

# Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois Newsletter

The Department of Orthodontics  
at the University of Illinois at Chicago  
College of Dentistry

THE QUEST TO BE THE BEST

Winter 2016

*Editor/Executive Director*

**Vincent J. Arpino, DDS, MS  
(UIC '96)**

109 West Maple Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048

(847) 362-8262

varpinobraces@msn.com

*President*

**Anthony Eltink, DMD, MS  
(UIC '05)**

125 E. Lake Cook Road #206  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

(847) 537-0210

anthony.eltink@gmail.com

*Interim Department Head*

**Budi Kusnoto, DDS, MS  
(UIC '98)**

Department of Orthodontics (MC 841)  
UIC College of Dentistry

801 South Paulina Street

Chicago, IL 60612

(312)996-7138

bkusno1@uic.edu

**The Class of 1998 Speaks!**

**Thank You Dr. Evans!**

**The Instructors Speak!**

**Call to Support and Join  
the Alumni Association**

**Save the Date**

*Dear Alumni, Colleagues and Friends,*

## **Perspectives on the End of an Era**

Changes in leadership can be difficult, as we know all too well these days. As the Orthodontic Alumni Association looks forward and provides guidance to the Dean of the College of Dentistry in his search for our next Department Head, we must also look back with gratitude on the accomplishments and commitment of **Dr. Carla Evans**. A peaceful transition of power is, after all, a hallmark of a stable and healthy orthodontic department.

In the very rich nearly one hundred year history of the University of Illinois Department of Orthodontics, there have been exactly FOUR Department Heads (Drs. Brodie, Renfroe, Cleall and Evans). Under Carla's direction since 1994, 168 Orthodontic Residents have completed our three-year program - ALL finishing with a Specialty Certificate and a Master's Degree.

Since 2001, I've spent time in the Department as an Extern, a Resident, Clinical Faculty and now as the President of the Orthodontic Alumni Association. I've seen what happens both in front of and behind the curtain to make sure our patients are well cared for and our residents are well educated. I've seen things go well, go poorly and go terribly. I've said repeatedly, to myself and to others, that it takes a very special skill set to thrive in an environment like the College of Dentistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Dr. Evans has been a mother to the Department and its residents for 22 years - mentoring us and teaching us, looking out for us and putting out fires for us without us knowing the extent to which she cared. And as many children do, we grumbled and complained as she doled out the discipline we needed and made the difficult decisions necessary to help us become good orthodontists and good people.

Thank you, Dr. Evans, for your wisdom and counsel. Thank you for being sure that our Department stayed at the forefront of research, technology, and orthodontic education. Thank you for doing the awful business of dealing with our dwindling financial support, increasing red tape and politics, and doing it all with a smile on your face.

Thank you, Carla, for all that you have done for us, and cheers to what lies ahead for you and for our beloved Department of Orthodontics.



*Carla A. Evans, D.D.S., D.M.Sc.  
Professor and Head 1994-2016  
Department of Orthodontics  
University of Illinois at Chicago*

*Anthony Eltink, President (UIC '05)*

# The Class of 1998 speaks!

*The Class of '98 was the first class to be hand selected by Dr. Evans*

Thank you Dr. Evans for your leadership and wisdom over the years. Your guidance led us to successful careers in orthodontics, lifelong learning, and ethical conduct in all aspects of life. Good luck in your continued efforts.

*Gary P. Benson (UIC '98)*

I, like so many over the years, am so appreciative of the learning opportunity that was provided under the leadership of Dr. Evans. By recruiting so many diverse speakers, both national and international, many from competing orthodontic disciplines, I was able to discern prior to leaving residency my approach for orthodontic diagnosis, treatment planning, and mechanics. The primary beneficiaries have been my treated patients. Thank you for all you have done.

*Andy Tringas (UIC '98)*

I am grateful to be under the tutelage of Dr. Evans. She is a true educator and literally transformed the UIC orthodontic program into one of the best programs in the country. I am appreciative of her high expectations that she demanded from her students and consider myself fortunate to have graduated from this fine orthodontic program. I wouldn't be the orthodontist I am today if it wasn't for Dr. Evans.

*Peter Lam (UIC '98)*

Dr Evans is the most hard working, persevering, idealistic, honest person I have ever met besides my own dad. Excellent teacher, educator, researcher and clinician.

*Budi Kusnoto (UIC '98)*

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "Our chief want in life is somebody who will make us do what we can..." For me, this was Dr. Carla Evans. In the fall of 1995 I was entering in the final phase of my dental educational career as a first year orthodontic resident under the guidance of Dr. Evans. She was to me more than just our department head...she was a tough critic and determined mentor who pushed me to achieve and aspire more than I would have on my own. During

my years as a resident, the field of orthodontics was still predominantly male and she took no favors

## Thank you Dr. Evans!

I owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to Dr. Evans for preparing me for a successful career in orthodontics. Without her leadership, guidance and untiring devotion to teaching, I honestly do not know where I would be today! She has undoubtedly positioned the University of Illinois as one of the premier orthodontic programs in the country, and she will be greatly missed.

