To all our alumni, faculty, students and staff,

As I reflect on the past year I am invariably reminded of those who went before us and how lucky we are that a sound foundation exists upon which we continue to build our program.

We have been diligent in updating, consolidating and providing the proverbial shine to the program. A wonderful culture of collaboration exists in the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. It is experienced daily as an environment of “we want to excel, we want to learn more, and we want to make orthodontics stronger globally.” Our program has been recognized as a strong orthodontic program. The faculty and residents constantly strive to maintain and enhance our position of national and international recognition through their commitment to evidence-based education, clinical excellence, scholarship, and service to the profession and community.

The summer brought the arrival of our new residents, who are already actively involved, and another superb class who graduated on June 22. I am delighted to say that our graduates are starting their careers with wonderful enthusiasm and confidence with the knowledge that they are supported by an excellent Eastman education. However, these new graduates also face many challenges as they venture into orthodontic practice. Our precious discipline is being attacked from various directions by those who may not have the same appreciation as we have having spent many hours, days, months and years to gain experience and become respected orthodontists in the various communities around the globe.

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We all have to ensure that we maintain the high standards demanded by excellent orthodontic care as many charlatans are also indulging into the field. The hallway whispers and conference discussions of self-care and instant orthodontics are on the tips of everyone’s tongue. This is a dilemma that affects the service to patients and we need to be a step ahead. The AAO eBulletin stated that the American Dental Association has started a new public awareness campaign focusing on the dangers of DIY dentistry. The campaign was initiated in part in response to concerns expressed to the ADA by AAO leadership. Now is a time that we have to stand strong, and Eastman Orthodontics is strong!

I salute our alumni who continue their superb financial support of the program and we receive compliments as to the renovation of our clinic facility. It was a fabulous sight to see the gathering of alums at the annual AAO meeting. I encourage all to maintain this tradition; moreover, please come and visit us at Eastman.

I look forward to a successful year! My wish to you, as always, is to cherish what Eastman Orthodontics has given us. I hope to see you soon at a meeting or better, at your alma mater so that we can catch-up on your achievements.

Thank you,

Dr. P. Emile Rossouw, BSc, BChD, BChD(Hons-Child Dent), MChD(Ortho), PhD, FRCD(C)
Dr. Hani Al Sibai

I will be joining a corporate practice in Minneapolis, MN. My favorite memory as a resident was having lunch with my classmates. What I will miss the most is being productive during all-morning research time.

Dr. Leah Peres

I will be working in a private practice in Cleveland, OH. I don’t know if I could pick a single memory from residency, since overall it really has been a blast. One highlight would be our celebration of finishing our written boards with Dr. Malik and Dr. Malloy. The whole night was pure silliness, and it’s a night I’ll never forget. I’m going to miss all of the people at Eastman. The ortho department truly is a family; my co-residents are some of the greatest people I’ve ever known in my life, and I’m so grateful for all of the fun we’ve had over the past two years.

Dr. Michael Skrobola III

I plan to work with my dad, Mike Skrobola Jr. who graduated Eastman in 1993, in Orange County, NY. There have been lots of good memories – morning coffee runs, long Chipotle lunches, and all the trips we’ve been on. I wouldn’t have changed a thing. I’ll miss the people that I worked with: staff, faculty, and residents.

Dr. Andrea Frantz

I will be joining a private practice in Philadelphia, PA. Long-term, I hope to own my own practice near my family and be involved with academia and organized dentistry. There are too many favorite memories to pick just one! Nights spent at Boondock’s and L&M (jukebox included), and Dr. Malloy’s are a highlight. Kayaking with Hani, rooming with Leah, Pat leading me to 6 for 6 in billiards, coffee with Mike, celebrating with Alberto in San Diego, and meeting Ana, Camille, and Evelyn! I am going to miss working with my co-residents each day as well as the incredible Eastman faculty. I hope the countless laughs and learning from each other will continue in the coming years.

