

## UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Another outstanding group of orthodontic residents is about to graduate! The class includes Drs. **Lina Alsibaie** (heading back to Illinois); **Sam Christensen** (staying in Des Moines); **Tom Crary** (returning home to Minnesota); **Austin Foster** (returning home to Des Moines); and **Nicholas Pappas** (returning to Virginia). They have worked hard and will be missed.

In early May, Dr. **Austin Foster** went to Washington, D.C. to advocate on behalf of legislation important to orthodontics. The AAO-PAC requested that an Iowan represent them on the trip. Dr. Foster volunteered because our legislators need to be informed about how we are affected by legislation in order to represent us effectively.

For the fifth year straight year the University of Iowa Orthodontic Department presented a winning case at the CDABO resident case competition. This year we received 4<sup>th</sup> place (Honorable Mention). For the prior three years (2015-2017), we came in 1<sup>st</sup> place, and in 2014, we came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Dr. **David Jones** has been appointed as an examiner for the American Board of Orthodontics. This prestigious appointment by the ABO is reserved for elite orthodontists who have established themselves as leaders in the specialty. We are proud that Dr. Jones has received this recognition.

We will soon say goodbye to Dr. **Veerasathpurush Allareddy**, who will become the department chair at UIC in Chicago. We appreciate and respect Sath's wealth of knowledge and his research expertise, particularly with craniofacial patients, and we wish him the best!

Another personnel change is scheduled to happen in November of 2018. The long-time department administrative assistant – **Linda Keller** will retire. It has been a good job for a very long time (50 years to be exact). Retirement plans are vague at this time, but it is time for someone else to keep the Orthodontic Department moving forward!

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