*Dan Bills (UIC '04)*

We called her mama bear when we were residents because she oversaw all 27 residents plus faculty and cared for us. She was very involved in the orthodontic world and has brought in many speakers to teach us the most up to date orthodontic trends. With her hard work and dedication, my class was lucky enough to experience the new clinic and all the wonderful updates at that time. I personally am very proud to have graduated under her leadership and I am truly sad to see her departure.

*Thomas Kwong (UIC '11)*

I am really grateful to Dr. Evans and I cannot thank her enough for opening the doors to my orthodontic career in the United States. She inspired me to develop high quality research and to teach with all my passion. Further, she has trusted and empowered me to achieve high academic goals. Overall, she has inspired me to become a better person in life. Obrigada, Dr. Evans.

*Nanci DeFelippe (UIC '05)*

Dr. Evans is a wonderful educator and leader. We were fortunate to be under her direction to learn in a great environment. She will be dearly missed from the department.

*Clara Chow (UIC '07)*



*The 2005-2007 Classes*



*Class of 1996*

toward women as the minority. She set her high standards by example and made sure that we as women we could do and achieve more. She exposed us to the best of the best in the field of orthodontics whether we had

Almost everyday in practice I think of the great education and training I received during my residency at UIC. I'm especially grateful for Dr. Evans and her continuation of the orthodontic legacy at UIC and her high expectations of the program, the faculty and the residents. From the lectures from leaders in the field to visiting professors to seeing patients in the clinic, I realize now how lucky was to learn from her and others in the program.

*John Lippincott*

our own lectures or clinical labs. Seeing her perseverance and her determination for each one of us to be the best we can be not only academically and but also clinically strengthened my resolve to never settle, always question and always strive to do or be more. I will never be able to thank her enough or fully express how much she really meant to me back then and even now....but I hope deep down she knows.

*Cecile Yoon (UIC '98)*



*Class of 1998*

# The Instructors Speak!



*Drs. Greg Jackson and Larry Voss retirement party 2016*

It was Dr. Evans who hired me in 2005 to teach in the Department, and she has my greatest gratitude and respect. She's an asset that will be missed at UIC, and highly appreciated on the many committees and projects where she serves our profession in education, research and practice.

*Larry Voss (LU '82)*

Dr. Evans could be a demanding taskmaster at times, but my time as a resident and instructor taught me how motivated she is toward providing the residents a rewarding education and strong foundation for their future careers.

*Darren Pakravan (UIC '08)*

One of the greatest elements of life is a person's ability to inspire and lead others to become better.

As I reflect on my past, there are many people who stand out in helping to shape who I am today, but only a few who are at the top of my list for positive influence and Dr. Evans is one of those few. Dr. Evans

holds her residents to a very high standard and does expect a great deal from them both professionally and well as personally. I believe Dr. Evans' resolve and unwavering discipline and her devotion to orthodontics as a whole has ultimately led to a residency program that is one of the country's best. I will be forever grateful to Dr. Evans for the opportunity she granted me to share in this wonderful profession, for an amazing education and the commitment to excellence she continues to inspire me to achieve.

*Mike Bicknell (UIC '02)*

Dr. Evans has had numerous achievements as Department Head, but I will mention the one I think about most often: her expansion of the Department's reach and influence by bringing internationally recognized orthodontic leaders to UIC as presenters, and her success in recruiting especially well-qualified students. This strengthens the Department's standing and influence and will continue to do so for years to come.



*Father and son Gary and John Lippincott*

*Gary Lippincott (UIC '87)*

I am one of the few faculty who was teaching prior to Carla's chairpersonship. To quote one of the residents on Dr Evan's new order "It's like night and day, a breath of fresh air". Carla worked from 7:00 AM to 7 PM to redesign the curriculum and the necessary reorganization of the department. She then raised the several millions of dollars



with the help of the alumni for the Brodie chair and laboratory, the updated and expanded clinic, and the residents' computer lab and renovation of the lecture rooms. Above all, she protected the residents and faculty from outside problems so we could grow and function hassle free, with only an occasional suggestion. I see the greatest need at the moment is to replace retiring part time faculty with experienced practitioners. Good bye Carla, we will miss you.

