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Optimism for 2025 in our FAO Family

Dear Colleagues,

As we dive into the busiest season of the year, many of us are juggling our offices, practice of orthodontics, family milestones, and learning the ropes of parenthood, entrepreneurship, and leadership. Personally, this year has flown by, and I hope it's been a fulfilling one for each of you as we gear up for what's often the most anticipated season: the holidays.

While 2024 has had its share of ups, downs, and uncertainties, I'm filled with optimism for 2025. During a recent interview with Chris Bentson, he projected that 2025 and 2026 will be "aggressive growth years" for orthodontics. This is exciting news, and it gives me a great deal of hope for the future of our field.

Exciting News for the FAO Annual Meeting!

This year, we're bringing the FAO Annual Meeting to Orlando for the first time, and we couldn't be more thrilled! We've listened to the feedback from our members and decided to try something different. Rest assured, you can expect the same high-quality meeting, camaraderie, and shared learning experience—only now in a more central location in the Sunshine State. Whether you're driving, taking the Brightline, or flying into MCO, we'd love to hear your thoughts on this new venue. With Orlando's many attractions, we hope to encourage both our younger members and seasoned professionals to bring their families along for a memorable experience. Under the leadership of Dr. John Cordoba, we've lined up an impressive slate of speakers, with the theme of this year's lectures focusing on "Multidisciplinary Orthodontics." Sessions will cover key topics such as Ortho-Perio-Restorative collaboration and MARPE, ensuring there's something valuable for everyone.

Celebrating Excellence: Awards and Recognition by the SSO

Congratulations to Dr. Andy Brown for being the recipient of the 2024 Citizenship Award. This prestigious honor couldn't go to a more deserving leader. We are lucky to have Dr. Brown in our state advancing our advocacy and legislative efforts. As my professor, mentor and colleague, it's been my privilege to work alongside him. His leadership, both within the FAO, FDA, ADA and beyond has been truly inspiring. As the current ADA Trustee (Congratulations once again!), he had to step off the FAO Board. We're pleased to welcome Dr. Heather Burch as our newest board member, selected by the Nominations Committee.



ARGHAVAN WELCH | FAO PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Dr. Steven Tinsworth for being the recipient of the 2024 Citizenship award. Dr. Tinsworth's dedication to orthodontics and leadership is remarkable. From leading efforts to Fluoridate Bradenton's water supply in the 1990's to serving as FAO past President 1993-1994 and chairing the Florida Mission of Mercy, he has been an exemplary member and leader.

Congratulations to Dr. Eddy Sedeño for receiving the 2024 Sharon Hunt Emerging Leader Award. Dr. Sedeno is a rising star at the FAO leading the way in advocacy, expanded functions and beyond. It's incredibly exciting that, for the third year in a row, a Florida orthodontist has taken home this prestigious honor from the southern constituency/SSO. I was also extremely proud to witness that three out of the six SSO awards went to Florida orthodontists this year.

A Proud Community

The Florida Association of Orthodontists continues to be home to a remarkable group of leaders and board members who selflessly dedicate their time and energy to protecting and advancing the rights of our patients and the orthodontic profession. It's truly an honor to serve alongside these dedicated individuals. Looking ahead, I am confident that the future of orthodontics in Florida is bright, and I look forward to seeing all of you at our Orlando meeting in 2025.

Best regards,

Arghavan Welch
President, Florida Association of Orthodontists

FAO Members Honored at 2024 Annual Session of the Southern Society of Orthodontists



Dr. Eddy Sedeño
SHARON HUNT EMERGING LEADER AWARD

Dr. Eddy Sedeño of Florida is a standout in orthodontic advocacy and leadership. Since completing his residency in 2017, he's excelled through the SAO Leadership Program and is already making waves nationally. From representing orthodontists at the AAO Advocacy Conference in D.C. to serving as the Florida Component Advocacy Liaison, Eddy's dedication is evident. He's also shaping the future of the FAO as Secretary-Treasurer, with a path toward becoming FAO President. Eddy's leadership is transforming the specialty and inspiring many — watch out for this rising star!



