Thank you everyone for your continued support and contributions to the Indiana Orthodontic Alumni Association. These contributions make it possible for the Alumni Association to help the IU Orthodontic Department and the residents. We sponsor several events throughout the year including the graduation banquet and annual meeting, as well as helping the department and residents with some financial assistance.

Once again, we partnered with the IAO and sponsored a combined annual meeting. This year’s presenter was Dr. Maurice A. Salama, The Key Role of Orthodontics and Periodontics in the Treatment of the Advanced Periodontal Patient. Thank you to all of those that attended the meeting. Special thanks to Dr. Aron Dellinger for his organization of a great meeting.

This year we will be paying for the residents to attend the annual AAO meeting in Washington, DC. Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the “Adopt A Resident” program. Your sponsorship helps to cover the cost of travel expenses for the residents to attend the AAO. The residents will be involved with the alumni suite, giving them a great opportunity to interact with the alumni. This will help boost moral and help with future support of the program. Our goal is to have a more active and cohesive alumni association.

We are all excited to continue the tradition of hosting the alumni suite at the AAO meeting. The IUOAA will have a suite in the Grand Hyatt Washington. The suite will be open to alumni, family, and friends wishing to catch up on Saturday, May 1st and Sunday, May 2nd from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Light snacks will be available on Saturday and heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served on Sunday night. Invitations were mailed to all alumni in early April. We hope to see everyone there; it is a great time to meet up with friends!

Another upcoming event is the graduation banquet. It will be held on Friday, July 9th, at the Woodstock Club. Your attendance is a great way to show your support to the graduating residents and the faculty.

We would like to also ask you to consider contributing to the capital campaign fund, The James Baldwin Chair in Orthodontics. Dr. Baldwin has contributed not only to Indiana University’s orthodontic program but to the profession in general over the years. Your continued support allows for a top quality orthodontic program at Indiana. Alumni donations will continue to make this possible.

Thank you to Karen Jones, immediate past-president Dr. Jason Bunch, and the entire Alumni Association Board for all the assistance they have given me during my time as president of the IUOAA. Please feel free to contact me with comments or suggestions regarding our association. Thank you.
A Focus on Tim Alford
by Rich Schneider

When Dr. Tim Alford graduated from the IU School of Dentistry in 1982, he had a plan. His plan was to raise a family, practice dentistry in Madison County, and retire at the age of 55.

Dr. Alford has followed most of that plan. He has three children, now ages 27, 26, and 24 and he has practiced dentistry in the Anderson area since graduating from dental school but don’t expect him to retire from his practice when he turns 55.

The retirement part of the plan has changed. The change came when he made the single, biggest decision of his life: Returning to IUSD’s graduate program in Orthodontics.

Dr. Alford moved with his family to Rushville, IN, from Minnesota when he was 15. He majored in chemistry as an undergraduate at Butler University. When he graduated from Butler in 1978, he considered several other opportunities, including pursuing a graduate degree in chemistry.

His primary interest was health care. He thought about following in the footsteps of his brother, a physician. However, dentistry seemed to be the best match for his professional and personal goals. He knew that physicians routinely worked 80 or more hours a week and he was concerned that being away from home that much would make it difficult to raise a family.

“Dentistry was in the health care field and it afforded me the family life I desired,” Alford said.

After graduating from the School of Dentistry in 1982, Dr. Alford settled into a family dentistry practice in Frankton, IN. He practiced general dentistry for nine years. In 1991, Dr. Alford returned to school fulltime at IUSD in the graduate Orthodontic Residency Program. He completed the two-year program in 1993. His attitude about his work has not been the same since.

“I had a nice practice,” Dr. Alford said. “But the general dentistry patients I had and the ones I have now are different. Their attitudes about the care I provide are polar opposite. In general dentistry,” he continued, “you are treating problems that are essentially caused by benign neglect. That is not the cause of every problem, but you shouldn’t get decay if your teeth are cleaned meticulously. General dentistry patients, he notes, “are there because they have to be, while orthodontic patients are there because they want to be. People appreciate good dentistry, but they never say, ‘thank you,’ for a root canal. Orthodontic patients, on the other hand, ‘thank you every day for making their teeth look better and function better. It’s just a different atmosphere. And most of our patients are kids and I like interacting with kids.”

