

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Holiday Greetings from Iowa City! This is an exciting week . . . the names of the incoming Class of 2019 will become public information! The names of the incoming class include: Drs. **Mitchell Hemann, Samantha Marti, Megan Utter, John Welk** and **Andrew Welling**.

We are also looking forward to the arrival of a new full-time orthodontic faculty member by late January 2019. Dr. **Shankar Rengasamy Venugopalan** will be joining us from UMKC. Dr. Rengasamy Venugopalan's areas of expertise include orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, craniofacial development, genetics/genomes and mineralized tissue biology. In addition, he has worked to identify the factors affecting outcomes in patients hospitalized for cleft lip/palate repair and orthognathic surgeries. We look forward to the knowledge and experience he will contribute to the University of Iowa Orthodontic program.

A transition will take place very soon – **Kim Fordice** will be taking over the job duties as Primary Administrative Assistant due to the retirement of **Linda Keller** on November 26. Kim is very familiar to so many Iowa alums, patients and staff because she has worked as an orthodontic dental assistant and clinic clerk for many years. She is a perfect fit to take over Linda's position!

We owe a big thank you to several recent Iowa alums, now practicing in the great state of Iowa, who volunteer their time and talent as adjunct professors. Their names are Drs. **Kyle Mann ('08), Sam Christensen ('18)** and **Austin Foster ('18)**. Coincidentally, they are all practicing in the suburbs of Des Moines. They have joined in with our current dedicated adjunct faculty, who are Drs. **Matthew Croco, Dave Gehring, David Meyer, Karin Southard** and **Tom Stark**. We are also fortunate to have our visiting faculty with us weekly – Drs. Mike **Callan, Clay Parks** and **Steve Marshall**.

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