Dr. Andy Brown
CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Dr. Andy Brown has dedicated his career to organized dentistry and orthodontics, serving in leadership roles that have shaped the profession. As a past President of the Florida Dental Association (FDA) and current ADA Trustee, his influence is far-reaching. Andy's volunteer work with Florida's Mission of Mercy has transformed lives — leading efforts that have provided care to nearly 14,000 patients since 2016. He also inspires future orthodontists as a former clinical professor at the University of Florida and continues to advocate for the public at the FDA's "Dentist Day on the Hill." Andy's legacy is one of service, leadership, and impact!



Dr. Steve Tinsworth
CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Dr. Steve Tinsworth's commitment to orthodontics and his local community is nothing short of extraordinary. From leading efforts to fluoridate Bradenton's water supply in the 1990s to serving as President of multiple organizations, including the Manatee American Cancer Society and the Manatee Players, his impact is far-reaching. He's also a longtime volunteer, having chaired Florida's Mission of Mercy and raised over \$12 million with the Bradenton Kiwanis Club. Steve's leadership and service has earned him numerous accolades and has strengthened the reputation of orthodontists nationwide.

Dr. Joe LeCompte to receive FAO Distinguished Service Award

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Joe LeCompte will be recognized with the Florida Association of Orthodontists Distinguished Service Award at the 2025 Annual Meeting on February 28. This award celebrates those who have made significant contributions to the art and science of orthodontics, providing exceptional service to the profession with a commitment to innovation and leadership. Congratulations, Dr. LeCompte, for this well-deserved recognition!





FAO 2025 Annual Session



ORLANDO



Hilton Orlando
February 27 – March 1, 2025

Our annual meeting is moving to Orlando, centrally located and renowned for its world-class dining and major theme parks.

Come for the meeting, bring the family, and stay for the weekend!

Let's Go!



Registration is Open!

Scan the QR code or visit us online at faortho.org for complete details and to register!



Thursday, February 27

On-Site Registration Opens

6:00 pm in the Pre-Function Meeting Space at Hilton Orlando

“Let’s Go Network!” Mixer with Colleagues

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm at the Hilton

We kick off this year’s meeting with an opening cocktail event. Socialize with your fellow orthodontists, residents and our sponsors and exhibitors.

Friday, February 28

Registration, Exhibits and Coffee

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Begin your day by picking up your badge in at the FAO registration desk, then join colleagues and business partners for coffee in the Exhibit Hall.

Keynote Address: Legacy Leadership

Lucas Daniel Boyce

8:00 am – 8:45 am

This keynote address is designed to inspire a purpose-driven mindset rooted in a humble desire to not just manage, or lead, but to serve others in new and innovative ways. You will be equipped with a number of tools that if put to practice will realign your approach to both personal and professional pursuits. You will also be challenged to transform your approach to the discharge of your everyday duties and redefine how you characterize overcoming challenges and adversity, accomplishment, quality leadership, and success. Every attendee will walk away from our time together encouraged, uplifted, challenged, and reenergized for the days and years to come. History stands at the door. She calls us to lead well and strive for something more. Generations unborn will read about our day. And our lives will echo as the torch is passed. The central question we must ask ourselves is, will history record we accomplished our task? Will those who come behind us find us faithful to the great tasks that are in front of us? The personal cost of leadership has never been so high and the need for character driven leaders who put service above self has never been more critical. The generation that we live in is in desperate need of a different approach to leadership. Now more than ever, we are in need of not more leaders, but L.E.G.A.C.Y. Leaders whose primary directive is to Leave Every Generation the Ability to Create and Yield Increase.

Schedule at a Glance

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:00 pm

Registration Opens

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Networking Mixer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Registration, Exhibits and Coffee

7:30 am 5:30 pm

Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Keynote Address: Legacy Leadership,
Lucas Daniel Boyce

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ortho-Perio-Restorative Interface
Through The Eyes of Global Diagnosis,
Dr. J. William Robbins

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

FAO Business Meeting

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Lunch, including separate Leadership
Class Meeting & Lunch

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Ortho-Perio-Restorative course
continues

6:00 pm

Busses depart for restaurant

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Dinner at Christini’s Ristorante Italiano

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Expanded Duties Meeting

7:00 am – 8:30 am

Coffee in the Exhibit Hall

7:30 am – 2:30 pm

Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

TECH Talk on the use of MARPE
Appliances, Dr. Peter Ngan

12:00 pm

Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Domestic Violence Course,
Dr. Nicholas Grimaudo
Required for relicensure

