Dear Alumni, Colleagues and Friends,

The end of the year allows us time to reflect on the past, as well as offer an opportunity for development as we look towards the future. Very few professions can trace their existence and heritage as well as we can, with a legacy that comes from only a couple of generations of people before us. Orthodontics is one of the oldest specialties at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry, having been taught here as early as 1904, when Dr. J.N. MacDowell was listed as Professor of Orthodontics. Although the College celebrated its Centennial in 2013, that was the Centennial of its becoming an official College of the University of Illinois in 1913; however, the College of Dentistry has been in existence since 1891.

With the recent passing of Founder and Chairman of the Orthodontic Department at the University of Rochester Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Dr. J. Daniel Subtelny (UIC ‘52), we are once again reminded about the legacy of our program with Dr. Allan G. Brodie, Sr. Many remarkable professors, researchers, teachers and accomplished private practitioners credit the leadership and mentorship of Dr. Brodie’s 37 year career as leader of our Department for their achievements. Dr. William Downs ‘31, Dr. Silas Kloehn ‘37, Dr. Earl Renfroe ‘41, Dr. Raymond Thurow ‘47, Dr. Samuel Pruzansky, Dr. Robert Ricketts ‘48, Dr. Eugene Blair ‘52, Dr. Eugene Coben ‘52, Dr. Andrew Haas ‘57 and many others are a who’s who list of leaders of our profession whose accomplishments have been attributed to Dr. Brodie.

In a day where a professional baseball or football team leadership changes hands every couple of years, it is hard to believe that in our 100 year history there have been only six Department Heads of Orthodontics at Illinois:
1. Dr. Frederick Bogue Noyes, 1913-29
2. Dr. Allan G. Brodie, 1929-66
3. Dr. Earl W. Renfroe, 1966-73
4. Dr. Hideo Mitani, 1973-74
5. Dr. John F. Cleall, 1974-94
6. Dr. Carla A. Evans, 1994 to present

So many people have touched our lives on both a professional and personal level to help mold and shape us into the people we are. As we look forward it is important to understand and appreciate our past, however, and more importantly, the question that we need to figure out is what will our legacy be?
We would like to remind you that there are NO administrative costs to the association, and all of the dues are used to support alumni activities as well as to support the orthodontic program. Revenue that is collected in excess of alumni expenses is spent directly in the Department. Our contributions have helped to support guest lecturers’ visits to the department, orthodontic books and educational material for the residents, and also helped to defray the cost of the graduation banquet. It’s never too late to become a member!

ALL donations collected above the $200 dues during this mailing are given directly to Carla for the Department. Last year we collected $11,826.14 in donations which was specifically given to the Department. Special thanks to last year’s donors: Said Albareedi (NU ’83), Vincent Arpino (UIC ’96), Samuel Berkowitz (UIC ’59), Kathryn Biehl (LU ’93), Paul Broadwater (UIC ’86), Terry Burke (UIC ’77), John Burke (UIC ’00), Victoria Chen (UIC ’04), Michael Conlon (UIC ’77), Garison Couser (UIC ’10), John Damas (UIC ’73), Dale and Lisa Davis (UIC ’94 & ’96), Michael Durbin (UIC ’90), K. George Elassal (UIC ’80), John Ford (NU ’84), Thomas Horrigan (UIC ’62), Pamela Johnson (UIC ’91), Paul Ladner (UIC ’92), Lihong Lin (UIC ’08), James Lupi (UIC ’93), Robert Manasse (UIC ’76), John Marx (NU ’69), Martha Mejia-Maidl (UIC ’00), Steven Moravec (UIC ’85), Donald O’Donoghue (UIC ’63), Yoon Park (UIC ’03), Robert Perrie (NU ’83), William Petty (LU ’74), Michael Ryan (UIC ’94), Mrs. Connie Schneider (UIC ’47), Craig Sinclair (LU ’76), Howard Spector (UIC ’83), Carrie Hedin Thangamani (UIC ’07), Michael Thompson (UIC ’06), Andrew Tringas (UIC ’98), Michael Udde (UIC ’80), Tonya Volk (UIC ’08).

Dr. Carla Evans has become our second-longest serving Department Head of Orthodontics since taking over the helm in 1994. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and earned her orthodontic specialty certificate in the Harvard University/Forsyth Dental Center program in combination with the Doctor of Medical Sciences in Oral Biology degree at Harvard University (’75). She has been Editor of the World Journal of Orthodontics, Associate Editor of Progress in Orthodontics, member and chair of the American Association of Orthodontists Council on Orthodontic Education, and Editorial Board member of several other journals including the Journal of Dental Research. With over 175 publications and participation on numerous dental, orthodontic, educational boards, she has helped to establish our program at Illinois as one the preeminent institutions and her as a respected authority in education.

