

# Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois Newsletter

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## A NEW ERA AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we, the Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois, welcome Dr. Veerasathpurush "Sath" Allareddy as the Department of Orthodontics' seventh Department Head. More detailed introductions can be found elsewhere in this newsletter and will come in the future, but suffice it to say we are committed to supporting Dr. Allareddy in his mission to preserve our rich history and to build on its legacy.

As this new era begins for our residents and faculty within the Department, we are also looking at this change in leadership as an opportunity to redefine our role as an Alumni Association. Our core group of alumni has consistently provided support and opportunities - financial and otherwise - to our residents. Our charge as an Alumni Association is to enhance the relationships among all of our Alumni, and to encourage relationships between all of our alumni and current residents.

Our goal in 2019 is to renew our efforts and expand our outreach to include the many alumni who, for a

variety of reasons, have decided not to remain involved. We intend to be proactive - reaching out through our existing network of alumni to welcome everyone back into the fold and into the family. We will do so without judgment - recognizing that many through the years did not feel appreciated or welcome. This is an opportunity for reconciliation and amnesty.

We will also be working actively with Dr. Allareddy

to make space in the curriculum for our talented alumni to lead seminars within the department, and to develop opportunities for our talented residents to visit alumni offices. The Orthodontics profession has given so much to us - let's all pay it back by sharing our time, talent, and treasure with our residents and with each other.

Stay tuned for details in the new year, and be on the lookout for a phone call or an email from an old friend. The return of the prodigal sons and daughters of the Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois is long overdue!

*Anthony P. Eltink,  
President (UIC '05)*



*Drs. Allareddy and Kusnoto with Dr. Haas*

# WELCOME OUR 7TH DEPARTMENT HEAD: DR. VEERASATHPURUSH (SATH) ALLAREDDY

Dr. Allareddy has an incredibly strong history of scholarship and Orthodontic teaching,

especially concerning craniofacial anomalies.

Prior to joining UIC, he served as pre-doctoral Orthodontics director at

Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) and as Professor and Director of Clinical Research at University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics (UIOWA).

His research interests include: big data analytics, practice based research networks, and orthodontic clinical outcomes research.

He is a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and his clinical expertise is in Cleft Lip/Palate and Craniofacial Orthodontics. He had worked in the faculty practice clinics at HSDM and UIOWA and served as the attending Orthodontist in the Cleft Palate team at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

His educational training includes:

- BDS, Ragas Dental College and Hospital, 2000
- MBA The University of Iowa, 2002
- MHA, The University of Iowa, 2006
- PhD (Health Services Research and Policy), The University of Iowa, 2007
- MMSc (Oral Biology), Harvard University, 2010
- Orthodontics Residency - CAGE, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, 2010
- Craniofacial and Cleft Lip/Palate Orthodontics Fellowship, Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard School of Dental Medicine, 2013



It is a great honor and privilege to serve as the Head of the historic and much storied University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Orthodontics. The core strength of the department is its people. The residents, faculty, alumni, and staff make what we are. The goal of the Department of Orthodontics is to further the vision of the College of Dentistry, which is "to provide excellence in oral health education, research, and service, through improving the health and wellness of our communities, providing exemplary care for our patients, and advancing the knowledge to do so.

In the era of Precision Health, the Department of Orthodontics is poised to deliver excellence in clinical care, teaching, service, and research. Our residency program provides a solid platform for our residents to be exposed to state-of-the-art Orthodontic techniques and inculcate lifelong learning skills in a collegial atmosphere. Our faculty members are world class and each of them brings a unique set of attributes, which our residents cherish.

Thanks to the generous support of our strong alumni base, we are able to recruit and retain world class faculty members, attract an excellent cohort of residents into the program, and make rapid strides in high-risk, high-reward research. Alumni support has been pivotal for faculty development and resident support activities. Several of our residents are able to attend and present at national research meetings due to the support funded by our alumni. We are in the process of recruiting a full time faculty member (supported by the Arthur Litowitz Foundation) with expertise in Craniofacial Big Data Analytics to further strengthen our research portfolio and establish a Craniofacial Clinical Research Center of Excellence.