Friday, February 28

Ortho-Perio-Restorative Interface Through The Eyes of Global Diagnosis

Dr. J. William Robbins

9:00 am – 12:00 pm and continues 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm
(6 CEUs when attending both morning and afternoon sessions)

In the ever-changing environment in which we reside, we adapt to and progress technology at rapid speeds. There is a myth humans do not like change, but this is factually incorrect. Humans adopt change when the change is wanted and/or easy. Humans avoid change when the change is threatening and/or difficult. Understanding a shift in mindset from 'should be' to what 'could be' is what will propel our profession. Stepping out of our comfort zone to adopt change will unlock our practice potential. Think about it, what has the power of AI done for you? And what can it do for our future?

Objectives: Create awareness of inefficiencies in orthodontic treatment. Redefine your mindset from 'comfort zone' to 'challenge the status quo'. Uncover your WHY to overcome obstacles for implementation of change. Discover how artificial intelligence can help us to set up systems for success unlike ever before. Understand the benefits of a proactive, purposeful practice.

FAO Business Meeting

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Leadership Class Meeting & Lunch

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

The FAO will host its leadership development seminar that will focus on work-life balance, community involvement opportunities, AAO/SSO/FAO governance overview and education on other leadership programs that will enhance your development. Lunch is included.

Lunch

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Ortho-Perio-Restorative Interface Through The Eyes of Global Diagnosis

Dr. J. William Robbins

Continued from morning, 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Friday Dinner & Awards at Christini's Ristorante Italiano

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Get ready for an unforgettable experience! You'll be transported to and from the one and only Christini's Ristorante Italiano for an exclusive dinner which includes a delicious 3-course meal, refreshing drinks, and live music! The main courses are fine Italian dishes with your choice of veal, eggplant, Chilean sea bass or chicken.

Saturday, March 1

Expanded Duties Meeting

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Coffee in the Exhibit Hall

Stop by and see our exhibitors Saturday from 7:00 am – 2:30 pm.

TECH Talk on the use of MARPE Appliances

Dr. Peter Ngan

8:00 am – 12:00 pm (4 CEU2)

This is a technique presentation on how to use the Micro-implant Assisted Rapid Palatal Expansion (MARPE) appliances in treating various malocclusions. The use of MARPE appliances have expanded the envelope of orthodontic treatment to include treatment of maxillary deficiencies in young adult patients. However, most clinicians are not familiar with the various designs of the appliance and technique in using these appliances. The speaker will address the indications, timing, and technique in using the various designs of MARPE appliance. The age factor, growth pattern, and the severity of the malocclusion can affect the treatment outcome of using these appliances. Long-term treatment records will be presented to illustrate the stability after orthopedic treatment with MARPE and fixed appliances.

FAO 2025 Annual Session

ORLANDO

Saturday, March 1

Box Lunch

Noon in the Exhibit Hall

Domestic Violence Course

Dr. Nicholas Grimaudo

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm (2 CEUs)

This lecture will provide current and specific information for the proper detection, reporting, and investigation of human abuse. Participants will gain an understanding of the importance of the unique position of the oral healthcare team in recognizing abuse, and the responsibilities of the oral healthcare team as mandated reporters according to Florida law and the FDA and ADA Codes. Additionally, attendees will:

- Study the various maxillofacial, oral, head, neck, and body injuries that are generally associated with human physical abuse, to include child, spousal, elder, and abuse of the disabled.
- Learn the various types of abuse that may present, including physical, emotional, sexual, and financial, as well as neglect.
- Understand the behaviors that are common among abuse victims and offenders and will learn how their examination can aid in a complete investigation.
- Gain an understanding of the psychological, patient management, and treatment considerations of both the abused patient and the abuse survivor.



Registration is Open!

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Meeting Details

Your registration fee includes up to 12 hours of continuing education, access to the exhibit hall, plus meals and networking events listed in the agenda. Fees:

- **Active Members:** \$400.00 everything included
- **Spouse/Guest Fee:** \$150.00 includes Thursday & Friday social events
- **1st & 2nd Year Members:** \$0.00
- **Residents:** \$0.00 — If residents do not attend the meeting and do not cancel before the preregistration date of February 14, 2025 they will be charged a \$50.00 no show fee.
- **Faculty & Retired Members:** \$0.00, unless attending Friday dinner, which is \$100.00 for Faculty & Retired Members

Hotel: The FAO discounted room rate at the Hilton Orlando is \$259. The Hilton Orlando is located at 6001 Destination Parkway Orlando, FL 32819, and close to all the theme parks. Enjoy six different bars and restaurants on property, take your pick from many different pools and find some time to relax at the spa!