Dr. Patrick Scannell

I will be going into practice in Johnson City, NY with my uncle, Mark Hatala, an Eastman graduate from 1993. My favorite memories at Eastman were all the resident trips to various conferences. I am going to miss all the relationships I built, seeing residents, staff, and faculty every day.

Dr. Alberto Tostado

I plan to move back west and hopefully buy into a practice in a couple of years. There are too many good memories to list as I was lucky to be in a great class where we all always had a lot of fun. Definitely I will miss being around such a good group of people throughout Eastman.

CONGRATULATIONS!
DEPARTMENT EVENTS AND NEWS

Class of 2018 residents at the American Orthodontics Resident Summit in Sheboygan, WI.

Eastman bowling night at Radio Social

Class of 2019 practicing their bonding skills

In April, Class of 2019 residents attended the 125th Tweed Study Course offered by the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation in Tucson, Arizona. They had a great time meeting residents and instructors from other programs and countries. They returned with sore fingers, sunburns, and lots of great stories!

AAO General Counsel Kevin Dillard presented the AAO’s legal course to the classes of 2018 and 2019.
Dr. Leah Peres ('18) for her Charley Schultz Resident Scholar presentation.

Class of 1993 had their 25 year reunion at AAO this year. From left to right: Doctors Robert Girgis, Mark Hatala, Tim Agapas, Cristina Incorvati, Dave Proietti and Pedro Santiago.

Ontario Association of Orthodontists 2018

Doctors Sam Obamiyi, Ches MacNeil, Emile Rossouw, Cherie Nicolucci, Sue-Lynn Chin, Martin Chin, Joel Schacher.

Dr. Sam Obamiyi ('19) for his Table Clinic presentation.

Classes of 2018 and 2019 with Dr. Rossouw after giving his presentation titled Mandibular Positional Control with Mini-screw Implant Usage.

Doctors Sam Obamiyi, Sue-Lynn Chin, Emile Rossouw, Frank Cancelli, Joel Schacher, Martin Chin.
GORP 2018 – Ann Arbor, MI

Classes of 2019 and 2020 with alumnus Chris Roberts ('87).

HOLIDAYS

Eastman Ortho brought Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory to life for Halloween 2017!

Happy Friendsgiving! Celebrating friends for Thanksgiving

Class of 2019 at the annual Holiday Party

Classes of 2019 and 2020 at the formal reception at the Henry Ford Museum.

Happy Holidays from Doctors Malloy, Tallents, Malik and Rossouw!
Melissa Yannello returned to the department as a part-time dental assistant. We love having her back with us!

Wilma McCutcheon is a new dental assistant. She worked in the pediatric department for 2 years before joining us in the ortho dept!

Ayda Jaafar is a new dental assistant. She worked in the AEGD, perio and prosth departments before joining us in the ortho dept!

Karen Peck is our new department secretary. She worked in Surgical Oncology/Plastic Surgery for 5 years before joining us in the ortho dept!

In honor of Staff Appreciation Week, our department leaders treated our clinical assistants to a wonderful lunch at Grappa. Thank you for all you do!

Once again, Dr. Deborah New graciously invited the residents to visit her office and let them practice scanning with the iTero scanner.

Class of 2018 visited alumnus Liz Barbi ('13) at her office with Dr. Rodney Littlejohn.

What is one to do on a hot summer’s day? Go and view a cool Dr. Fishman exhibit! Pictured: Dr. Fishman, Dr. Rossouw and Solo.
Graduation 2018

This year’s commencement ceremony was held at the medical center with remarks from Dr. Eli Eliav, Director of the Eastman Institute for Oral Health. Dr. Richard Myers was awarded the coveted 2018 Director’s Award. The award recognizes his excellence in clinical education, and for outstanding achievements in service and education during his 40 years with the Eastman Orthodontic Department. The award was presented at the 2018 Commencement Ceremony. We are very proud of you Dr. Myers and we wish you best in retirement! The night before the graduation ceremony, residents, families, faculty and staff celebrated at Via Mina. At the dinner, the Class of 2018 Orthodontic and Orofacial Pain residents presented Dr. Ross Tallents with a commemorative plaque to thank him for his years of dedication and for contributing his personal photos to the newly renovated orthodontic clinic (photos at the end of this publication). Congrats graduating residents, we will miss you!!