Among Dr. Evans’ enhancements to the program was to increase the program length to 33 months and also requiring require graduates to complete a Master’s Thesis and obtain a Master of Science in addition to a Certificate of Orthodontics. Throughout her tenure she has been active in maintaining the program at the forefront of our profession with research and education as evidenced by the many research awards that have been received by her residents. With the renovation of the clinic and advancement to the digital age, she has prepared our residents to uphold the task of practicing orthodontics for the next generation.

While a lot has changed in 20 years, Dr. Evans remains steadfast in her commitment to educate and mentor the future generations of orthodontists. As with many of our faculty, Dr. Evans exemplifies that, “Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself, but it is what you do for others.”

Please take the time to support the UIC Orthodontic Program and the Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois!
Dear Illinois Orthodontic Alumni(ae) and Friends,

My twenty years at UIC have passed so quickly! As I reflect on the years 1994 to 2014, I think of the 158 young orthodontists who graduated in this interval and the impact that the UIC orthodontic specialty program has had on the field of orthodontics. I am so proud of our UIC orthodontic graduates and the department’s activities!

The UIC orthodontic faculty, alumni(ae), corporate supporters, and other friends worked together to prepare new orthodontists who deliver quality care and ask the right questions. We built an amazing clinic and computer lab, ran a large orthodontic practice in the College of Dentistry, conducted both clinical and basic research studies, published extensively, influenced orthodontic educational standards and participated vigorously in national and international organizations. Our part-time faculty and alumni(ae) deserve special credit for the department’s accomplishments because they provide the expertise and consistency needed in clinical education regardless of who the dental administrators are and what the state provides to higher education. Consequently, the UIC orthodontic diploma has great value and we are able to recruit top applicants.

Nobody knows what the future will hold for us but I am confident that we can maintain and improve our status. Thanks to our donors and other fundraising efforts, we are about to remodel our last dingy space (room 237). Over the next year or so, we will be recruiting to fill the Brodie Professorship held by Tom Diekwisch and a full-time faculty member to replace Bill Hohlt. Tom Diekwisch is moving on to a position at Baylor/Texas A&M and Bill Hohlt is retiring. I’m hoping that alumni will continue to participate in the educational program as speakers and mentors. We appreciate all of your efforts and we need all the help we can get. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Carla Evans
You will never know who will stop by to partake in our alumni festivities and this year was no exception. Members of Kenny Loggins’ band came by after their opening ceremony concert and mingled with our group. We had an outstanding turnout of almost 80 alums who came out to socialize during the AAO Meeting. Another benefit of membership!

CALLING ALL ALUMS!

If you have an interesting topic or technique and would like to present it to the residents, let Dr. Evans know. Part of our orthodontic training comes from learning what is done in the “real world”. Should you have an interest in marketing, practice management or even sharing interesting multidisciplinary cases, we would love to have you share your knowledge. The residents are extremely enthusiastic to learn how things are done in private practice. Presentations should be approximately an hour in length and you are encouraged to contact Dr. Evans directly via email at caevans@uic.edu.

UIC Orthodontic Residents Win Award

Congratulations to UIC orthodontic specialty graduates, Dr. Ahmed Masoud (Left) and Dr. Tharon L. Smith (Right), for winning the Excellence in Orthodontics Awards at the 114th Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists, in New Orleans on April 27, 2014. Dr. Ahmed Masoud is a 2014 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar and Dr. Tharon L. Smith received the 2014 Thomas M. Graber Research Award.

SAVE the DATE

Saturday, May 16, 2015
7:00-10:00pm
AAO Alumni Reception at Thirsty Bear Brewing Company in San Francisco

Are you going to the AAO Meeting in San Francisco in May, 2015? If so, please make plans to attend the off-site alumni reception. Special thanks to first year resident Shahab Parsa who is a UCSF grad who extensively researched a location and found the perfect site. It is within a short walk from the Moscone Center, so you can attend the opening ceremonies and then meet some fellow alums. The Alumni Association will be hosting a gathering at Thirsty Bear Brewing Company (661 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, phone 415-974-0905). Visit at www.ThirstyBear.com. FREE drinks and appetizers will be provided! We hope you plan on attending. Reminders will be sent through Evite so it is important to include your email in the dues remittance envelope.

If you are interested in attending the alumni annual sessions, make sure to look us up. Please be aware that if your school does not appear when you are registering for the meeting (i.e. Northwestern and Loyola), please sign up with the Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois and we will be able to send you information about the reception. The reception location will be listed in the AAO meeting program under the University of Illinois and we will send our reminders based upon the registration. Still another benefit of membership!

UIC New Orleans Reception