*Chet Handelman (Harvard '64)*

## "A statement of appreciation to Dr. Carla Evans"

*Time changes everything regardless if such changes are desirable or not. Dr. Carla Evans has done a remarkable job to reestablish our department as one of the best centers of orthodontic education and research in the world after Dr. Allan G. Brodie. From my experience as Department Chair and Dean of Dental School of Tohoku University in Japan, I know there are always many difficulties and responsibilities to run an institute progressively. However, such efforts are not necessarily appreciated nor understood by everybody. Though it is an inevitable fate of a leader, time will prove the true value of the change sooner or later as to whether it is constructive or not.*



*Drs. Mitani and Brodie 1973*

*Now it is the time for Dr. Evans to change her life in order to devote her abilities not only nationally but also internationally. Students whom Dr. Evans brought up well by this time are waiting for opportunities worldwide to repay her their gratitude for her excellent education and training during their stay at the University of Illinois. I, as a past interim department head, wish Dr. Evans a bright new life. I would like to express my many thanks to Dr. Evans for her great contribution to our Orthodontic Department, University of Illinois at Chicago for many years.*

*Hideo Mitani, DDS, MS, PhD (UIC '68 Interim Department Head 1973-4)*

truly one of a kind. I have someone with so much in practically every subject I imagine. As a professor, she continually inspired her students to keep learning and to never stop learning. In the mold of the truly great leaders, she expects nothing but the best and has the ability to tap into a person's potential often times pushing them to limits beyond what they thought they could achieve. A great leader inspires people and people want to follow a great leader. She is undoubtedly the case with Dr. Evans. I have nothing but the utmost respect for her and I think I speak for everyone in saying she will truly be missed.

*Kristin Moore (UIC '12)*

Dr. Evans was appointed Department Chair during our second year and we were the transition class to go from a 24 month to a 32 month program and also the first class required to complete a Master's Thesis. I witnessed first hand the transformation of the Department and consider myself fortunate to be one of the 168 fellow "children" of Dr. Evans. There are many of us that are extremely grateful for the opportunities that she has provided us. Her hard work, devotion and dedication to the Department make the UIC diploma with her name on it valued and also secures her name in the legacy of Illinois with Dr. Brodie.

*Vincent Arpino (UIC '96)*

*(UIC '08)*



*Instructors Bicknell, Kelsey and Schneider in 2007*

excellence she continues to inspire me to achieve.

# CALL TO SUPPORT AND JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Help us keep our alumni reception at the AAO meetings fun and FREE! In order for us to continue hosting these events, your support is needed and paying your dues make this possible!

Please complete the enclosed remittance envelope along with your **\$200** payment to the "**Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois**".

It is very important that you return the remittance envelopes and make sure to include your email address. We will be using these addresses for notifications and reminders of alumni events.

The Alumni Association is a Tax Exempt 501(c) corporation and revenue that is collected in excess of alumni expenses is spent directly in the Department. Besides equipment and furniture, our contributions have provided support for guest lecturers' visits to the department, orthodontic books and educational material for the residents, and also helps to defray the cost of the graduation banquet. It's never too late to become a member!

Last year we collected **\$10,306.54** in donations for the Department. We hope to count on you in 2017!



## THANKS TO OUR 2015 DONORS \$100-\$999:

Vincent Arpino (UIC '96), Dan Bills (UIC '04), Paul Broadwater (UIC '86), Terry Burke (UIC '77), Clara Chow (UIC '07), Michael Conlon (UIC '77), Garison Couser (UIC '10), John Damas (UIC '75), Dale and Lisa Davis (UIC '94 & '96), Michael Durbin (UIC '90), Pamela Johnson (UIC '91), Alan Kaplin (UIC '65), Edward John (UIC '69), Jeff Kemp (UIC '90), Lihong Lin (UIC '08), James Lupi (UIC '93), John Marx (NU '69), Morio Masunaga (NU '84), Richard McDaniel (UIC '71), Steven Moravec (UIC '85), Donald O'Donoghue (UIC '63), Marta Serra Serrat (LU), Jame Soltes (UIC '75), Yoon Park (UIC '03), Carrie Hedin Thangamani (UIC '07), Michael Thompson (UIC '06), Michael Uhde (UIC '80), Karla Zinkann (UIC '83)

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR OUR DONORS \$1,000+:

Ryan Hurley (UIC '09), William Petty (LU '74) with Kathryn Bielick (LU '93) and John Burke (UIC '00), Linda Powers (UIC '01), Michael Ryan (UIC '94), Howard Spector (UIC '83), Andrew Tringas (UIC '98), Tonya Volk (UIC '08)

Please take the time to support the UIC Orthodontic Program and the Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois!

## Matching Fund in Memory of Dr. Eliot Sakols reaches goal!

Special thanks to Howard Spector (UIC '83) for making a \$10,000 matching donation in the name of friend, teacher and colleague, Dr. Eliot Sakols. \$20,000 has been raised to establish a Chair in the name of Dr. Sakols within the department.

*Thanks* for 22 years of outstanding leadership, dedication and devotion to the University of Illinois Orthodontic Program!

Dr. Evans was recognized by ISO President Betsy Ulrich and the alumni association on September 26 for her participation in numerous committees in organized dentistry and orthodontics.



.....  
**SAVE**  
the  
**DATE**  
.....



2017 AAO Alumni Reception  
*San Diego*

Saturday, April 22, 2017  
8:00-9:30 pm

See you at the San Diego Marriott Marquis!