Eastman Residents Get Published

Dr. Sam Obamiyi (’19) co-authored an article published in The Journal of the Ontario Dental Association titled “Case Report: Management of Idiopathic Condylar Resorption.”

Dr. Mohammed Al Azzawi (’19) has had 2 articles published this year: “Effect of low level laser and low intensity pulsed ultrasound therapy on bone remodeling during orthodontic tooth movement in rats” in Progress in Orthodontics and “Effects of Low Level Laser Therapy, Low Intensity Pulsed Ultrasound Treatment and the Combination of them on osteogenesis in vitro” in the International Journal of Orthodontics.
Welcome Ortho Class of 2020!

Aliaa Al-khateeb is from Montreal, Canada. Growing up in this city, Aliaa attended a French high school where she mastered her French speaking skills. She earned her DMD degree from McGill University in Montreal in 2015 and then moved to San Francisco to complete a one year Orthodontic Research Fellowship at the University of the Pacific. After obtaining her certificate, she went back to Montreal and immediately dove into the world of private practice. She practiced as a general dentist for two years before joining the Eastman family. When not working, Aliaa likes to spend time with her family and dog, and she also enjoys travelling, exercising, baking, Netflix and music.

Neelab Anwar is from San Diego, California. She attended California State University San Marcos for her bachelor's degree in biological sciences. After completing her B.S., she moved to Los Angeles for dental school at the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of the University of Southern California. Neelab graduated from dental school this past May of 2018 and is extremely grateful to be joining the Eastman family. During her free time she enjoys exercising, playing tennis, piano and spending time with friends and family.

Gabriela Flores is from Monterrey, Mexico. She obtained her DDS in Mexico at the University of Monterrey, UDEM. She then completed one year of social service (working as a dentist for low income populations). For several years she worked as a pediatric assistant and also as an orthodontic assistant. She then moved to Arizona for one year to complete the International Orthodontic Training Program at Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, A.T. Still University. Later she went to Alabama where she completed the Mini-Residency in Orthodontics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, UAB School of Dentistry. For fun, Gaby likes to travel, ski, bake, dance, and watch comedy movies.

Suzzane Horani was born and raised in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She attended her native state’s rival school, The University of Texas at Austin, for her bachelor’s degree in biology. She pursued her dental degree at the University Health Science Center at San Antonio. Directly after receiving her dental degree, she completed an AEGD residency program through NYU Lutheran Medical Center in Waco, Texas. Before starting her corporate job in Dallas, she joined a dental mission trip to Jordan for Syrian refugees with Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS). Suzzane enjoys traveling, golf and meeting new people. Suzanne is excited to start her orthodontic residency in Rochester and to discover what a true winter snow looks like.

Sonny Song was born in Taiwan before settling down in the Midwest town of Mt. Vernon in Southern Illinois. He earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I-L-L.....I-N-I! He then went on to obtain his master’s degree in molecular and cellular biology from the Illinois Institute of Technology in the windy city of Chicago. Sonny received his DMD degree from Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in Alton, Illinois in this year. Sonny is beyond thrilled and thankful to be joining the Eastman family as he begins his orthodontic training. Sonny is a massive foodie and enjoys traveling, cooking and baking during his downtime. He is excited to explore Rochester’s food scene with his fellow residents. As an avid tennis fan, he hopes to cheer on his favorite players at the famous night matches at the U.S. Open in NY this year!