It was while Dr. Alford was in the orthodontic program that a friend and fellow IUSD graduate, Dr. Mark Fulton, asked Dr. Alford to accompany him on a medical mission trip to Haiti. Although he wanted to go, he was in the middle of his residency program and had to decline. When his residency program ended, Dr. Alford was set to accompany Dr. Fulton on another trip to Haiti when it was cancelled as the U.S. Marines landed to restore President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to office. Dr. Alford and his wife finally made it to Haiti in 1996 and quickly fell in love with the country and its people. “Haiti is where our hearts are.”

In the last 14 years, the Alfords have made approximately 40 trips to Haiti. They have brought several children from Haiti back to the US on medical visas. Most of the children have resided in their home in Madison County after undergoing surgery at area hospitals to address life-threatening conditions.

The Alfords also joined a number of other people to start a scholarship program for Haitian children. Haitian children must pay to attend private schools in their homeland. “If you don’t have a job in Haiti you can’t send your child to school because all of the schools are private and families must pay for the children’s education. Education is so important,” he said. “Our goal is to help educate the children so they can turn their country around.”

In addition, they have supported Mission Haiti Midwest. MHM has built a hospital that provides much needed medical care to the citizens surrounding St. Ard, Haiti.

While the milestone he once thought might mark his retirement happens next year, thoughts of the retirement are gone. “I used to think when I got out dental school that I would retire at 55,” Dr. Alford said “But what I do now is just so gratifying and I have no plans to retire. I can keep going for a long time and enjoy it.”

ADOPT-A-RESIDENT DONORS

A special thanks to Larry Ellis and Michelle Wittler who have donated to the Adopt-A-Resident Program for 2010. The donations are used to send all residents to the AAO Annual Session in Washington, DC. The donation to Adopt-A-Resident is $1000. You may also split the cost with another alumni member. If you are interested in donating to Adopt-A-Resident, please email Karen Jones at kdeery@iupui.edu or call at 317-274-8959.
Ryan Brown
Indiana University
Ryan is a 2006 graduate of IUSD. He comes with experience from the Oral Surgery program and high recommendations from Dr. Bennett, the current Chair of Oral Surgery & Hospital Dentistry.

Tyler Coles
Creighton University
Tyler joins us from his recent Orthodontic Fellowship at the University of Kentucky under Dr. Hartsfield’s stewardship. He is Dustin Coles’ (’06) brother.

Mahya Farnia
University of Las Vegas
Mahya is currently finishing her DMD training at UNLV. She was born in Los Angeles, CA, spent her childhood in Tehran, Iran, and moved back to San Jose, CA in her late teens.

Vincent Hansen
Temple University
Vincent is completing his DDS training from Temple University. He is the son of Dr. Niles Hansen, a general dentist in the Indianapolis area.

V. Wallace “Wally” McCarlie
Wally is currently finishing his PhD work at IU. Dr. Richard Gregory has been his mentor along with Dr. Hartsfield.

Nitika Mittal
Virginia Commonwealth University
Nitika joins us from VCU, were she is completing for her DDS. She is originally from Fairfax, VA and will be the first orthodontist in her family.

Stephen Powell
Indiana University
Stephen is a native of La Porte, Indiana and current IUSD 4th year. He has spent plenty of time in the orthodontic undergrad clinic and assisting Dr. Hohlt in his private practice. He was awarded first place in IUSD research.
had no qualms stepping in and covering Dr. Kula's Tuesday afternoon clinics while she was out.

Ari Torres-Gorena, an IUSD Ortho alumna, took charge of several courses and was working on her orthodontic clinical boards as well as educational research.

Ahmed Ghoneima joined us from Egypt where he was on the faculty at the Al-Azhar University Faculty of Dental Medicine, Cairo. He completed his orthodontic training and recently finished his PhD with Jim Hartsfield as one of his mentors in Egypt. He also presented his research at the 2009 AAO meeting and will be at this year's annual meeting as well.

Sean Liu received several IUSD and IUPUI grants as both principal investigator and co-investigator as well as multiple grants from companies for his research. He received one of the AAOF Faculty First Awards this year. He was invited to speak at the Orthodontics Department, Taipei Medical University, Taipei, Taiwan and at Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, Texas. He also presented his research at the IADR/AADR meeting in Miami. His professional development includes becoming councilor for the Indiana Section of the American Association for Dental Research and reviewing manuscripts for the American Journal of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics and for Lab Animal. Sean now has his teaching license and, in addition to teaching several research courses, also covers clinic.

