

KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Highlights of a number of activities in the Division of Orthodontics at the University of Louisville during the 2012-2013 academic year:

As we begin another year, it is time to recap some important activities and achievements of our programs, faculty, staff, and students. I am pleased to report that we graduated yet another group of extraordinary Orthodontic and Pediatric Dentistry residents in both programs in June of 2013.

The academic year 2013 was productive and successful for the ULSD Department of Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry and Special Care. The two key elements that have been nurtured and continue to grow is our commitment to improve the quality of education that is provided to our residents and undergraduate students, while enhancing the dental services administered to our patients. New faculty recruitment, expansion of educational programs for the clinic and further development of the research components of all specialties within the Department continue to be major focal points for the long term.

Highlights:

1. Faculty Recruitment

One of our major accomplishments this year was the recruitment of **Dr. Hector Martinez-Menchaca** to our ranks in the Division of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Martinez comes to us from the Universidad de Monterrey, Monterrey-Mexico, where he has been well established as a Professor of Pediatric Dentistry and a leader in dental education in Central America. He received his DDS from the Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and continued his dental education with a fellowship in Implant Dentistry in 2003. He also completed training in Pediatric Dentistry and received an MS in Dental Research from Tufts University School of Dentistry in 2008. Dr. Martinez-Menchaca completed another Fellowship in Clinical Research from the Instituto Tecnologico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey in Mexico and a Negotiation Fellowship from UDEM-Harvard Business, both in 2011. Dr. Martinez will join us later this year.

2. Education Programs and Outcomes

All ULSD orthodontic residents successfully completed Phase II of the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) Written Examination, as well as completing their research project covering a wide array of topics in Orthodontics. The Class of 2013 was the 40th graduating class from our program; they were a notable class that will be missed and we are all very proud of them.

The following is a list of the graduates:

Dr. Sethil N. Arun

Dr. Brian L. Beckstrom

Dr. Carl D. Gioia

Dr. Justin D. Jay

Dr. Andrew C. Marshall

Dr. Justin R. Wild

The graduation for the Orthodontic Class of 2013 was held at Hurstbourne Country Club, with a keynote address to the graduates and their families given by the the President of the UofL Orthodontic Alumni Association, Dr. Dan German (Class 1984). Dr. German's speech was eloquent and inspirational regarding what a tremendous privilege it is to be part of the Orthodontic profession and the responsibilities that we as providers have to our patients and the community. He emphasized integrity and professional conduct as essential ingredients for their future success.

We have had several consultants lecture to our residents and alumni during 2012-2013: Dr. Jack Fisher on "TADs"; Dr. Steve Lindauer, Orthodontic Chairman of Virginia Commonwealth University gave a course on "*Advanced Orthodontic Biomechanics*" in April of this year; Dr. Tung Thanh Nguyen, Assistant Professor of the University of North Carolina, visited our Program in May of this year and presented a seminar on his recent studies in the field of CBCT scan "*Three-dimensional assessment of maxillary changes associated with bone-anchored maxillary protraction*"; the Division of Orthodontics had the pleasure to host Dr. Bartlomiej W. Loster, Head of the Orthodontic Department and Dean of Jagiellonian University from Krakow, Poland to study a possibility of cultural exchange and research collaboration. Dr. Loster lectured on "*the Cannon Appliance System from Jagiellonian University*".

The UL Department of Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry and Special Care is in the process of expanding our pediatric dental services to other areas of the city conjunction with the UL School of Medicine-Department of Pediatrics and Kosair Charities by the establishment of a Pediatric Dental Clinic located in their new facility on Eastern Parkway. In the future our orthodontic residents will be participating by providing screenings to patients at this location.

3. UofL Orthodontic Alumni Association 2012-2013 Activities

The UofL Orthodontic Alumni Association met on August 23, 2012. The meeting included a tour led by **Dean John Sauk** of the new facilities; a Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Dr. Robert A. Escher (Class of 1976)** for his many years of teaching and mentoring of our past Orthodontic Residents. At the event, an election of new Board Members was conducted and the following were elected: **Dr. Justin M. Trisler (Class of 2012)** and **Dr. Damon W. DeArment (Class of 1996)**. Alumni President **Dr. Daniel S. German (Class of 1987)** and a member of the Board of Directors, **Dr. Anthony W. Savage (Class of 1984)** lectured that evening as part of the continuing education program for the annual meeting.

In October of 2013 the Alumni Association will be bringing Dr. Mark Yanosky, a highly-regarded orthodontist and educator, to be a guest speaker on Friday October 25th and is open to all orthodontists.

Dr. Yanosky's topic will be "Choices and Challenges in the Treatment of Adolescent Patients Missing Anterior Teeth: Implants, Dental Substitution, Restorations and Tooth Autotransplantation."

This event will also include a day at Keeneland for fun and fellowship at the racetrack and a dinner at Claudia Sanders Dinner House in Simpsonville, Kentucky on the day prior, October the 24th