

# Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois Newsletter

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*Dear Alumni, Colleagues and Friends,*

## THE SEARCH IS ON...

This time last year we were finally celebrating a Cubs World Series win; this year we return to the status quo of being defeated. What a difference a year makes! As of the writing of this newsletter, there has not been an announcement of the new Orthodontic Department Head, however, the Dean of the College of Dentistry, Dean Clark Stanford, has formed a search committee to find one.

Several notices have been made in the orthodontic community for the available position and the committee has been reviewing the applicants. The search committee is composed of various faculty, orthodontic residents, other UIC Department Heads, as well as Mike Durbin, who is there on behalf of the Alumni Association. The committee is overseen by Dr. Lyndon Cooper, Associate Dean for Research at the College of Dentistry. As one would expect, the Alumni Association is supportive of a candidate with a vision to keep the Department of Orthodontics at the forefront of research, technology, and orthodontic education!

While the search continues, the program has been under the leadership of Dr. Budi Kusnoto as Interim Department Head. Dr. Kusnoto is a tenured Professor of Orthodontics, Clinical Director, and Laboratory Coordinator of the Digital Imaging Laboratory in the Department. He earned his Master of Science in Oral Sciences and his specialty certification in orthodontics at UIC in 1998, and then completed a fellowship in the UIC Craniofacial Center in 1999. Prior to this, he earned a degree in computer sciences, which makes his contributions to the Department significant on an orthodontic/specialty level, as well as on the level of digital technology execution. He is also involved in the implementation of a HIPAA-compliant program with high-level security computer system/digital record system in the Department of Orthodontics. In his nearly 20 years as a member of the faculty, he has written numerous publications and has served as a thesis advisor for many of the residents. In recognition of Dr. Kusnoto's selfless devotion to our profession and outstanding skills as an educator, he received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Illinois Society of Orthodontists in 2013.

We are extremely thankful for the stability and leadership that Dr. Kusnoto has provided while we look forward to the continuation of the rich history of our Department when a new Department Head is selected.



*Budi Kusnoto, DDS, MS*

# AWARD & ACCOLADES

UIC Orthodontics continues to be a very visible and active department.

We're especially proud that Dr. Paul Lazari (UIC



*Dr. Paul Lazari*

'16) received the 2017 Mito Hellman Award at the AAO Annual Session in San Diego and that Dr. Mohammed Elnagar's work was featured on the cover of the November AJODO. Dr. Andrew Haas (UIC '57) received the 2017 American Board of Orthodontics Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics. This was in recognition for his past 60 years of teaching in which he also taught with Dr. Dale Wade at Ohio State University for 10 years. He has been making his monthly pilgrimage to teach the UIC residents for over 50 years!



*Dr. Haas celebrating with 3rd year residents*

## 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 as well as help the UIC Orthodontic Department, 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". Please make sure to include your email address. We will be using these addresses for notifications and reminders of alumni events.

If you would like to make a donation to the Department we ask that you send money directly to UIC Dental School and to the "University of Illinois Foundation-Department of Orthodontics," in memo include Unrestricted Education Fund.

Special thanks to the alums who make \$6,900 in donations last year!



### Thanks to our 2017 donors \$100-\$999:

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*It's never too late to support the UIC Orthodontic Program and the Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois!*

## Welcome the New Faculty

A number of new clinical faculty members, all exceptional recent UIC orthodontic graduates, have joined the department. They are Ben Belavsky (UIC '16), Saleh Al-Kharsa (UIC '16), Noor Obaisi (UIC '13), Tim Sagun (UIC '12), Dale Benjamin (UIC '12), Jennifer Caplin (UIC '15) and Flavio Sanchez from Brazil. Flavio is a full time instructor and is looking to bring the Bioprogressive philosophy back to its home at UIC! In addition, Christina Nicholas, an anthropologist, came from the University of Iowa and was appointed in the Department of Orthodontics.



*Flavio Sanchez, Jen Caplin, Ben Belavsky and Noor Obaisi*

# RETIRING FACULTY

A number of long-term faculty departed from UIC recently, namely Drs. Greg Jackson, Larry Voss, Heckyoung Jo, John Kelsey, Ellen BeGole, Zane Muhl and Charles Greene. Drs. Jackson, Voss and Greene were recognized at the graduation banquet for the Class of 2017 in May. Congrats to all and we wish them well in retirement!