In addition to his involvement in multiple courses and clinics, Kelton Stewart recently started his private practice in Indianapolis. He also received one of the AAOF Fulltime Faculty Teaching Awards. He assisted Vanessa Parris-Singh with her research during an Indiana University School of Dentistry Service Learning Trip to Pimienta, Honduras (despite the coup d’etat!). Kelton did an admirable job as acting chair while Katherine Kula was speaking in at the World Edgewise Orthodontic Congress in China and out on medical leave. He was also co-investigator on an IU research award.

Tom Katona mentored the research of Rodrigo Viecilli, the recipient of the 2009 Milo Hellman award. Tom is a reviewer for Angle Orthodontist and American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. He is also active as a mentor for numerous orthodontic and mechanical engineering students. Tom continues to strengthen our curriculum by providing residents with a sound foundation of biomechanics.

In addition to being a co-investigator on Jie Chen’s grant, Serkis Isikbay and a 4th year dental student received an IUSD grant award for “Survey of the perceived importance of tasks delegated to dental assistants in orthodontic offices in Indiana.” He was also engaged as President-elect with the Indiana University Orthodontic Alumni Association.

Irina Leyvand was active in her numerous duties as a pre-doctoral problem based learning instructor and served on the DDS and Graduate Orthodontic Admissions Committees. She was treasurer of INAADR and did a fine job of recruiting new members.

In addition to her duties as chair and program director, Katherine Kula was an invited speaker in Korea and China at the 5th World Edgewise Orthodontic Congress. This year, she received the Joseph R. and Louise Jarabak Endowed Professorship. She participated as co-investigator with Jie Chen on his NIH grants for $699,975 NIDCR-STTR-Phase II entitled Development of force-based orthodontic appliance and $1,264,976 (Total Cost) NIH-NIDCR - 1 R01 DE018668-01A2 on Comparison of orthodontic treatment strategies. She mentored both Sean Liu and Kelton Stewart on their AAO fellowships. She was also a reviewer for Angle Orthodontist and the King Saud University Journal of Dental Sciences as well as on their advisory board. She is now up and running after severe complications to a routine surgical procedure. Unfortunately, this happened immediately following the GLAO meeting in Toronto.

The staff remain upbeat in morale despite the unknown state of fiscal affairs in the State. Gayle Massa remains a key fixture of the program and the new first-year class have quickly learned to depend on her. As a testament of Gayle’s impact on the program, a Staff Awards Committee within the department recently created the Gayle Massa Award to recognize outstanding staff contributions to the Orthodontic Program. The 2010 inaugural recipients are Gayle Massa and Shane Hatchett.

Assisting Gayle in clinic coordination is Kathy Gottman who now oversees the craniofacial anomalies patients to ensure they receive the detailed care they need. Our other dental assistants continue to grow into their positions and bolster our residents’ educational experience. In general, the staff have really come together to form a cohesive group to deal with the challenges we currently face. All of their efforts are appreciated and we couldn’t do it without them.

The faculty and residents are looking forward to meeting alumni, family and friends at the Indiana University Orthodontic Alumni Hospitality Suite at the 2010 Annual American Association of Orthodontics Meeting. The suite will be open from 5:00 to 11:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Come on down!

Publications:

Liu SS, Buschang PH. Adolescent eruption is related to inferior growth displacements of the mandible. submitted, American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics

Liu SS, Kyung KM, Buschang PH. Continuous forces are more effective than intermittent forces in expanding sutures. European Journal of Orthodontics. Advance Access published online on January 6, 2010
Class Notes

Karl Glander said “as of 1/4/10 we will be in new facility shared with Phil Montefalco at 8445 S. Emerson Avenue, Indpls. 46237.”

Don Wilkins retired in April 2009 and is enjoying retirement.

Donald Tillmanns said “I retired August 2008. My wife, Sally, and I, now enjoy traveling and visiting our three children and our seven grandchildren.