Pre-Registration & Late Fee: You can register online and access the link to book your hotel at www.faortho.org, or by scanning the QR code. It is the policy of the Florida Association of Orthodontists to charge an additional \$50.00 fee after the pre-registration date, one week prior to the meeting, February 14, 2025.

Refund and Cancellation Policy: All requests for refunds or cancellations must be made in writing to the FAO prior to the pre-registration deadline, February 14, 2025. No refunds will be given if cancellation is received after the pre-registration deadline.

Badges: All pre-registered attendee badges will be available at meeting registration at the FAO registration desk.

Questions: Contact FAO's central office at 813-903-8811 or email info@faortho.org.

Meet Our Annual Session Speakers



Lucas Daniel Boyce

Lucas Daniel Boyce, MBA is a Servant Leader, Author & International Speaker. He completed a tour of service with Orange County Government in June of 2024. Prior to his public service to Orange County, Lucas was appointed to a number of different roles focused on Philanthropy, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, &

Corporate Social Responsibility with the NBA's Orlando Magic from 2008-2016. He served as Director of Business Development, Community Relations, Multicultural Insights, Cause Marketing, & Government Affairs. Prior to the Orlando Magic, Lucas served at The White House from 2005-2008 in a number of different public-facing roles including Public Relations & Community Engagement in the Office of the Vice President, the Office of Public Liaison, & the Office of Political Affairs. During his tenure Lucas spearheaded proactive communication, public relations, community engagement, public policy, and education outreach throughout a range of diverse communities, constituencies, and issues on behalf of the President of the United States. Lucas managed ten states from Missouri to California, directing all official and political activity in addition to the presidential travel required to each of those states. He served as the President's Principal Liaison to the African American Community nationwide. His service also afforded him the opportunity to serve as the Principal Liaison and Director of Professional & Collegiate Sports Engagement. Lucas is the author of *Living Proof: From Foster Care to the White House and the NBA*. With over twenty years of professional speaking experience, he travels across the country giving speeches focused on Servant Leadership, Teamwork, Overcoming Obstacles, & Making a Positive Impact in the Lives of Others. Lucas earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science and Speech Communication from the University of Central Missouri in July of 2003 & graduated with his MBA from Rollins College in May of 2013. Lucas completed his certificate in Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion from the University of South Florida in December of 2022.



Dr. Peter Ngan

Dr. Peter Ngan's illustrious career in orthodontics and dentistry spans academia, clinical practice, and leadership roles within professional organizations. Holding esteemed positions at West Virginia University and the University of Hong Kong, Dr. Ngan's expertise extends across

multiple disciplines, including orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, and hospital dentistry. His dedication to research is evident through a prolific publication record and active participation in global conferences, where he shares insights on topics ranging from growth and development to orthodontic appliance therapy.

Notable for his contributions, Dr. Ngan has received numerous awards and honors, recognizing his impact on education, research, and professional leadership. His involvement in various dental societies and advisory roles underscores his commitment to advancing the dental profession worldwide. Dr. Ngan's ability to seamlessly integrate research into clinical practice and his dedication to mentoring future dental professionals highlight his enduring influence on the field of orthodontics and dentistry.



Dr. J. William Robbins

J. William Robbins, D.D.S., M.A., maintains a private practice and is Clinical Professor in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School. He graduated from the University of Tennessee Dental School in 1973. He completed a rotating internship

at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Leavenworth, Kansas and a 2-year General Practice Residency at the V.A. Hospital in San Diego, California. Dr. Robbins has published over 80 articles, abstracts, and chapters on a wide range of dental subjects and has lectured in the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America, Europe, Middle East, China, and Africa. He coauthored a textbook, *Fundamentals of Operative Dentistry — A Contemporary Approach*, which is published by Quintessence, and is in its 4th edition. He recently co-authored a textbook, *Global Diagnosis — A New Vision of Dental Diagnosis and Treatment Planning*, which is also published by Quintessence. He has won several awards including the Presidential Teaching Award at the University of Texas Health Science Center, the 2002 Texas Dentist of the Year Award, the 2003 Honorary Thaddeus V. Weclaw Fellowship Award from the Academy of General Dentistry, the 2010 Saul Schluger Award given by the Seattle Study Club, the Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry 2015 President's Award, and the 2016 Academy of Operative Dentistry Award of Excellence. He is a diplomate of the American Board of General Dentistry. He is past president of the American Board of General Dentistry, the Academy of Operative Dentistry, the Southwest Academy of Restorative Dentistry, and the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry.