UIC College of Dentistry Orthodontics is poised to take the lead on several multi-center clinical studies to examine orthodontic clinical outcomes and aid Orthodontists in every day clinical decision making. This is evidenced from a record number of grant applications that were submitted by our faculty during the past six months and the large number of publications in peer reviewed journals. Our residents did the Department proud by winning awards at national and regional events.

The Department is working closely with the alumni association to develop an "alumni (mentor) - resident (mentee)" program that will further strengthen the bond between the department and alumni and will be immensely beneficial for the residents.

Lastly, I look forward to continuing and building on the legacy of the Department and furthermore, I will always keep the Department's interest first and foremost in decisions that affect the Department. Please feel free to contact me and I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely, Sath

*Please welcome Dr. Allareddy  
to the Illinois family!*

## Meet the UIC Leadership Team!

1. **Sath Allareddy** – Professor, Head of Department, and Brodie Craniofacial Endowed Chair
2. **Budi Kusnoto** – Professor, Program Director, and Clinic Director
3. **Jennifer Caplin** – Assistant Professor and Associate Director of Post Graduate Orthodontics
4. **Therese Galang** – Associate Professor and Pre-doctoral Orthodontics Director



*Listed from left to right*

# Meet the Class of 2019!

We asked the residents their plans following graduation and what does it mean to graduate from the UIC Orthodontic Program. Please reach out to them if you are looking for help!

## BEN YOUEL

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After graduation, I am looking for a practice to purchase in Northern Illinois or Southern Wisconsin.

Graduating from UIC Ortho means I've already seen (and treated) some of the worst malocclusions in Illinois. I have experience with many different systems and mechanics, but above all, I also got to work with great faculty/attendings in residency! Graduating from UIC Ortho means I'm set up to hit the ground running and that I've experienced enough to know that I'm going to need to continue learning and continue staying curious.

## HARRISON SIU

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After graduation, I plan to work in a private practice setting, with plans to be licensed in both the US and in Canada.

I see graduating from UIC (one of the country's oldest and most well-respected Ortho programs) as a great honor and privilege. We are an extremely well-balanced program both clinically and didactically with some amazing faculty, and I believe that we'll be well-prepared to take on the world of private practice. I think that there is a great culture here for collaboration and sharing knowledge, and I'm thrilled to have met some lifelong friends along the way!

## ZESHENG CHEN

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I plan to jumpstart my Orthodontic career by serving patients communities in the Greater Chicagoland area.

For me, graduating from UIC Orthodontics means being a curious clinician who has been exposed to myriad concepts and philosophies, and who is capable of satisfying the needs of patients with critical and creative thinking in an ever-changing orthodontic landscape. It is a humbling experience for me to follow the legacy of many leaders and legends in the Profession.

## RUTGER STACHE

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I love Chicago and plan to stay in the area where I hope to find an associate position so that I can continue to grow and learn.

To me, graduating from UIC means that I will be following in the footsteps of many well-respected and innovative Orthodontists that contributed to, and furthered, our great profession over the years. There are some big shoes to fill, but I hope to continue this tradition. I will be proud to call myself a UIC alum among my peers!



## LAUREN GORDON

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Following graduation, I plan to return to my home state of Georgia and enter private practice.

Graduating from UIC Orthodontics means that I will forever be a part of this program's rich legacy. I have learned and benefited immensely from the UIC Ortho community of faculty and alumni. I will be forever grateful for my time here at UIC. I look forward to staying connected, involved, and giving back.

## HENNA ABBASI

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After graduation, I would like to work as an associate for a couple of years. More likely move to Texas after graduation but could stay in Chicago. Any Texans looking for someone, please contact me!

It is an honor for me to graduate from UIC Orthodontics. The program has prepared me well to practice Orthodontics in today's digital and fast changing Orthodontics world. I am thankful to my wonderful instructors who go out of their way to teach and help throughout the process. Most of all thankful to God for blessing me along this journey and to make my dream come true.

