

## University of Missouri - Kansas City

As we move into the summer of 2019, UMKC Advanced Education and Dentofacial Orthopedics is slowly moving forward after the previous Chairperson and Program Director left for another school. In July we will be accepting our new residents, Drs. **Patrick Grady** (University of Texas, San Antonio Dental School), **Megan Klein** (University of Nebraska Dental School) and **Grant Severs**, (Southern Illinois University Dental School) and we are looking forward to them joining our family. Dr. **Amin Neishaboory**, a recent graduate from University of Manitoba, Advanced Education in Orthodontics Program, will be joining our faculty this summer. His responsibilities will be mainly with the predoctoral orthodontic program. We are anxiously waiting for his arrival.

The previous class had their graduation in December 2019, now have joined the world of private practice. Dr. **Brad Chun** in Honolulu, (poor Brad, how he must suffer!), Dr. **Alicia Griffin** in Arlington Texas, Dr. **Kevin Kaiser** in the South Saint Louis, Missouri area. Dr. Kaiser and Dr. Griffin returned for their first alumni association meeting in March of 2019 (We wonder why Dr. Chun did not return?).

All the current residents, Drs. **Mary Becker, Kaylee Bergman, Laura Moore, Burt Kawamoto, Collin Schlosser**, and Dr. **Kendall Tada** all attended the AAO Annual Session in Los Angeles, and even spent a significant amount of time at the convention attending the presentations and touring the exhibits.

Drs. **Mary Becker, Kaylee Bergman** and **Laura Moore** took their written exam for the ABO and all were rewarded with passing due to a lot of work and guidance from Dr. **Thikriat Al-Jewair**.

The Clinical Adjunct Faculty members, Drs. **Brad Smith, Dustin Burleson, Jeff Thompson, Kurt Hoffman, Scott Hamilton, Don Wilson, Gena Henderson, Dan Ranjbar, Mike Klein, Steve Malmstrom**, and **Steve Billings**, have given of their time and expertise in assisting with the residents education and are greatly appreciated. Drs. **Mike Klein** and **Frank Crist** were honored at the annual alumni meeting as "Orthodontists of the Year" for serving as the interim Co-Program Directors before Dr. Al-Jewair arrived. We really appreciate their volunteering to serve the program in our time of need. Thanks to all of the Clinical Adjunct Faculty for their time and expertise.

Dr. **Vesna Ferrer** participated in a poster presentation at the IADR meeting presenting the results of her research project to date: Ferrer V-LF, Iwasaki LR, Van Ness C, Nickel J, Rengasamy Venugopalan S, Osborne J, Gadbury-Amyot C (2019). Consensus on topics necessary for clinical skills development in orthodontics. *J Dent Res* 98A:0744.

She has spent a significant amount of time compiling data concerning the information presented to the pre-doctoral dental students to hopefully standardize information

presented. We are very proud her accomplishments and to try to standardize information presented in the dental school's curriculum.

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