Dr. Nicholas Grimaudo

Nicholas J. Grimaudo graduated in 1976 from Adelphi University with a bachelor's degree in biology and received his DMD in 1980 from the University of Florida (UF) College of Dentistry in Gainesville. Dr. Grimaudo spent 15 years in private practice before returning to academia. He received a master's degree in material sciences & engineering in 1992 and a master's degree

in oral microbiology in 1995, both from UF College of Medicine. Dr. Grimaudo has taught at UF College of Dentistry since 1989 and has served UF as director of quality assurance for its dental clinics, director for advanced techniques with esthetic restorations, and director of infection control in dentistry. In 2007, Dr. Grimaudo completed a doctoral degree in educational administration and policy at UF College of Education. In addition to teaching and developing coursework on treatment planning and clinical dentistry, Dr. Grimaudo teaches continuing education courses for healthcare professionals on administrative, regulatory and practice related issues. He is owner of Compliance Training Associates and consults with medical and dental offices on OSHA and HIPAA issues. He has lectured nationally and internationally on risk management, domestic violence issues, record keeping and compliance, ethics and jurisprudence, preventing medical/dental errors, treatment planning/diagnosis and other practice-related topics.

The evolution of organized orthodontics through the eyes of long time member

We've come a long way in our organization! Our ability to organize has led to big wins in state and national legislation. As we look to the upcoming legislative session, there is more to be done. We invited Dr. Tinsworth to share some thoughts and get us motivated.

By Dr. Steve Tinsworth,
2024 SAO Citizenship Award Winner
Past FAO and SAO President

The SAO joined with the SWSO in June 2024 to become the **Southern Society of Orthodontics** which is name the organization used when I joined 50 years ago. The evolution of the SAO is interesting as it mimics general administrative changes of organizations in general over the past 50 years of my experience.

Back then, the FAO passed leadership information in a cardboard box from one President to the next. I chaired the Long Range Planning Committee and instituted surveys at the annual Tampa meeting to promote a status of where Florida orthodontics was and potentially where it was going. Initially, it was more about techniques, ortho company bracket choices, wire configurations and size of practices in staff and patient levels. In time, the information extended to practice management areas. In 1974, Edgewise and Begg were about even across the state.

Edgewise was more predominantly .018 slot. Braces were almost entirely banded braces. Clear brackets in edgewise had just come out and techniques about bonding brackets directly were evolving.

Creating a Central Office

There was no centralized FAO location address, phone, or connection with leadership and membership other than the annual sessions in Tampa, which was all men back then.

The implantation of a centralized administration for the FAO sprang from member surveys with suggested time share use of a person setup in Tampa. It took a few years and transition of that to arrive at the time share of staff with the WCDDA/



Above left, Dr. Tinsworth and Bianca Moscoso at the SSO 2024 Annual Session in Orlando. Above right, Dr. Tinsworth at the 2024 Dentist Day on the Hill.

FDA offices and then transition to our current level of administration.

I share this having the benefit of seeing this evolution and how phenomenal our current administrative functions are for FAO and SAO based now out of Tampa.

The website, email coordination, shared information with updates and newsletters has increased the collective benefit to members in sharing of information that assists our practices and the advocacy of orthodontics/dentistry in our state. We can stay connected with a tab on our computer/phone.

Influencing Policy

The last legislative session had profound impact on our practices and the public to

protect them with laws signed and policies implemented that made 2024 a major win for dentistry.

The protection of the public from nondental organizations unlicensed was corrected. Online internet providers must now meet standards to protect the public from abuse.

Certainly your staff need to be certified in their clinical areas of responsibility. See FAO website for certification locations/dates.

You can be proud of the accomplishments in advocacy that have been more effectively done than in the past for public safety and protection. It would not have

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Orthodontic Residency Program Updates

Jacksonville University

We had a successful 2024, marked by new and energetic leadership.

