



*2023 Annual Meeting at Lynn Family Stadium*

## University of Louisville School of Dentistry Orthodontic Alumni Council

### 2023 Newsletter

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#### *Chairman's Statement*

I would like to give a huge thanks to Carl Gioia for being our leader the past 2 years. He has kept us on our toes, organized, and ensured our council would continue to be a success. He truly embraced his position, and his commitment to our program is impressive. Thank you, Carl!

For those of you who haven't attended our Annual Meeting, or haven't in a while, put it on your list for next year. It will be **Friday, October 25, 2024**, and is a good time to reacquaint yourself with fellow residents, new residents and Louisville. If you haven't been downtown lately it has recovered quickly from the pandemic and is lively with restaurants, bars and bourbon tastings. Everyone has a good time.

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Meeting this year and to uLab Systems, our Presenting Sponsor. And thank you to the UofL staff members that help pull this event together:

Caitlin Maguire, Megan Carbello, Stephen Fairley and Fran Williams. [Enjoy pictures from the Annual Meeting on Flickr →](#)

Please mark your calendar for the next gathering at our **AAO reception** in New Orleans on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**, from **6:45-8:45 p.m. CT**. We will be at the **Hilton Riverside New Orleans**.

Good News! ULSD recently went through a 3 day re-accreditation process by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The school and our program will be accredited for another 7 years. The accreditation is based on standards set by the AAO. Our examiner had a lot of nice comments about our program and especially the alumni support.

There was some sad news this year, Will Engilman passed away at the age of 58. He taught us all and will be sorely missed. His obituary can be read on the Newcomer Funeral Home [website](#).

Finally, Dr. Deguchi has been impressed with our alumni association and encourages any of you to give a lunch and learn or lecture. We had a few a last year and thank you to those who participated. Residents are eager to hear how the real world works.

Go Cards!

Bob Spiller, DMD '80, Ortho '90  
Chair, Orthodontic Alumni Council



*Thanks for your leadership, Carl!*

## WRAP-UP OF THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

In October the Orthodontic Alumni Council held its Annual Meeting at the Fifth Third Club at Lynn Family Stadium. For those not familiar, this beautiful facility was built for our professional women's and men's soccer teams and is a great addition to the Louisville landscape. Alumni and residents had a fun get together the night before at Meesh Meesh, which is a Mediterranean restaurant in the NuLu neighborhood. The meeting was presented and sponsored by uLab. Dr. Zack Varbel gave an interesting morning lecture on how he incorporates uLab in his daily workflow. In the afternoon, Jean Morrison and Robin Craycraft discussed the history of uLab, their product line and some tips on navigating uLab software.





During lunch, Dr. Raina Chandiramani '18 introduced her mother Dr. Sunita Chandiramani as the recipient of the 2023 *Distinguished Alumni Award*. "Dr. C" (nicknamed by the residents) received her DMD in 1999, MS in Oral Biology in 2001 and Orthodontic Certificate in 2001—all from ULSD. She immediately went into full-time teaching and completed her Boards. In 2007, she was asked to become program director of ULSD's Advanced Education Program in Orthodontics and remained in that position until 2020. **During her tenure she taught over 120 residents, passed 2 accreditations, ensured 100% pass rate on written boards and played a key role in developing our program into what it is today.**



*Standing O for Dr. C!*

**Dr. C cannot be thanked enough** for her leadership, hard work and decision-making over the past years. She is well deserving of this award. Presently, Dr. C is teaching part-time and spends much of her time with her new grandson.