Zhihui Wang is from Beijing, China. He attended the Peking University School of Stomatology for his Bachelor and Doctoral Degrees in Dentistry. He worked as faculty at his alma mater for three years. He came here to the Eastman Institute for Oral Health for a two-year residency in Orofacial Pain, which he completed in 2016. He then moved to Fredericksburg, Virginia and worked as a general dentist for two years. Zhihui likes to travel, watch movies, ski, and run marathons in different cities and countries.
ALUMNI NEWS

Wedded Bliss

Dr. Vincent Santucci ('19) & Stephanie Howard – 9.23.17

Dr. Alberto Tostado ('18) & Dr. Ana Tijerina – 9.1.17

Dr. Tim Calnon ('15) & Dr. Lauren Vitkus ('16) – 6.9.18

Dr. Maureen Wood ('12) & Blake Petty – 10.7.17.
Dr. Patrick Scannell (’18) and his wife Camille welcomed baby Evelyn Rose Scannell on November 9, 2017.

Dr. Moataz Elmahdy (’17) and his wife Stephanie welcomed baby Nora on July 21, 2018

Dr. Marni Phillips (’14) and her husband Steve welcomed baby Paxton Hunter Phillips on June 27, 2018.

Dr. Lauren Vitkus (’16) is serving as the ADA New Dentist Committee Member (District 2 Representative) and also the AAO Council on Communications Member (NESCO Representative). We look forward to the annual NESCO meeting in Mohegan Sun this fall!

Dr. Chris Roberts (’87) began his term as Secretary-Treasurer of the AAO. He is slated to become AAO President in 2020-2021.

Dr. Ed ‘Chopper’ Snyder (’87) was reelected Chairman on the AAO’s Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns (COMEJC) for 2018-19. I encourage all of our fellow Eastman alumni to read the AAO’s Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct. COMEJC did a complete rewrite of our Ethics Code which passed the AAO’s House of Delegates in 2017.
Dr. Debbie New ('94) is holding a position as NESO State Co-Chair for the AAO-PAC.

Dr. Mike Spoon ('91) is the current President of the North Atlantic Component of the Edward H. Angle Society, while Dr. Ron Bellohusen ('94) is serving as Vice President. Dr. Spoon and Dr. Bellohusen will serve in these positions for 2 years. As President, Dr. Spoon has chosen to hold the April 2019 annual meeting in Rochester, NY and has graciously invited current residents to attend.

Dr. Tim Calnon ('15) is serving on the Monroe County Dental Board of Directors. Dr. Calnon also just started a faculty position here in our department.

ALUMNI GUEST LECTURES

Dr. Robert Girgis ('93) came back for a visit and spoke with the classes of 2018 and 2019 about clinic material from his practice as well as a few practice pearls.

Dr. Robert Bray ('75) visited with the classes of 2018 and 2019 about the AAO program on Resident Vitals as well as the Gaige Program.

Dr. Ben Hardyk ('13) visited with the classes of 2018 and 2019 to speak about the many ways 3D printing can be used in private practice.

Dr. Angelo Miraldi ('95) came from Italy to visit with the classes of 2018 and 2019 to discuss the types of cases that can be treated with Invisalign.
It is truly heartbreaking for us to share the sad news of Stephanie Vinh’s passing. Stephanie was raised in Ancaster, Ontario. She obtained her dental degree from the University of Western Ontario. Following dental school, she moved to Rochester to completed a GPR and Pediatric Dentistry residency. After working as a faculty in Community Dentistry she was then accepted into our Orthodontic Program. Many will speak volumes about her vibrant personality, her sense of humor, kindness, good-nature, politeness and intelligence, but most of us who shared her last years will also remember her as the most courageous, selfless, virtuous and strong woman we have ever met. When we graduated from the program this past summer, Stephanie said: “One of the most unique and special aspects of the orthodontic program at Eastman is that it’s a family. I’m so honored and grateful to be a part, for the remarkable people that I’ve met, and for the treasured friendships that I’ve made. Thank you for the constant support, cherished memories, and laughter”. We share that though, and we can add that you made our program unique, we are the ones that have been honored and that are thankful to have met you, you became our friend, our family. You will be sorely missed.

[...] A thing of beauty is a joy for ever: Its loveliness increases; it will never pass into nothingness [...]
Debbie Dake passed away from a brain tumor the day before her 62nd birthday. She is predeceased by her loving husband, Bob, whom she cared for many years while he struggled with oral cancer. She is survived by her three children Jared, Robert, and Jessica (Logan) Cole; grandbabies Adelyn, and Ryker Cole who were the light of her life; and her brother David Pucci.