The JU Class of 2024 graduated in August with dual degrees: a Certificate in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics and a Master of Science in Dentistry (MSD). All 15 residents successfully passed the written ABO exam, and 14 of them also completed the clinical board exam in September.

Several recent JU graduates — Dr. Vracar, Dr. Lee, Dr. Rubin, Dr. Peters, Dr. Hunter and Dr. DeGrange — are now practicing at Florida State.

In July 2024, we welcomed the new Class of 2026 residents and in October, we completed the interview process to select 15 new residents for the JU Class of 2027.

JU School of Orthodontics Residents Dr. Andrew Berhold and Dr. Carolina Garcia, from the Class of 2025, were awarded the 2024 Resident Research Grants by the Southern Association of Orthodontists (SAO).

Nova Southeastern University

Our Class of 2024 graduated on June 14, 2024: Sally Classen (Marquette), Joseph Finelli (West Virginia), Katherine Lemoine (UNC), Jonathan Lucas (U Florida), Venkat Manda (Pittsburgh), Anastasia Tsolaki (Greece)

Class of 2027: We are happy to welcome our class 2027 who started their training in July 2024 — Jaelyn Bovarnick (NSU), Steven Hlavaty (University of Utah), Eduardo Lenza (University of Uberaba, Brazil), Charmi Patel (Dental College of Georgia), Kevin Shan (University of Florida), Kubra Sizar (Sizar).

Faculty: We would like to thank the following outstanding adjunct and visiting

Dr. Tormena presented on “Cephalometric Chin Projection Evaluation in Skeletal Class I Adults” at the IADR/AADR/CADR 2024 conference in New Orleans.

Our faculty member, Dr. Aras, received two Orthodontic Faculty Fellowship Awards for research projects: “Effects of Miniscrew-Supported Rapid Maxillary Expansion in Late Adolescents and Young Adults” and “A 3D Assessment of Long-term Surface Changes Regarding the Alignment of the Anterior Dentition in Extraction and Non-Extraction Cases.”

Dr. Tabbaa was honored with the 2024 Faculty Excellence Award in Scholarship & Professional Activities at Jacksonville University.

JU graduate Dr. N. Singh was selected for the SAO & SWSO Leadership 2024 Class.

We will present our 2024 residents’ research projects at AAO 2025 and at various national and international scientific meetings. We look forward to the FAO 2025 meeting in Orlando.

faculty for their excellent clinical instruction. The contributions of all of these outstanding teachers are what make our program excellent.

Adjunct faculty

Daniel Camacho
Michael DeLuke
Nelson Diaz
Arthur Kapit
Piero Palacios
Shaun Smith
Don Wexler (Clearwater Campus)

Visiting faculty

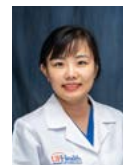
John Voudouris (Toronto, Canada)
Claudia Pinter (Vienna, Austria)



University of Florida

In the photo above, in September 2024, our 2nd year residents attended the Tweed Course in Tucson, AZ.

In August, Dr. Xianrui “Sherry” Yang joined the University of Florida Department of Orthodontics as an assistant professor. She received her orthodontic training from the University of Michigan.



As we welcome new faces to our program, we will also be saying a bittersweet goodbye to Dr. John Neubert. He has accepted the Chair position of Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M beginning early next year. We thank him for his many years of service, research, and teaching.



Words of encouragement from Dr. Tinsworth

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happened without active work by the AAO, SAO, and FAO leadership actions. Your dues made a difference and earned some major benefits for our profession and especially the public we serve in Florida.

The communication from leadership through our administrative offices in Tampa makes a difference to our being on top of issues that affect our practices.

The actions at the AAO impact protections for our in-office care of patients and staff as well as the outcome of our professional practice.

Your personal input to our leadership at all levels notches up the quality of life and practice that we carry forward.

Please make an effort to be involved with your local and regional dentists. Be involved with your communities to be connected to trends and actions. Make an effort to know your local businesses, political leaders, and influencers.

I share with you the great ongoing pride I have in our FAO, SAO, and AAO to look out for orthodontics professional future. Be a PAC supporter in funds and activity if you can.

