Message - Department Chair

Vineet Dhar

Dear Alumni and Friends of Orthodontics,

Greetings from Baltimore

It has been my honor to take over as the permanent chair of the Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry starting July 1, 2018. All faculty, staff, and residents continue to be inspired by excellence and it has been quite a busy year for the department at University of Maryland. This year we established a five-year strategic plan that identifies metrics to evaluate our progress in areas patient care, public service, education, research, global engagement, leadership, collaborations, and financial stewardship. We hope for pre-eminence and recognition in all these areas at national and international levels. Another major milestone includes successful completion of the CODA site visit for both post-doctoral and pre-doctoral program. Kudos to Drs. Bosio and Schneider who excelled in their roles as program directors! Also, please join me in congratulating Dr. Schneider for her well-deserved promotion to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor. With Dr. Bosio named as the division chief, we have a positive environment conducive for steady growth at the department level.

In this newsletter, you will get a glimpse of some main events and achievements of our department. Your continuous support is key to sustain the tradition of excellence at Maryland. Your contributions impact the learning experience of the residents and encourage faculty to do their best. We are all very thankful for all that you do and look forward to your continued support.

Please keep in touch by e-mail – vdhar@umaryland.edu.
Sincerely, Vineet

This issue featuring our Staff:

I asked her to give me some info about herself, this is what I got:
I AM BUILT FORD TOUGH
I AM A VERY SUPPORTIVE PERSON
I AM THANKFUL FOR LIFE
I AM LOVED
You’re truly loved around here, Raykeisha. Thank you for your services.

Kristen Revty has been working at the School of Dentistry Dept of Orthodontics since 2010. She graduated from Salisbury University in 2008 with my Bachelor of Science in Biology. In her free time she enjoys rock crawling with her Jeep at off-road parks and teaching others how to do the same. And she has an 8 year old Black Lab named Brutis her best friend!

Debbie Thalwitzer, was hired at University of Maryland School of Dentistry on February 2007. She started as Program Assistant of the Orthodontic Department. Before starting with UMSOD, she worked as a Consumer Loan Officer at the Federal Savings bank for 18 years. Keep up the good work Debbie.
Ortho Division Scientific Activity

Our department is pushing on research. To be world wide recognized, we need to produce and publish new science. Along with clinical education commitment, our department is also focusing on research. Full-time faculty are committed to place more effort in publishing Master thesis and other research findings. We want you to be proud of your institution, and by the science we create. We are requesting our residents to publish an abstract during the AAO meeting in L.A., More to come.

NEW iTERO SCANNER.

Due to the generosity of faculty members, mostly part-time and deans faculty, money was collected and donated for the purchase of one iTero Element 2 intraoral scanner. The second scanner was donated by the technological fund from UMSOD. We need to purchase a printer, and your donation will help us in that endeavor. The department needs your help. So, please, please donate to the links down below.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Ortho General Fund

Ortho Post-Graduate Fund

Ortho Alumnii & Friends Professorship

Dean’s Innovation Fund
https://dental-umaryland.givecorps.com/causes/524-dean-s-funds

Ortho Alumni & Friends Professorship

Dr. Aleisa and enjoy your staying.

Tammy Lightfoot was borned and raised in Baltimore city, and she is a mom of two children, and she has one grandson. Tammy has been in the dental field for more than 20 years, and she enjoys going out to eat, listening to music and swimming. Thank you Tammy for helping our residents.

Lisa McQuaige has spent her last 27 years of working life in our Dental School, and started in the ortho division, under the guidance of Dr. Stuart Josell, in 2003. Lisa shares her love for the ortho department with the greatest gift of her life, her son, who gave her the true joy, her thee beautiful grandchildren. Thank you Lisa for serving ortho for so long.

Amy Revty is our patient care coordinator. She is married to Jim for 32 years. She has been a Dental Assistant for 25 years, and has worked for the UMSOD since 2001. In the Ortho Dept, she has worked since 2006. Amy enjoys boating, fishing, Inshore and Offshore, Jeep-Offroad related events, Traveling and spending time with Friends and Family. Thank you Amy

Anita Warrington has been an employee at UMSOD, since October 2002. With a background, in Accounting, her initial position was at the Central Material Services (CMS). Then she accented to be Collection Specialist for all ASE department, and then the Account Specialist. Anita evolved to become Business Manager then to Office Manager for the ASE Departments of Orthodontics, Pediatrics, and Undergrad. Thank you Anita for taking care of our clinic money.

Denisha Williams has been with the school since October 2003. First in faculty practice then transferred to the orthodontic in 2008. She truly found a carrier that she bloomed into as she watches residents grow. Denisha reminds herself all the time that every situation in life is temporary, so when it’s good enjoy it, when it’s bad, chin up better days will come. Thank you Denisha

Tammy Lightfoot

Shanice Matthews is a newly wed with an 12 year old son name Tyion. She has been an ortho assistant for 4 years. Before becoming part of the University family she was back and forth between being a dental assistant and ortho assistant. Dentistry has always been something she has enjoyed doing. She loves what she does and helping residents to build their confidence. Keep smiling Shanice.

2018 International Visiting Scholar

Dr. Fahad Aleisa was born in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He earned his BDS from King Saud University in 2011. He worked in Prince Sultan Military Hospital between 2012-2013, and became faculty in the Orthodontics Department at Al-Majmmah University from 2013 until now. In 2017 he got his Master Degree of Science in Clinical research from New York University, and has joint the program at UMSOD. Welcome Dr. Aleisa and enjoy your staying.

Drs. Steven Siegel, Thomas Cangialosi (honoree) and Dr. Bosio at the 2017 ABO Thomas Cangialosi Symposium in November, in St. Louis. Dr. Siegel lectured about the changes for CODA accreditation to more than 100 US and Canada Orthodontic Educators.

Dr. Park and his orthodontic mock site visit, sided by Dr. Schneider and Dr. Bosio. Our program prepared well for Coda Site visit and passed with no recommendations.

End of the year celebration for the Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry.

A big thank you goes to Dr. James Tong, who put it together the composite figure from the Fall Maryland Connection Bulletin.

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Holyday season celebration. Almost everyone had their season sweater.

Dr. Nobrega, sided by Drs. Jones, Stappert and Bosio after his lecture on self ligating brackets and CCO. 10/03