*L-R: Dr. Shanker C., Dr. Sunita C., Dr. Raina C., and Dr. Sam Bhimani*



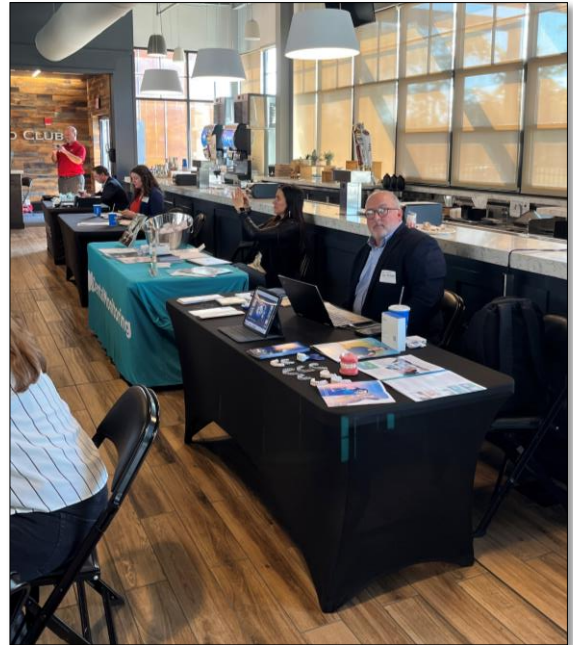
**Thank You to our Presenting Sponsor**



**Thank You, 2023 Exhibitors!**



*We truly appreciate our sponsors as the Annual Meeting would not be possible without their support. If you use any of them, please give them a special thanks!*





## DR. ROBERT A. ESCHER ENDOWED GRADUATE ORTHODONTICS SCHOLARSHIP

*Congratulations to this year's recipient, Dr. Heather Swinson!*

Established by Amy B. Farnsworth, DMD '92, Ortho '95 in 2014, this endowment provides scholarship support to a second year resident. The director of the Orthodontic Graduate Program, in conjunction with the department chair, recommends a candidate who has shown exemplary skill and performance during the first year of the program. The dean of the School of Dentistry makes the final selection for the scholarship.

### *Past Recipients*

2017 Evan Cox, DMD, MS  
2018 Caleb Reece, DMD, MS  
2019 Parker D. Haycock, DMD MS  
2020 Brenna Christensen, DMD, MS  
2021 Stephen Stotts, DMD, MS  
2022 Jansen Nash DMD, MS



*Dr. Swinson and Dr. Farnsworth*

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### ENDOWMENT/GIFT UPDATE

Endowment/ Gift Account	Book Value as of 8/31/23	Market Value as of 8/31/23	Balance as of 8/31/23
Johnson Endowment	\$1,042,821	\$1,090,922	
Resident Endowment	\$34,650	\$39,472	
Escher Scholarship	\$19,700	\$23,444	
Resident Gift Fund			\$67,567

- ❖ **Johnson Endowment:** Supports the recruitment and retention of a full-time faculty member.
- ❖ **Resident Endowment:** Supports professional development for Ortho residents.
- ❖ **Escher Scholarship:** Supports a scholarship for a second year Ortho resident.
- ❖ **Resident Gift Fund:** Supports professional development for Ortho residents.

*To learn more about how you can join in impacting dental education through your giving, please contact:*

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*Dr. Evan Harpster '21, Dr. Ariel Wong '20, Dr. Danielle Cianciolo '21*



*Dr. Bob Spiller '80, '90 & Dr. David Small '95*



*Dr. Toru Deguchi gives an update of the program*



*Dr. Jean-Anne Jenson '07, '10 & Dr. Ralph DeDomenico '74, '77*







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## 2024 AAO MEETINGS

**WINTER**  
CONFERENCE **2024**

EXCELLENCE IN THE DETAILS  
THE ART OF ORTHODONTIC FINISHING  
JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa | January 26-28

**2024**  
*New Orleans*

— † **MAY 3-6** † —  
Ernest N. Morial Convention Center

**Save the date for our alumni reception in NOLA!**

**Hilton Riverside New Orleans**

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**6:45-8:45 p.m. CT**

*Details to follow in the spring.*



## ALUMNI COUNCIL

Anyone having questions or wishing to join, please contact Dr. Bob Spiller at [spillfam@aol.com](mailto:spillfam@aol.com).

### *2024 Orthodontic Alumni Council*

Dr. Robert E. Spiller Jr. '80, '90	Chair
Dr. Lauren Renaud '18, '20	Vice Chair
Dr. Jacob H. Britt '21	1st Director & Secretary
Dr. Ariel B. Wong '20	2nd Director
<i>Vacant</i>	3rd Director
Dr. Carl D. Gioia '11, '13	Immediate Past Chair

### *Members:*

Dr. Raina S. Chandiramani '18	Dr. John K. Newcomb '07
Dr. Jared O. Dean '09	Dr. Krushan C. Patel '19
Dr. Ralph J. DeDomenico '74, '77	Dr. Danielle L. Periago '05, '07
Dr. Amy B. Farnsworth '92, '95	Dr. Carmen A. Quirk '17, '19
Dr. Eric W. Hickman '95	Dr. David C. Small '95
Dr. Scott Q. Little '85	Dr. Justin M. Trisler '12