It is good to do CE and be more effective in patient care, but I also encourage you to be the wise business person who knows their community and the impacts from city, county, and state activity. Read more on that in the Hot Flash side bar.

We have been gifted with an education to recognize problems and to seek solutions that are effective. Use this in your community outside your office on community activities whether in business, charitable, civic, social, and sports to enrich your community and yourself helping us all to have a better future for our families, staff, patients, and friends.

It can bring you a broader sense of value in your life. Live your life well.

POST ELECTION HOT FLASH

By Dr. Steve Tinsworth

The election is over. Regardless of the winners, we all need to be involved in advocacy for our profession and our communities.

Help make our Florida better by taking action to better your community and your practice reflective of quality that demonstrates a professional striving for excellence. We all are impacted by how our profession is regarded by our community and colleagues in health care.

Share your educational skills set with innovative ideas and respectful suggestions to help bring quality to the place you call home. Pride of ownership speaks to your family, friends, colleagues and community.

You are encouraged to know your local political base and offers to assist on community boards. Be a Dentist Day on the Hill and/or contact dentist.

Our efforts to have local contacts in Tallahassee and Washington are important. It may not be a hot spot every year, but having the comfort to contact and share perspective is very important and it take some time to be acclimated to that process. Friendship starts now with your local leaders who may end up in a state or federal position in the future.

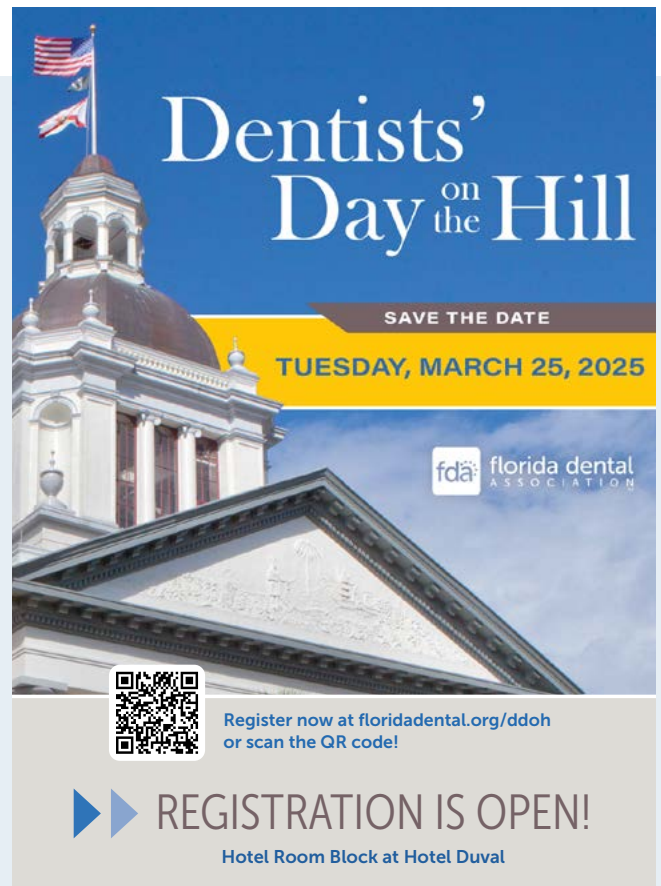
If you are curious, contact me about this. Good contacts are the key to a quality future for our profession.

Join your fellow dental colleagues at the FDA's Dentists' Day on the Hill

The Florida Association of Orthodontists is pleased to provide a \$200 reimbursement for 10 FAO members that attend

The Florida Dental Association's Dentists' Day on the Hill takes place this year on March 25, 2025. You can positively affect legislation throughout our state by joining your fellow colleagues at this event. This is an opportunity to come together with your peers, increase your political awareness, advocate for access to care and the future of the profession. Join your peers at this fun FDA event and make a difference in dentistry. Collectively, we can work with our representatives to positively impact our profession.

Register today at floridadental.org/ddoh



Dentists' Day on the Hill

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

floridadental.org
ASSOCIATION

Register now at floridadental.org/ddoh or scan the QR code!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Hotel Room Block at Hotel Duval

PO Box 611
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FAO 2025 Annual Session

Hilton Orlando

February 27 – March 1, 2025

Our annual meeting is moving to Orlando, centrally located and renowned for its world-class dining and major theme parks. Come for the meeting and stay for the weekend!



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