Debbie was loved by all – faculty, staff, residents, and patients. She knew all the patients and everything about their lives and they loved her back.

From everyone at Eastman Orthodontics, thank you Debbie for helping dozens of orthodontic residents over the years. We appreciate everything you’ve done for us!
Dear Fellow Eastman Orthodontic Alumni:

The American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA) Announces 2018 Research Grant Winners

Chapel Hill, NC, May 9, 2018—The American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA) is pleased to announce recipients of its research grant awards for 2018. Research grants began with the Cleft Palate Foundation (CPF) and received over $750,000 in funding from 1989–2017 when CPF merged with the ACPA. ACPA continues to support knowledge discovery in the field of cleft and craniofacial studies by providing research grants. Some researchers use these grants as seed funding for new projects, serving as an impetus for future funding from larger granting agencies.

The Subtelny Speech and Orthodontic Research Grants are offered in honor of Dan and Joanne Subtelny and are sponsored by the Alumni from the Orthodontic Department, Eastman Institute of Oral Health, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. These grants recognize the Subtelnys’ lifetime commitment to clinical work, research and education in the cleft/craniofacial fields in orthodontics and speech pathology. The purpose of these grants is to promote effective orthodontic and speech and language pathology treatment modalities and strategies for patients with cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial anomalies. The grants were initiated in 2013, so this year is the 5th Anniversary of the Subtelny Research Grants. To date there have been 9 recipients from the US and Canada.

- **2018 Subtelny Speech Research Grant- $5,000**
  “Development of Stop and Fricative Phonetic Contrasts in Young Children with Repaired Cleft Palate”
  Principle Investigator: David Zajac, PhD

- **2018 Subtelny Orthodontic Research Grant – $5,000**
  “Healing Volumetric Muscle Loss Defects with Muscle Derived Stem Cells”
  Principle Investigator: David Kurlander, MD

Applications for the 2019 awards will be available Fall 2018. Please know that Eastman alumni, faculty and residents doing research in the cleft/craniofacial field are encouraged to apply.

For more information and to continue your yearly $250.00 donations to the Subtelny Orthodontic and Speech Grants to honor the memory of Dan and Joanne, please visit http://www.cleftline.org/what-we-do/research/.

To avoid processing fees, give at 800-24-CLEFT (25338) or 919-933-9044.

You can also mail your gift to:
American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association
1504 E. Franklin Street, Suite 102
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Please designate your donation to the Subtelny Orthodontic and Speech Research Grants.

On behalf of the Subtelny Family, Pedro and myself we want to extend a special thank you to the University of Rochester Orthodontic Department Alumni for their continued support.

Sincerely,

RIGHT: Amelia F. Drake MD (center), ACPA President and Director of the UNC Craniofacial Center, acknowledged receipt of the Subtelny Orthodontic and Speech Research Grants and thanked the University of Rochester Orthodontic Department Alumni for their continued support. Drs. Alvaro Figueroa, 1980 (left) and Pedro Santiago, 1993 (right) were at the 75th Anniversary Meeting in Pittsburgh to accept thanks from ACPA.
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A special thank you to our alums for their generous donation of this item on the Centennial Wish List

Class of 2012: Brittany Koncz, Stephanie Morgan, Burton Rankie, Xiomara Restrepo, Robert Tarby, Maureen Wood
Class of 2013: Aida Ameri, Benjamin Hardyk, Jeremiah Juson, Patra Ong, Rupali Shah, Leopoldo Vesco
Class of 2014: Evan Brown, Marni Glick Phillips, Qingshan Li, Shaima Malik, Kirk Round, Rene Yabar

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have announcements to be published in the next HOTSEAT publication or if you are interested in contributing by writing, please contact Linda (Ferruzza) Stauber at linda_stauber@urmc.rochester.edu

Many thanks to everyone who made this edition of HOTSEAT happen.