*"It's hard to believe looking back that I have had the opportunity to be working in the orthodontic department for over 41 years. So many people had touched my life on both a professional and personal level over these years. I can honestly say that I will miss the residents as I am no longer around people this age."* - Ellen BeGole



Dr. BeGole with Ramzi Duaibis (UIC '10), his wife Tamara Oweis (UIC '12) and Chet Handelman

*"Despite not being an orthodontist I had the pleasure of working for 10 years at Northwestern with Hal Perry and 10 years at UIC with Carla Evans. I do miss spending my Thursdays with Chet Handelman and John Kelsey and the rest of the gang. Best wishes for the continued success of this outstanding orthodontic Department."*

- Charles Greene

*"It's hard to believe that I was at UIC for over 18 years, how time flies. It was certainly*



Drs. Jackson, Voss and Greene

*a pleasure to work with so many outstanding residents throughout the years. I'd like to thank Dr. Evans for giving me the privilege to work with some of the all-time great instructors including; Bernie Schneider, Chet Handelman, Chuck Greene, Bill Hohlt, Gary Lippincott, Tony Eltink, Budi Kusnoto, and Bill Vanderwaal. They all made me a better orthodontist. I particularly appreciate Dr. Evans' hard work, dedication, and guidance of the program throughout my time. She truly cared about the*

*residence experience and provided an environment for the residence to learn and thrive. I look back fondly at my time at UIC and would encourage residents to consider teaching - it's a great way to give back to our*

*wonderful profession."*  
- John Kelsey (MINN '92)

*"I was at UIC for 20 years. While I enjoy the Fridays off which provides the opportunity to travel easier and work on my golf game, I do miss the camaraderie we had with the other awesome Friday instructors over the years, (Bill Hohlt, Robyn Silberstein, Larry Voss, Haitao Li, and Budi Kusnoto) and the weekly*



Drs. Kelsey, Jo and Voss

*interaction with the many grad students over the years. Fridays rule!"* - Greg Jackson (UWASH '78)

*"I was at UIC for over 11 years, 2005-*

*2016 and I enjoyed working with Drs. Jo & Jackson, and wished I could have done so with Drs. Kelsey & Greene but they were there on days when I was not. Dr. Greene was one of my favorites from my UIC Dental undergrad days (1974-1978), partly since he made the most sense, especially in the area of TMJ disorders. I already do miss the PEOPLE- working with such great residents, staff and faculty colleagues. I do not miss CPR training, OSHA/HIPAA training, ethics training, and the many other wonderful University HR classes."* - Larry Voss (LU '82)

## 2017 AAO San Diego Alumni Reception

Thanks to the many alums who came out to socialize during the AAO Meeting. Congratulations to Cubs jersey winners: Tarak El Bialy (UIC '02), Isaac Yue (UIC '05) and third year resident Peyton Harris. Another benefit of membership!



Isaac Yue



Tarak El Bialy



Resident Peyton Harris



## Meet the Class of 2018

As the third years race to complete their thesis, they are also looking into "life after residency." Are you in the process of transitioning your practice or looking for an associate or partner? It is never too early to start looking for the right person and the best way to start is by networking directly with the residents. Please feel free to contact them.



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## Congratulations to the Class of 2017!



Class president Claire Pescheret did an amazing job of organizing the graduation banquet at Francesca's on Chestnut in Chicago and also acting as the evening's emcee. Another historic time as this is the first Class to receive their final sendoff and diploma from Interim Head Dr. Budi Kusnoto. In a true Star Wars fashion, Master Kusnoto sent the young Jedi Class off with Force, which included a caricature of the graduates. The Alumni Association

welcomes Manika Agarwal, Farhan Alwadei, Milena Bulic, Rory Chong, Shehab Helal, Angela Lu, Tara Leuders, Shahab Parsa and Claire Pescheret! Best of luck as you start the next chapter of your life.....loan repayment!



### Meet Your Ortho Alumni Board!

These individuals have been instrumental in keeping the association going. We welcome Spencer Pope (NU '97) representing Northwestern and Ara Goshgarian (LU '91) representing Loyola. If you would like to get involved, please let us know!

#### Alumni Association Officers

Anthony Eltink (UIC '05),  
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 Vincent Arpino (UIC '96),  
 Executive Director

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Michael Durbin (UIC '90) '20  
 Barry Booth (UIC '86) '20  
 Jeffrey Kemp (UIC '90) '24  
 Steve Moravec (UIC '85) '28  
 Dale Benjamin (UIC '12) '28

Spencer Pope (NU '95) '28  
 Ara Goshgarian (LU '89) '28  
 Budi Kusnoto (UIC '98)  
 (honorary)

# SAVE *the* DATE

2018 AAO Alumni Reception  
 Washington, DC

Saturday, May 5, 2018  
 7:30- 9:30 pm

La Tasca - Chinatown  
 Spanish Tapas Restaurant & Bar  
 722 7th Street NW  
 Washington, DC 2001  
 (walking distance from Convention Center)



Back by popular demand is an offsite alumni reception. This premier tapas restaurant in the Washington area was scouted out by our very own, Mike Durbin (UIC '90). Can it get any better than FREE drinks and heavy appetizers? How about winning a Cubs or Blackhawks jersey? We promise not to disappoint! Reminders will be sent through Evite so it is important to include your email in the dues remittance envelope.

Please be aware that if your school does not appear when you are registering for the meeting (i.e. University of Illinois, 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. Still another benefit of membership!