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The Missouri and Kansas Orthodontic Societies finally held their combined meeting in Kansas City in February after 2 years of postponing. The weather left a lot to be desired and resulted in several people not able to attend. The meeting itself was well attended and featured great lectures/talks. Don't miss the next one, which should be in 2024.

The 2022 MSO meeting is combined this year with the SWSO and SAO in Austin, Texas. It should be a great meeting in a great location. If you haven't registered please consider digging out your boots and cowboy hat and join the excitement.

The state of Missouri has a new Dental Director. Dr. **Jacqueline Miller** started her new position August 18, 2022. Missouri is lucky to have such a caring and compassionate person in that position. Knowing Jackie, she will do an exceptional job!

In Joplin, KCU's new dental school has progressed significantly and is on schedule to open in fall of 2023. The building has started internal finishes and from my understanding, equipment will be installed in late spring/early summer with plenty of time to check prior to the school's first class starting in August 2023. KCU School of Dental Medicine has completed the accreditation process and is now in the process of interviewing for their first class of students.

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