

American Association of Orthodontists Foundation (AAOF)

- In March of 2018, **Jackie Bode** was hired as the new Executive Director of the AAO Foundation. Jackie comes to the AAOF with background in fundraising during her time at Washington University School of Medicine as well as with the BJC Healthcare system.
- In May of 2018, after 26 years of service to the AAO Foundation **Robert Hazel** retired from his position as Executive Vice President. We thank Robert for his loyalty and dedication to this specialty and the foundation.
- Through the Awards Program, the AAOF has invested a total of \$12.3 million in the future of orthodontics. In 2018, nearly \$800,000 was awarded to 27 proposals.
- AAOF activities held at the 2018 AAO Annual Session included:
 - Grants Workshop and Educators Update at the Society of Educators Conference
 - A Business of Orthodontics Seminar
 - Grants Workshop for potential applicants
 - AAO Foundation Breakfast where we awarded the Blair Award to **Robert Hazel** (Friend/MO)
 - Presentation of the Jarabak Award to Dr. **Brent Larson** (MSO/MN)
- All AAO Members are asked to support the AAO Foundation by making an annual donation. More information can be found on our website at www.aaofoundation.net.

2019 AAOF AWARDS PROGRAM

Our proposal deadline was November 16 and we received 57 proposals to be considered for the 2019 Awards. It was one of the largest amounts received so our dedicated PARC members will be busy reviewing these prior to our PARC meeting scheduled in January.

NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2018

At GORP 2018, the AAO Foundation announced a new program for orthodontic residents to promote attendance at the AAO Annual Session called the Resident Gift Program. This program gives all AAO Student Members the opportunity to apply for a one-time \$400 gift from the foundation to support their attendance at Annual Session. The process is that they need to apply for the funding prior to Annual Session through the AAO Foundation website, www.aaofoundation.net. The applications will be available starting in January 2019. All applicants need to attend the 2019 Annual Session in Los Angeles and visit the AAO Foundation booth in the exhibit hall to verify attendance. After attendance has been verified and all application materials have been received, the resident will receive their gift from the AAO Foundation.

In September 2018, the AAOF launched a new service in response to requests from AAO members. This will be your opportunity to ask a panel of orthodontic researchers questions regarding the validity of manufacturers' claims about their products. This program is called the Rapid Assessment of Evidence. More information and the claim form can be found online at

<http://aaofoundation.net/News/RapidAssessmentofEvidenceProgramLaunched.aspx>.

After the review has been conducted, the conclusions will be communicated to membership through the AAO Foundation in social media and email communication.

NEW UPDATED AAOF WEBSITE

Please check out our new look as we recently went live with our newly redesigned website <http://www.aaofoundation.net/>.

REMEMBER THE AAO FOUNDATION IN YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING

As you prepare to make your year-end giving decisions, please consider the AAO Foundation to give back to the specialty and promote the future of orthodontics.

Specifics on how to support the foundation can be found online at

www.aaofoundation.net or you can call the AAO Foundation Office at 314-292-6546.

If you have not already included the AAOF in your estate plans, please visit the AAO Foundation website (<http://aaofoundation.planningyourlegacy.org/keystone-society/form-keystone-society>) to learn more about this giving opportunity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

See the AAO Foundation website at www.aaofoundation.net for more information.

Please follow the AAO Foundation on Facebook and Twitter.

Or, if you should have any questions or concerns, please call **Jackie Bode**, AAOF Executive Director, at 800-424-2841, #ext. 546 (jbode@aaortho.org).

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