

## University of Missouri - Kansas City

Dr. **Thikriat Al-Jewair** joined our faculty as the new Program Director in September 2018 and has been an excellent addition to our staff. She has worked very hard to learn all about the residents and the Adjunct Clinical Faculty members. We appreciate her effort and time already invested in the program, and look forward to her participation in the education of the residents for many years to come. This fall, she presented at two meetings At NESO she spoke on *Effects of Vibrational Appliances on Orthodontic Tooth Movement and Patient Discomfort* and at the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Congress of the Korean Association Orthodontists it was on *Upper and Lower Body Heights May Predict Craniofacial Growth in Adolescents with Class I Occlusion*.



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We would like to express our appreciation to Drs. **Frank Crist** and **Mike Klein** for serving as the interim co-program directors from the transition from Dr. **Jeff Nickel** to Dr. Al-Jewair. Both volunteered their time from private practice to assist the program in a time of need.



On December 13, 2018 we had our graduation ceremony for the graduating residents. Our three graduating residents are: Dr. **Kevin Kaiser** (returning to the St. Louis metropolitan area), Dr. **Alicia Griffin** (returning to the Dallas-Ft. Worth metropolitan area) and Dr. **Brad Chun** (returning to the Honolulu metropolitan area).

Each resident successfully completed and defended their Masters of Science thesis this fall. Dr. Chun defended the *Effect of Highly Filled Light-cured Resin Sealant on Bracket Shear Bond Strength in Demineralization Conditions*; Dr. Griffin defendd *Knowledge of Dental Students with Respect to Orthodontic Diagnosis and Clear Aligner Therapy in Conjunction with Pre-doctoral Orthodontic Curricula*; and Dr Kaiser defended the *Association of Nasel Septum Area and Deviation with Anterio-Posterior Maxillary Position and Facial Skeletal Asymmetries*. They have been excellent residents and will do well in private practice.

This fall, our residents traveled to GORP in Ann Arbor, Mich. and to a conference in San Diego, which they enjoyed very much.

We are very pleased to announce the incoming residents for the class of 2021.



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