Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are so grateful for your strong support, whether in good times and bad. Life has a habit of stripping what we love away from us. But the education you received from The University of Iowa is forever.

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Iowa ORTHO: a winning case for 5th straight year!!

For the 5th year in a row, orthodontic residents at The University of Iowa’s College of Dentistry have presented a winning case in the Resident Case Display Program at the annual meeting of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) which met in Washington, D.C.

Each 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 stiff. This year, 68 orthodontic residency programs participated, for a total of 198 cases.

Judges rank the care based upon treatment planning and execution, quality of the completed case, records, case write-up, and unique features from pretreatment to the final result. Treated cases are submitted anonymously. This year, our residents received Honorable Mention (4th place). We placed 1st, in 2017, 2016, 2015 and in 2014 we placed second.

"We attribute this winning record to the caliber of top students we attract to Iowa and to the strong support of our alumni and friends" - Dr. Shin

"OAKS STAND TRUE IN EAST WINDS, AND WEST"

Linda Keller Announces Retirement

At Dr. Southard's request, Linda reluctantly agreed to sit down for an interview. In her quiet and unassuming manner, she graciously answered a few questions about her 50 years of service. For many of you, it will be no surprise that her answers were to the point, yet full of grace and deference to others. When I asked her about advice, her kind and thoughtful nature was on full display—she needed time to consider her reply and sent me a response on the next day.

Q: What are your plans for retirement?
LK: I don't really have "retirement plans." I'm going to be staying in Iowa City, but I do plan on doing some traveling to see family and my grandchildren in Oskaloosa, IA and San Bernardino, CA.

Q: What brought you the most joy in your work?
LK: Orthodontics is a great department. The residents are nice to work with and it is nice to see them accomplish so much during their time here, and then to see them leave and be successful wherever they go. The faculty are kind, thoughtful, and considerate. They are all—faculty and residents—so smart. I've appreciated having the stability of five DEOs during my 50 years. They've made the work enjoyable.

Q: What will you miss most about the College of Dentistry?
LK: I'll miss the daily contact with my fellow employees. I'll miss seeing so many cute kids. I'll miss walking down the hall and seeing so many of my co-workers and acquaintances. I'll really miss the people here.
Hello everyone,

We are including a new section highlighting our current residents who are seeking practice opportunities. Both Drs. Wire and Frazier below receive my highest recommendations. We welcome the chance to answer any questions you may have (319-335-7288). – Tom

My name is Clint Wire and I’m originally from a small town just outside of Olympia, Washington. I received my undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University, where I graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Exercise Science. I then continued my education as part of the inaugural class at the University of Utah College of Dentistry, where I graduated with Honors and at the top of my class. While attending school in Utah, I was given the opportunity to participate each year in several intramural sports, pursue my lifetime hobby of snow skiing, and spend my summers mountain-biking, hiking, and camping. I’ve really enjoyed my residency so far at the University of Iowa, and I feel honored to learn from so many great mentors and role-models. Looking forward, I hope to find an opportunity as a private practice orthodontic associate or partner in a great community where I can continue to grow as a person and practitioner.

My name is Kirsten Frazier and I grew up as the oldest of three daughters in Bourbonnais, Illinois. I was born and raised an Illini fan, and graduated from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, with a degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology and a Concentration in Business. I then attended UIC College of Dentistry where I participated in research, volunteering, and enjoyed cheering on my favorite Chicago sports teams. I am a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon dental honor society, AAO, and volunteer at Camp Kesem, a summer camp for kids whose parents have cancer. I am so thankful for the opportunity to study orthodontics at the University of Iowa, and I have enjoyed being a part of the Iowa Ortho Family. After graduation, I hope to work as an orthodontic associate or partner in a practice where I can be an active participant in the community, assist in growing a practice, and develop as a practitioner.
Dr. Shelia Daniels - Tim and I met in Virginia where I was completing my dental degree and he, his cardiology fellowship. We continued dating through my residency in Iowa and his second fellowship in Cleveland. Tim proposed on a weekend getaway to Cleveland at the Cultural Gardens. We will be getting married in Whitehouse, OH at a converted stables - there will be lots of Persian food and dancing!

Dr. Erin Bilbo - “I’ve been practicing 4 years now (can you believe that?!), and I’m loving it. Jonathan and I have a son who just turned two. His name is Luke and he’s the sweetest, happiest child. We’re loving being parents.”

If you have news you would like to share, then please contact Tom or Linda; tom-southard@uiowa.edu, linda-keller@uiowa.edu