

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

We are extremely proud to have our Division Director, Dr. **Brent Larson**, as our new president of the AAO. This is a great honor for Brent and a position that helps us stay current on issues facing our specialty. His leadership of the Division of Orthodontics has been a great asset to our faculty and students. His visibility in the profession and the public display of character demonstrate why the reputation of the department is at the highest level.

A new year of residents started June 25th at the University of Minnesota Division of Orthodontics. They are now seeing new patients and beginning to start care on patients. Our new class brings a diverse background from different schools. Dr. **Jennifer Bonamici** is from the University of Detroit. Dr. **Laruen Gerkowicz** is from Tufts University. Dr. **Alisha Holt** is from the University of Minnesota. Dr. **Brandon Seubert** is a past graduate from the University of Minnesota and recently comes from the Air Force. Dr. **Brian Spencer** is from the University of Minnesota. Dr. **Adam Sperl** is a past graduate from the University of Minnesota and comes from private practice. We are pleased to see their excitement and passion for learning orthodontics.

We are very proud of our recent graduating class of residents. They completed their research projects and left for different parts of the country. Dr. **Molly Dillon** is practicing in the Twin Cities west metro. Dr. **Dustin Ditch** is setting up his own private practice in Alexandria, Minn. Dr. **Hani Hamdan** is setting up his own private practice in the Twin Cities south metro. It is impressive to see two residents building their offices and starting their own practices as they finish the training. **Rachel Hoganson** has joined a practice in the Twin Cities metro. Dr. **Olga Kats** is returning to the Chicago area to join a private practice. Dr. **Amy Tasca** is joining our full-time orthodontic faculty at the University of Minnesota. We are very pleased to have her join the faculty with her general dentistry private practice experience, research experience and now, her orthodontic training. We know that she will be a tremendous asset to our faculty.

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