where he has served for 39 years. We, at the ULSD, are grateful for his teaching contribution to our program over the past ten years.

5. UofL Orthodontic Alumni Association

The University of Louisville Orthodontic Alumni Association held its 6th Annual Alumni Meeting on November 6th, 2015 at the historic Seelbach Hilton Hotel in Louisville. The event was well attended by alumni who gathered from all parts of the country.

The speaker for this event was **Dr. Cliff Alexander**. He presented a course focused on strategies for patient evaluation, communication, and sequencing treatment when managing esthetically challenging cases while emphasizing the importance of using an "*interdisciplinary team treatment approach*" for complex adult orthodontic patients.

Another highlight of this event was the presentation of the Alumni Award to **Dr. Bruce Haskell** for his many years of contributions to the education our past residents in many areas of Orthodontics.

Once again, the success of this event was due to the direct contribution and support of the UofL Orthodontic Alumni Association Board of Directors under the leadership of **Dr. Justin Trisler** (Class of 2012). On behalf of the ULSD and its Orthodontic Program we thank all who planned and participated during the 2015 Annual Alumni Meeting.

-Respectfully Submitted,
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