

## UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Greetings from the University of Iowa Department of Orthodontics. It's hard to believe this is the last Newsletter for this year. We lost a valuable and long-time orthodontist and colleague this past September when Dr. **Bill Olin** passed away following a sudden illness.

Our residents have stayed busy with coursework, patient care and research leading up to their thesis defense in the spring. We have been able to bring in interesting and informative speakers, including Dr. **Kyle Mann** (08), Dr. **Laurel Martin** (95), Dr. **David Cummins** (92), Dr. **Shankar Rengasamy Venugopalan** from UMKC, Dr. **Chung Min-ho** from South Korea and Dr. **Brian Jespersen** (81). Recently, Dr. **Pat Foley** gave a presentation on behalf of the American Board of Orthodontics. In January, Dr. **Barry Glaser** gave a day-long presentation on Invisalign which is open to orthodontic alumni and qualifies for CE credit. We appreciate the time and travel taken by these guest speakers.

The College of Dentistry & Dental Clinics, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and the Center for Developmental Disabilities have embarked on a collaborative project to link up more than 250,000 unique patient records from the UIHC, CDD and the CoD. The Big Data Project's goal is to create an immense resource for UI researchers and health care providers. A \$600,000 three-year grant from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust is supporting this goal as part of the Biorepository project. Dr. **Veerasathpurush Allareddy**, a professor and researcher in the Department of Orthodontics has been instrumental in organizing this project.

Wishing everyone good health and happy holidays!

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