Dear Alumni and Friends,

Amazing, simply amazing! What a truly wonderful win for IOWA! It is with heartfelt thanks that I express my gratitude to our residents and faculty for the superlative care they provide IOWANS. And a special thanks to you, our alumni and friends for your support.

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Iowa ORTHO wins 1st place - For 3rd Year in a Row!!

Iowa orthodontic residents place first in national competition – for a third consecutive year.

For a third year in a row, orthodontic residents at the University of Iowa’s College of Dentistry have won first place in the Resident Case Display Program at the annual meeting of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), which met April 21 – 25 in San Diego, California.

Every year, residents from the U.S. and Canada display records of their best treated cases as part of the College of Diplomates – Resident Case Display Program. Competition is rigorous. This year, 69 orthodontic residency programs participated, for a total of 199 cases.

Judges rank the treatment cases based on treatment planning and execution, quality of the completed case, records, case write-up, and unique features from pre-treatment to the final result. Treatment cases are submitted anonymously.

UI orthodontic residents also placed first in 2016, first in 2015 and second in 2014.

The UI College of Dentistry reports that 89% of its orthodontic residency graduates have passed the American Board of Orthodontics Initial Certification Examination. This contrasts with a national average of 32.6%.

“These awards reflect the high quality of education and training our orthodontic residents receive,” says Dr. Kyungsup Shin, Assistant Professor of Orthodontics at the College of Dentistry. “We are very proud of the work they do and of the excellent patient care they provide.”
The AAOF approved funding for the research project titled “Predictors of Successful Alveolar Bone Graft: A Prospective Study Using Cone Beam Computed Tomography”. Min Kyeong Lee (CHLA) is principal investigator Dr. Sath and Trishal Allareddy are co-investigators.

Dr. Kyungsup Shin has been awarded 2 grants from the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation. He has the opportunity to chose which one he wants to pursue.

“Bro Club” prepares for ABO Examination - Drs. Chris Wermerson, Patrick Brady, Justin Hughes, Jed Arbon, and Kyungsup Shin (left to right)

Great news 100% board certified (5 out of 5) for both Class of 2014 AND Class of 2015!

2014; Mary Beth Hoppens Meier, Cole Weaver, Thomas Bauer, Tyler Prestwich, Erin Bilbo (left to right)

2015; Kyungsup Shin, Julie Wees, Jessica Fuller, Taylor Varner, Christopher Hartman (left to right)
Dave Defay, Ariel, Noah (9), Tess (6), Sam (3)

We are happily living the suburban dream in Kaysville, UT. We recently expanded our Kaysville office and are on the tail end of a remodel. We also very recently bought a small satellite office in our area and are excited to take great care of those patients, as well. I strongly believe that my family and I are blessed daily by the dedication and sacrifice of the University of Iowa Orthodontic Program and it’s faculty to provide a fundamentally sound foundation to it’s residents’ orthodontic training. I am convinced that it is the best program in the country!

“Gosh, It’s Beautiful.”

How did a boring Nintendo game from 1987 become the most coveted cartridge ever? It’s a bit of a mystery.

by Justin Heckert-ESPN, 11/28/16

The only orthodontist in Bedford, Indiana, Tod Curtis was 41, with a wife and two kids, and well-liked in the small town. He had a free arcade in the front room of his practice. Like many children of the ’80s, he cherished the NES -- introduced to the U.S. in 1986, it remains one of the best-selling consoles of all time -- and Tod kept a spreadsheet with the names of every game made for it, all 750-plus of them. Stadium Events was the last one he needed. In 2008, he wrote “Hooray!” in the margin after buying a cartridge for $1,475, but when he placed this game alongside his others, the joy it brought was fleeting. So a few years later, he found a second copy on eBay, winning it for $11,518.19. This one was in good shape, a cartridge in its original box with a single glaring cut running down its back, missing only the instruction manual. But, again, something nagged at him.

It was hard for him to explain why he wanted an even better copy. Anyone who might see the expanse of his game room -- safely behind the key-coded deadbolted door -- would not only stand in awe but also feel a little sad for him. His obsession was not merely acquiring or displaying the games; it was about the quest and some childhood longing that buying the games temporarily sated.

The obsession was also an emotional investment. Growing up, he collected baseball cards. “I never had a Honus Wagner rookie,” he lamented. “That’s what this game is to this hobby. I don’t know how many Honus Wagner cards are out there compared to how many Stadium Events there are. If the game is really that rare, you can see in 20 years it coming up at Christie’s, where people are going to pay $900,000.”