## KAN TSUNODA

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I will be hopefully be working in Iowa at 4 office locations - partnership

I have high regards for UIC Orthodontics: the people, the program, the education, and alumni. I feel fortunate to be a part of an amazing legacy in Orthodontics. Being accepted into the program has changed my life forever.

## MAYSAA OUBAIDIN

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After graduation, I'm interested in continuing in the academic field.

To graduate from this program is the real meaning of accomplishment and achievement, and I am extremely grateful for having this opportunity at UIC.

## NISHA GARG

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I was born and raised in Naperville, IL, and am looking forward to working as an associate in a private practice in the Chicagoland area. Any alums in the Naperville area, please contact me!

I feel so honored to have received three years of rigorous, passionate Orthodontic training at UIC. I hope to give back to UIC one day as a part-time faculty member, and as of now, I'm so excited to officially enter the profession as a certified orthodontist!

## Faculty Spotlight

### DR. MOHAMMED ELNAGAR:

As a young faculty member who is focusing on Surgical and Digital Orthodontics, UIC is the best place I have ever worked at, with really smart, dedicated professional individuals who work as a team. I do believe we can lead the world as researchers, educators, or clinicians. My goal is to equip our residents with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed for the practice of 21st century Orthodontics by integrating various digital technologies, with emphasis on the fundamental basics of Orthodontics. In UIC Orthodontics we are one big

coherent family including the residents, faculty, staff, and the alumni.

### DR. FLAVIO SANCHEZ:

As my background in Orthodontics was strongly based on Bioprogressive philosophy, I could not feel more honored to be teaching on the same place where it all started, a place where Orthodontics was built up as a great scientific discipline. I do hope that I can contribute somehow to keep that seed growing and that the principles thought by our previous mentors will be kept alive in every single treatment plan regardless of using "old school" or the most

modern materials or techniques. But above all, my greatest goal at UIC will be to make a lot of new real friends here. So far it looks that I am succeeding, and I really feel UIC Ortho is my home.

### DR. JENNIFER CAPLIN:

Working at UIC is like a dream come true. Teaching has always been a passion of mine, and the opportunity to work with our extremely bright and talented cohort is an honor. My teaching philosophy is to think like a resident. What was it like to be in their shoes? What did I know about Orthodontics at a given point in my education? What would I have found useful?



I use this thought process to guide all aspects of my teaching, from lecture writing to treatment planning. I try to be available and open so the residents feel comfortable asking questions. I want the residents to remember me as someone who was helpful and approachable and who taught them something useful about Orthodontics.

## Call to Support and Join the Alumni Association



*Alumni Board with Dr. Allareddy*

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 makes this possible! Please complete the enclosed remittance envelope along with your \$200 payment to the "Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois." If you include your email, you will also receive monthly Department of Orthodontics updates. Another benefit of membership!

## IN MEMORIAM



### *Dr. John Cleall*

DEPARTMENT CHAIR  
AND HEAD (1974-1994)

Dr. John Cleall was the 4th Orthodontic Chairman and Head from 1974-1994 and passed away on December 3 at the age of 84. Following in the legacy of Drs. Brodie, Renfroe and Mitani, Dr. Cleall maintained the highest standards for his residents over

his 20 year as the Department Head. After his retirement, he continued his passion for sailing with his wife Patricia and his dog, Pericles.

Dr. Cleall always said that he and his great faculty desired high clinical excellence with an interest in research from his students and the one memorial he would like from his graduates is that when using techniques in treating a patient they remember the instructor who taught them.



### *Dr. Ellen BeGole*

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
EMERITUS OF  
ORTHODONTICS  
(1975-2017)

Dr. Ellen Ann BeGole, passed away on April 2 at the age of 83. Dr. BeGole was an internationally known biostatistician and served of faculty in the Department of Orthodontics since 1975.

Dr. BeGole's work as a thesis advisor had touched many generations of residents and her research on arch forms and cubic splines is frequently referenced in the literature. She was a true Renaissance person who had many interests outside the Department including traveling many parts of the world while on sabbaticals.

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2019 AAO Alumni Reception  
Los Angeles, CA

Saturday, May 4  
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

JW Marriott L.A. Live  
Come and meet Sath!



*AAO Washington 2018*