Thank you to the New Life Members

Kevin Jarrell

Gregory Johnson

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Detterline D, Isikbay S, Brizendine E, Kula K. Comparison between clinical outcomes of 0.018-inch and 0.022-inch bracket slot size using the ABO Objective Grading System. In press, Angle Orthod.

Class of 2009 Graduation


2009 Chief Resident David Detterline giving remarks.

Dean Goldblatt receives instruction from Chip Rigsbee.

Orthodontic faculty and staff enjoying the evening.
Dinner and Other Photos

Laura Parrish, 2010 Chief Resident Brandon Parrish, Vanessa Parris-Singh, and Amul Singh

Lesley and John Kizior with the Young family.

Stephanie Dougherty, Kelton Stewart, and Cathy Kroczek at the Arbuckle Golf Outing.

Courtney Gorman with Vicki Sinclair in the clinic.
**Profile on Class of 1985 Graduates**

*Dr. David Clark* said “Bobbi and I have now celebrated 28 years of marriage. Kaitlyn (age 23) graduated in 2008 from Indiana University (B.A.) with a double major in Art History and Studio Art. She is currently attending Herron School of Art working on a B.F.A. degree and eventually hopes to attend graduate school. Molly (age 21) is a senior at Western Kentucky University majoring in Elementary Education. Jenna (age 18) is a senior in high school. She plans to attend Marian University and major in nursing.

In 1985, I opened my primary practice in Shelbyville, IN, where I continue to practice. In 1996, I began part-time practice with my father, Dr. R. Joseph Clark, in Seymour, IN.” He also said he was an “Assistant Professor, Department of Orthodontics, Indiana University School of Dentistry, instructing in both the undergraduate and graduate programs from 1986 to 1996.” In addition, Dr. Clark “participated as a Board Member/Secretary, Vice President and President of both the Indiana Association of Orthodontists and Indiana University Orthodontic Alumni Association.”

He has been “actively involved in my church, serving many roles and offices, including teaching Sunday school for the last 14 years to our third through fifth graders. Twelve year Board of Director Member for the Shelby County United Fund and have also served as Professional Division Chairman, Fund Drive Chairman, Vice President, and President of the Board.”

*Dr. Jim Lipinski* wrote “I am single. Never married. No children. I am the senior partner of Deerwood Orthodontics. We have eight orthodontists in our group. They are graduates of the University of Iowa, Minnesota, Marquette, Illinois, Northwestern, and Oklahoma. We currently have fourteen offices in the state of Wisconsin. A good portion of my time is spent mentoring the younger orthodontists in our group. I still can impress the new doctors by bending base arches, half-Baldwin and full-Baldwin space closing archwires.

I am a member of all the local, state, and national dental and orthodontic societies.

In my spare time, I enjoy building furniture for family and friends. Woodworking has been my hobby for the past twenty years and I still have all ten of my fingers.

My community involvement includes aiding and supporting one of the homeless shelters in the Milwaukee area and a Catholic Ministry that works with the developmentally disabled. Some of my woodworking projects have been auctioned off for charity as well.”

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**Mark Your Calendar**

2010 Indiana University Orthodontic Alumni Suite at the AAO Session in Washington, D.C.

We hope you can join us in the Indiana University Orthodontic Alumni Suite during the AAO Session in Washington, D.C. Our alumni suite will be open on Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2, from 5:00-11:00 p.m. at the Grand Hyatt Washington Downtown, 1000 H Street. On Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. a special program will be held that includes an update on the Orthodontic Program and introduction of all orthodontic residents. The usual fun, food, beverages, and friends will be on hand. We hope you will plan to attend.
Profile on Gayle Massa

by Rich Schneider

If you look at the organizational chart for the Orthodontics Department in the Indiana University School of Dentistry, you won’t see a position identified as Mom.

But unofficially, that is the title of Gayle Massa, the clinical administrator of the Orthodontics Department.

Just look behind her desk and chair – which orthodontic residents purchased for her. There is a wall of photographs and Christmas and birthday cards sent from orthodontic residents from years past who continue to stay in touch with her. She is as proud of those photos and message as any parent who carries a wallet full of photos of their children.

“They more or less consider me Mom,” Gayle said. “I’m there for the residents to talk to and help out. They can cry on my shoulder if they need to.”

