



## AAO Foundation Board Report Spring 2022

- ❖ *We invite all AAO members to support the foundation by making an **annual donation**.*
- ❖ *The AAO Foundation was chosen as one of the **2022 ADEA Gies Award** Recipients within the Achievement category.*
- ❖ *The **Resident Education Program** is returning for the 2022 AAO Annual Session.*

### ONE PLACE, MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

Along with a new mission, the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation is now offering more opportunities for AAO members to get involved. In 2021, the AAOF welcomed the Donated Orthodontic Services (DOS) program and the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) to its philanthropic umbrella so members can engage on multiple levels, all in one place.

*The new mission, “The AAO Foundation is to advance the orthodontic specialty by supporting quality education and research that leads to excellence in patient care, and by promoting orthodontic charitable giving.”*

The AAOF’s passion for education and research, will always be at the forefront of what it does. Expanding the mission statement and gaining two dynamic programs truly gives the Foundation new ways to move the specialty forward. Both programs, DOS and the DRF will bring diversification to the Foundation by adding volunteerism and a way of supporting our supporters, especially during times of natural disaster.

To learn more, please visit: <http://www.aaofoundation.net/charitable-giving>.

### ARTHUR A. DUGONI BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND TEACHING AWARD

The AAO Foundation is excited to start fundraising for a new named award in memory of Dr. Art Dugoni. To offer this award to our grant recipients, our goal is to raise \$250,000 in support of orthodontic research and education. If you can support this fundraising initiative, please visit

our [website](#) and mention that you are giving “In honor of Dr. Art Dugoni” on your giving form. We will ensure your donation gets to the right place. We hope to have this award established in time to offer it to our 2023 grant recipients.

### **DONATED ORTHODONTIC SERVICES IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

DOS is looking for volunteers in the PCSO region to participate in this program. We currently have 300 patients in active treatment with more on our wait list to be matched with our orthodontists. To learn about this program please visit our [website](#). If you decide you are interested in volunteering or have additional questions, email us at [dos@aaortho.org](mailto:dos@aaortho.org).

### **DISASTER RELIEF FUND**

Did you know that the AAO Foundation has a fund just for orthodontists who have experienced a natural disaster and need support to get their practices up and running again? The [Disaster Relief Fund](#) supports our members if they end up in this type of situation. Please consider this option when you are making your annual charitable contribution, but also keep this in mind if you find yourself in this type of situation. We want to support those who are in need.

### **AAOF AWARDS PROGRAM**

Since the inception of the AAOF Awards Program, the AAOF has given back over \$14 million to the orthodontic specialty through research and education support. The grant proposals process has been moved to an online system and our review committee will consider applications for the 2022 funding cycle this winter and decisions will be shared in April. The AAO Foundation received 45 applications for funding in 2022 that will be reviewed by PARC for consideration.

### **RESIDENT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The AAO Foundation recognizes the importance of residents having the opportunity to experience an AAO Annual Session, and we support them through this program by offering a one-time \$400 incentive to offset expenses to attend the conference. Due to the 2020 and 2021 AAO Annual Sessions moving to a virtual platform, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have extended eligibility for this program for the 2022 Annual Session in Miami Beach to also include new orthodontists who were residents during those meetings. For more information about this program, please visit our [website](#).

## **AAOF TO SPONSOR THE BUSINESS OF ORTHODONTICS/PRACTICE MANAGEMENT LECTURES AT ANNUAL SESSION**

On Monday, May 23, 2022, please visit Chris Bentson's lecture on Orthodontic Industry Trends and Matthew Bidwell's lecture on Interviewing, Onboarding, Training and Performance Management. Both of these lectures are being sponsored by the AAO Foundation.

## **REMEMBER THE AAO FOUNDATION IN YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING**

Did you know that the AAO Foundation can accept donations not only online, but via ACH as well as stock transfer? Please consider making a [donation](#) to the foundation in 2022.

If you are interested in becoming a monthly donor, think about joining the **Century Club**. This is for donors who give a minimum of \$100 a month. You can sign up for this option on our [website](#) or by calling the office directly.

Also keep the AAO Foundation in mind as you create your estate plans. If you have the AAOF in your will, as a beneficiary on your retirement plan or life insurance, mentioned in your trust, etc. please notify the AAOF staff office so we can properly steward your donation as a [Keystone Society](#) member.

## **FOLLOW US IN SOCIAL MEDIA**

You can find the AAO Foundation in social media! If you have not already, please consider following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. This is the best way to stay up to date on the happenings of the AAOF.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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