Dr. Lane Steinhaus '24	<i>Resident Representative</i>
Dr. Brianna Bailey '25	<i>Resident Representative</i>

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## REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATIVE AND RECONSTRUCTIVE DENTISTRY

Highlights of the Advanced Education Program in Orthodontics include:

- Dr. Gudhimella was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure.
- We started a one-year internship program, welcoming Dr. Reza Morvaridi Farimani this fall.
- We are in the process of hiring a program director and junior faculty for the program.
- Planning for the residents to participate in the Tweed Course, SAO, and Moyers is underway.
- As this newsletter was being finalized, we completed our site visit from the Commission of Dental Accreditation (CODA).
- We received 230 applicants for the Class of 2026. Dr. Deguchi, Dr. Gudhimella, Dr. Spiller, Dr. Gioia and Dr. Renaud held interviews in October.

The residents are doing well, and first years have blended in nicely. They have attended GORP, KAO Meeting and the Alumni Council's Annual Meeting. Current 1st year residents and future alumni members:

- Dr. Brianna Bailey, Greenville, TN
- Dr. Sierra Burick, Kennesaw, GA
- Dr. Stella Kim, Columbus, OH
- Dr. Alec McDonald, Indianapolis, IN
- Dr. Amed Nagy, Columbus, OH
- Dr. Bradley Sanders, Columbia, SC

The Class of 2023 passed their ABO written exam with excellent scores and in addition completed their research projects which covered a wide array of topics.

We are pleased to report that we graduated yet another group of outstanding Orthodontic residents from our specialty program in June 2023. Congratulations to Class of 2023!

- Dr. Jessica De Rose, Tecumseh, Ontario, Canada
- Dr. Amine Fattal, Elkhart, Indiana
- Dr. Jansen Nash, Charleston, South Carolina
- Dr. Bhumika Patel, Macon, Georgia
- Dr. Logan Wedding, Evansville, Indiana
- Dr. Laura Yunatan Kline, Atlanta Georgia

Thank you to all ULSD alumni who donated to our new chairs and thank all alumni for their continued support to the Division of Orthodontics at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. Your generous support helps us to be the best Orthodontic program and to educate outstanding future board-certified orthodontists.

Sincerely,



Toru Deguchi, DDS, MSD, PhD  
 Professor, Orthodontics  
 Interim Program Director  
 Chair, Department of Rehabilitative and Reconstructive Dentistry  
 Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics

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## RESIDENT REPORT

All of the residents are incredibly appreciative of the vast alumni support, and we are grateful to be a part of such a strong community. Everyone has always spoken so highly of the UofL Orthodontic alumni, and I am thrilled to say the support we have all felt has exceeded our expectations.



This support has been felt financially, in the form of new clinic chairs that we thoroughly enjoy on a daily basis, covering the cost of our written boards' exam, and supporting the many meetings we have the opportunity to attend including GORP, KAO, UofL Annual Meeting, AAO, and the most recently added, Tweed. We look forward to learning, networking, and making unforgettable memories at each one.

Additionally, we have felt immense support for our program in the form of donated time and knowledge from our incredible faculty, guest lecturers, and many who have allowed our residents to shadow their offices. This has provided us the opportunity to learn so many perspectives in business, clear aligners, employment transitions, treatment planning, and to make stronger connections with our alumni.



*Residents at GORP*



*Current residents at AAO.*

We are all so grateful to each one of you. During our time in residency, we have all learned so much, formed relationships with incredible mentors, and made lifelong friends and colleagues, and we cannot wait to join you as alumni in the coming years.

*Dr. Lane Steinhaus '24*

We would also love to invite any other alumni to reach out if you are interested in doing a lecture to share knowledge that you have gained beyond your residency years. Please reach out to our resident council representatives, Lane Steinhaus ([lane.steinhaus@louisville.edu](mailto:lane.steinhaus@louisville.edu)) or Brianna Bailey ([brianna.bailey.1@louisville.edu](mailto:brianna.bailey.1@louisville.edu)) if you are interested. Also, follow the UofL Orthodontic Instagram page if you would like to see updates in the department. Our page is @uoflortho.



*Graduation 2023*