

University of Missouri - Kansas City

UMKC Orthodontics Mourn the Passing of Mrs. Michele Edwards

It's with a heavy heart that we are the bearer of sad news. After a courageous 2+ year fight with cancer, our dear friend and colleague **Michele Edwards** passed away this October. For well over a decade, Michele has been our departmental administrator whose job was to have a steady hand on the day-to-day operations of the department. Michele was an integral element of the inner workings of the department, and was so much a part of the educational mission of UMKC. We will miss Michele's warmth, and her effort to make the UMKC family a place of caring and encouragement.



GRADUATION OF SENIOR RESIDENTS

Congratulations to Drs. **Andrew Eichholz**, **Mark Greenburg** and **Kelcey Loveland** for completing their final competency examinations this December. Ten of our orthodontic instructors were in attendance to adjudicate the cases presented by our three senior residents. Congratulations are also in order to Dr. **Dan Ranjibar**, who was this year's recipient of the 2016 Instructor of the Year.

Our graduation dinner was held on December 15, 2016, at the Hallbrook Country Club. More than 70 family members and guests gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of our newest alums, as they prepare to embark on the next stage of their careers. All of our newest alums are heading off to private practices.



Left photo: Drs. Greenburg, Eichholz, Nickel (Program Director), Loveland, and Iwasaki (Chair). Right photo: Orthodontic Residents with Dr. Jim Osborne (clinic director).

Stepping into the role of senior residents are the Class of 2018, Drs. **Brad Chun**, **Kevin Kaiser** and **Alicia Griffin**. Moving up to second-year status are Drs. **Mary Becker**, **Kaylee Bergman** and **Laura Moore**. These three will soon be mentors to our incoming residents who will begin their tenure at UMKC as of July 1, 2018. Our new first-year residents (Class of 2020) will be Drs. **Burt Kawamoto**, **Kendall Tada** and **Collin Schlosser**.



Class of 2018: L-R Dr. Brad Chun (UMKC, 2016), Dr. Alicia Griffin (U. Texas, Houston, 2016) and Dr. Kevin Kaiser (UMKC, 2016)



Class of 2019: L-R Dr. Mary Becker (UTHSC-Baylor, 2017), Dr. Kaylee Bergman (UMKC, 2017) and Dr. Laura Moore (UMKC, 2017)

A HAPPY UMKC NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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