She knows from experience that the two year program is intense for residents. “I help them as much as I can. I am a friendly person who cares about them. I’m just there for them. It is nice to know I may have helped get them through difficult times here and played a part to get them were they are in life.”

Her role as a Mom to residents never crossed her mind when she went to work in the department 37 years ago.

In fact, when she started in August 1972, the dental assisting job was a temporary one. She was filling in for a woman who was on maternity leave.

Gayle had recently graduated from dental assisting school. The dental assisting students came to the dentistry school during their second semester. As they were touring the dental school, one of the orthodontic faculty asked if any of the dental assisting students were interested in Orthodontics. Gayle, who “didn’t like blood and stuff like that,” raised her hand, thinking it sounded interesting. As a result, she got to spend more time in that department.

Upon graduation, an orthodontic faculty member hired her to work in his private office as a laboratory technician. “But I just wasn’t cut out for that kind of work, and he helped me get the position in the Orthodontics department.”

When she started, there was a secretary, a front office staff person, and Gayle, working as the dental assistant in the department. The department has six dental chairs for patients. Today, Gayle oversees a staff of five assistants, four front office staff and a laboratory technician. There are 24 chairs in the Orthodontics clinic, four times as many as when she started.

During her first nine years on the job, Gayle was the only dental assistant working in the department. The patient load wasn’t as heavy then as it is now and the students did a lot of their own work and booked their own appointments, she noted.

Today, there are 14 residents in the program, seven first year and seven second year students, with second year residents averaging about 95 patients, while first year residents average about 45 patients.

“I enjoy working with the residents,” she continued. Although Gayle hasn’t worked chair-side for years, she still enjoys seeing how happy patients are when they get their braces off. “It just changes their facial look and attitude.”

When she started, Gayle said, she was younger than the residents. “Now, I’m old enough to be their mother. In fact, she has had three residents whose fathers were orthodontic residents she had worked with.

“I’m waiting on the third generation, although I’m not sure I will make it.”

At the end of the day, Gayle is thankful to the faculty who coached and mentored her over the years. “Without them,” she says, “this wouldn’t have been possible.”
2009 Boston AAO Alumni Suite

We had a great two day suite in Boston. Here are some of the pictures from our weekend.

(A special thanks to Catherine Kroczek for providing some of the photos).

Andy Hayes, Rodrigo Viecilli, IUOAA
President Jason Bunch,
Past President Mark Rosenthal

Stephanie Dougherty, Rebecca Ortenzio, Jim Baldwin, Laura Parrish, and Kathy Kroczek

Jill Wieman, Stephanie Dougherty, Vanessa Parris, and Cathy Kroczek
Another year has passed and the orthodontic residents are extremely excited about what lies ahead. For the 2nd years, our careers are at our fingertips with the promise of finally becoming independent professionals while the 1st years will be taking the reigns as new students arrive. We are very pleased with the incoming class and know that they will represent the program well as the orthodontic clinic continues to evolve.

Throughout the 2nd year, the residents have had a full plate with research, study and clinic. We are striving to finish the program’s requirements while searching for a future opportunity. While the economy has affected our available options, all of our graduating residents are professional, knowledgeable, and will be fantastic additions to any office.

The ABO written examination will be taken the week of April 19th and preparation has been a primary goal. Through review of suggested readings and class discussion of review questions, the class will be well prepared for the exam. In addition, we were encouraged to start our master’s research projects early and will be submitting our projects to various publications before graduation.

The 1st year residents have been increasing their participation in all aspects of the program. They will be well prepared to take on any transfer patients and are working on their research proposals. Both classes have had the benefits of new faculty and new curriculum. Through increased responsibility, new classes, and gracious time commitments, we are of appreciative of all the wonderful clinicians that donate their time to our education. They provide the exposure to different treatment modalities, thought processes and materials that make our program so successful. We are lucky to have received the value of their experience. We also want to offer our thanks to the alumni who are sending both classes to the AAO in Washington D.C. This is an opportunity to be introduced to all the newest products and listen to the best presenters in the profession. It is truly a unique exposure for a young clinician.

The residents have worked diligently to uphold the tradition of excellence at Indiana University and to honor our chosen profession. We would not have been able to progress to this point alone and still have a great deal of work to reach our graduation day goal. We hope that as we scatter this summer we will proudly represent IU and all you have done for us. Thank you all for your help along the way.

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