

# **KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2012**

Highlights of a number of activities in the Division of Orthodontics at the University of Louisville during the 2011-2012 academic year:

The University of Louisville School of Dentistry passed an enormous milestone by concluding the crucial task of renovating the entire facility. This auspicious occasion was marked by a ribbon cutting ceremony in September of 2011.

The Orthodontic and Pediatric Dentistry Clinics also received a makeover during this process and the changes during the renovation have been dramatic. Along with new state-of-the-art clinic facilities, the entire third floor has been renovated to add an expanded centralized reception area for all specialties to encourage a more interdisciplinary approach to dental care. The specialties of Endodontics and Periodontics were relocated to the third floor and are now consolidated along with most of the other Postgraduate specialty programs to better serve our patients. These renovations allow us to offer our patients the best possible care and facilitate an outstanding learning environment for our Residents.

### **Highlights:**

1. We are now in the third year of a paperless clinic and continue to make improvements to the system in order to enhance education and research activities. Our Graduate Orthodontic Program's strengths remain the clinical, didactic and research experience we provide for our students. In the coming year, we will focus on continuing to refine the curriculum and incorporate innovative, yet established approaches to clinical practice, while enhancing and strengthening our research efforts. The continual practice of updating the department website and creating an Orthodontic database remain a priority.
2. This past year, the Division of Orthodontics, in conjunction with the University of Louisville Orthodontic Alumni Board published the first of two newsletters intended to inform our alumni of the events, accomplishments, changes and goals of the Department. The initial plan is to publish this newsletter twice a year to help all our alumni stay connected with the department, its faculty, residents and staff.

3. On October 28, 2011 during the second University of Louisville Orthodontic Alumni Association meeting at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, **Dr. Farhad Moshiri** was honored for his 28 years of ***Distinguished Teaching*** in the Orthodontic Program. This award was bestowed upon Dr. Moshiri by the University of Louisville Orthodontic Alumni Association in recognition of his exceptional teaching and devoted service to the University of Louisville School of Dentistry Orthodontic Postgraduate Program from 1983-2011. Dr. Moshiri represented an important role in curriculum development for the Division of Orthodontics and we will need to seek a competent and knowledgeable replacement for his skills.

The Orthodontic Alumni Association President-**Dr. Daniel S. German**, Vice-President-**Dr. Mazyar Moshiri**, Treasurer-**Dr. Deborah F. Novak**, and Board Members- **Drs. Christopher J. Edelen, Anthony W. Savage and Gregory K. Inman** were among the alumni gathered from all parts of the United States. The event was a great success and a confirmation of the outstanding support that our alumni provide to the program and its residents.

4. All ULSD orthodontic residents completed Phase II of the ABO written examination successfully in 2011. The Class of 2011 was the 38<sup>th</sup> graduating class from our program; they were a notable class that will be missed like all of their predecessors. The following is a list of the graduates and where they intend to practice:

Dr. David C. Butler – Round Rock, Texas  
Dr. Adam L. Chorak – Casper, Wyoming  
Dr. Jessica C. Crews – Jacksonville, Florida  
Dr. Gary D. Dixon – Superior, Colorado  
Dr. Kelly J. Johnson - Germany  
Dr. Keith C. Nicholson – Cary, North Carolina  
Dr. AnnaKate Tatum – Harrison, Arkansas

The graduation for the Orthodontic Class of 2011 was held at the Hurstbourne Country Club, with an address to the graduates and their families given by the keynote speaker, Dr. Farhad Moshiri. Dr. Moshiri's speech was eloquent and inspirational regarding what a tremendous privilege it is to be part of the Orthodontic profession and the responsibilities the specialty has to its patients and the community. He emphasized integrity and professional conduct as essential ingredients for their future success.

5. We have had several consultants lecture to our Residents and Alumni during 2011: Dr. Jack Fisher on “TADs;” Dr. Steven Lindauer, Orthodontic Chairman of Virginia Commonwealth University gave a course on “Advanced Orthodontic Biomechanics” in the fall. Dr. Paul S. Tiwana, Program Director of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery – University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, presented a course on “Advanced Concepts in Orthognathic Surgery.” We are also in the process of setting up the schedule for other preeminent speakers for 2012.
6. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Michael P. Becht to our faculty ranks in 2011. Dr. Becht is a graduate from the UofL School of Dentistry Class of 2006, University of West Virginia Orthodontics and Master’s Program in 2010. He is in private practice here in Louisville and a part-time faculty in our Department.
7. Fundraising for the Orthodontic Endowment has grown in 2011 over a million dollars despite the general state of the economy. This is a tribute to all of our contributors. In July of 2011, the Orthodontic Alumni Board met with Dr. John J. Sauk (ULSD Dean) and the Director of Alumni Development, Mr. Bryan Robinson and established a new target by raising the Orthodontic Endowment Campaign to \$3 million in order to fully fund its intended purpose – to recruit and retain new full-time faculty.
8. Once again on April 20, 2012, the UK and UofL Graduate Orthodontic Programs had the traditional annual research presentation lectures followed by a golf outing at the UofL Cardinal Club. It was a great event that seems to get better every year.

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