

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

We would like to announce the successful graduation of our 2021 class.



The Class of 2021 graduates (from left to right) were:

***Dr. Brent Ito - Now practicing in Illinois
Dr. Jennifer Brehove - Now practicing in Oregon
Dr. Brinda Shah - Now practicing in Illinois
Dr. John Simindinger - Now practicing in Ohio
Dr. Eric Moe - Now practicing in Minnesota***

We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and we know they will make Marquette Orthodontics proud.

I would like to introduce current **Class of 2022**



Dr. Jacob Beckstrand
(University of Utah)



Dr. Shuwei Wang
(University of Illinois)



Dr. Megan Fried
(University of Minnesota)



Dr. Lisa Nguyen
(Midwestern University)



Dr. Scott Beard
(Western University)

Class of 2023



Dr. Stefan Idso
(Marquette University)



Dr. Samantha Zavada
(Boston University)



Dr. Matt McGrady
(University of Pittsburgh)



Dr. Kelly Dentino
(Harvard University)



Dr. Issac Empson
(University of Illinois)

At Marquette, the ABO written exam is mandated and the final clinical exam is highly encouraged. As exciting news, ALL the five 2020 class graduates had successfully challenged the clinic ABO exam and became ABO-certified orthodontists! This is the first time in Marquette Ortho history, which set up an excellent example for their little brothers and sisters.

In September 2020, we had to say goodbye to our full-time faculty member, Dr. **Bhoomika Ahuja**. She was a wonderful addition to our faculty for the past five years and will be greatly missed by the residents, staff, and faculty. A search for Dr. Ahuja's replacement has taken place, and we are happy to announce the addition of 2 new full-time faculty, Dr. **Shivam Mehta** and Dr. **Marinho Del Santo** have just joined us this fall. We are looking forward to working with them and welcome them to our orthodontic family.



Shivam Mehta, B.D.S., M.D.S., M.Dent.Sc. Clinical Assistant Professor
Dental Degree: College of Dental Science & Research Center, Bopal, Ahmedabad – India, 2011 //
Postgraduate degree: Master of Dental Surgery in Orthodontic & Dentofacial Orthopedics – Government Dental College & Hospital, Ahmedabad, 2015; Master of Science of Dentistry and Certificate in Orthodontics – University of Connecticut, 2021. // orthodontic Fellowship: Recent Advances in Orthodontics: University of Illinois at Chicago – Illinois 2018 // ABO Diplomate: Yes. Highest Honor: Funding from American Association of Orthodontists Foundation (AAOF: 2020 – present); Association of Orthodontists Singapore (AOSC: 1st place Best Research Award 2021); Connecticut State Dental Association Award (CSDA 2021); TM Graber outstanding article award (JWFO 2021); Makerspace CT research scholarship (McEIVR 2020) // Research Interest: orthodontic tooth movement; retention; mini-screw assisted rapid palatal expansion; cone beam computed tomography.



Marinho Del Santo, Jr., DDS, MS, PhD, MSD Clinical Assistant Professor
Dental Degree: University of Sao Paulo, Brazil (1989). // Postgraduate Degrees: Master of Science in Anatomy, Federal University of Sao Paulo (1991); PhD in Anatomy, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil (1997); Master of Science and Certificate in Orthodontics, Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A&M University System, Dallas, TX (1999). // ABO Diplomate: Yes. Highest Honor: Being invited to join the Edward H. Angle Society, Midwest Component. // Research Interest: Correction of Class II Malocclusion with TAD - Zygomagear Appliance.

Due to COVID, we held our resident interview virtually last year. Although successful, in-person interview has tremendous benefits, which will allow the candidates to have a full view of our program and interact with our faculty, current residents and staff. Interviews of this fall will take place on October 21 and **October 22**. We are looking forward to having in-person interviews this year and choosing the 5 perfect candidates for our program.

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