



Greetings from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD) Orthodontic Division,



Pictured above was graduation on June 30, 2023.

I want to start by thanking everyone who supported our program in 2023. We had great achievements that I am delighted to share with you.

From the residents' side, our 1st-year students (**Elisabeth Crowe, DDS '22, Jessica Jiang, DDS '22, Justin Mack, and Iman Shirmohammadi, DDS '23**) started strong, and enjoying the basic science and clinical courses during the summer. Their typodont course was reformulated with many new wire bending exercises. Thus far they have been assigned nearly 50 new patients each, and the list of assignments is growing. They had the opportunity to attend the GORP meeting in Ann Arbor and the MASO meeting at the National Harbor this year, and the travel expenses were supported by our division.

Our 2nd-year students (**Alicia Briscoe, DDS '22, Christina Grace, Tri Le, DDS '22, Steven Zinn**) started working on their master thesis research projects, while managing the heavy load of transferred patients. Most of the residents are now working on completing their IRB and/or starting to collect the data for their thesis, and studying for the ABO written examination in April 2024.

All 3rd-year residents (**Kevin Barnes, DDS '21, Lindsay Diaz, DDS '21, Vicente Telles da Silva, Emily Wu**) are working to finish their master thesis research. They all passed their ABO written examination, with good grades. **Kevin Barnes '21, Tri Le '22** and **Christina Grace** will attend the AAO New and Younger Members in San Antonio, TX; while **Lindsay** will attend the Advocacy meeting in Washington, DC next February/24 representing MASO.



Pictured above is all of our current orthodontic residents.

In October, we held our orthodontic interview process, having as interviewers: Drs. **Fred Preis, Saul Burk '72, Flavio Copello, Lindsay Diaz '21, and Kevin Barnes '21**, all residents and myself. And we are happy to report that our 2027 graduating class will be: **Anjali Patel (UMSOD/24), Rebecca Steinfeld (COLUMBIA/23), Shannan J. Walker (UofColorado/19), and Tori A. Wallace (UMSOD/24).**



Our full-time faculty were busy too. **Dina Sanchez** manages the undergraduate program as the director, with great positive changes. **Flavio Copello** continues directing the undergraduate course ORTH538, and co-directs the Biomechanics course. He also created an Aligner course for dental students which is under revision, published two papers, and submitted two new grants, one to AAOF and another to Colgate. **Maria Doughan** received a grant from AAOF to attend the Academy of Academic Leadership Training at ADEA, she also co-directs the Biomechanics course, and the Clerks program, and she created a new course to evaluate patients being treated for longer than expected time. **Eung Pae** has submitted one NIH grant and continues lecturing in a few orthodontic courses.

Pictured above are our 2023 graduates, Drs. Jeremy Dock, Sabrina Dorfmann, Katie Garrett McCormick, David Greene.

And I was busy myself reviewing manuscripts (15) for many journals, chairing the AAO-COSA, and reviewing 75 abstracts for the 2024 AAO poster presentations, and 19 excellent manuscripts to help selecting the 2024 Hellman, Sicher, and Graber awards. I was also honored by having one papers published (JWFO), and two reports besides given four national and international in-person and online presentations in this last semester. I was honored by being elected to serve as MASO director for the next 6 years. Indeed, a busy last six months.



Dr. Dock and his co-authors receiving the 2023 MASO Kress Award are pictured above.

Our part-time faculty also made us very proud. **Steven Siegel** continues to serve as AAO Secretary-Treasurer and works on many different fronts. **Saul Burk, DDS '72**, continued to push the endowment fund he created in honor of Dr. Wanda Flinn, now matching up to \$10,000 any donation given to the fund. **David Harmon** completed his MASO president term and presided over the MASO meeting at the National Harbor. His soft tissue lecture was one of the best of the meeting. **Viney Saini** became an ABO examiner, **Ty Saini** continues to serve as chair of the MASO Nominating Committee and as AAO delegate, working behind the scenes along with **Chris Liang, DDS '98**, to bring together MSDA and MSSO to fight for better conditions for orthodontists. **Scott Jenkins, DDS '92, Ortho '97**, continues to serve as the vice-president of the North Atlantic Angle Society of Orthodontists. We lost two part-time faculty, Drs. **Gordon Groisser** (focusing on his private practice) and **Farnaz Younessian** (moved to CA). However, Drs. **Erin Mahoney '13** and **Richard Chang** joined our team as Clinical Instructors. Drs. **Byron Bonebreak, Monica Schneider, Jeff Jarvis '97 and '04**, and **Stephen Tigani '92, Stuart Sheer '82** continue supporting our program with their clinical supervision. **Phil Markin, DDS '66, Fred Preis, Jeff Posnick, and James Tong, DDS, Peds '97** continue lecturing to our students.

THANK YOU ALL.

We wish everyone a very happy year of 2024.

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Dear Alumni & Friends,

As leaders in orthodontics, the University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD) Orthodontics Division strives to be at the forefront of innovation in education, research, and patient care. Under the guidance of Dr. Bosio, our division continues to make an impact locally, nationally, and globally.

I am proud to share that this past year brought many accomplishments across teaching, service, research, and leadership. As we move forward, we will ensure our actions align with UMSOD's mission and UMB's core values. I congratulate all faculty, staff, and residents for their role in our shared success. Most importantly, I thank you for your unwavering support.

The achievements of our alumni and faculty are far-reaching and praiseworthy. From providing excellent clinical care to being recognized by renowned organizations like the AAO, ABO, and MASO, your daily contributions make a meaningful difference.

To sustain our tradition of excellence, we rely on the generosity of alumni and friends like you. I encourage you to visit our [website](#) and consider contributing to the Orthodontics Division. One hundred percent of your gift directly supports our residency program, faculty development, and other key initiatives. We deeply appreciate all you do for UMSOD and look forward to your ongoing partnership. Please keep in touch!

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