

# Orthogators

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## MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM CHAIR



On Sept. 24, 2012 the dean of the UF College of Dentistry announced administrative changes for the Department of Orthodontics and

appointed me as interim chair. I want to thank Dean Dolan for giving me the opportunity to lead the department. My goal is to continue to carry on our tradition of excellence in teaching, research and service.

All of our residents continue to successfully pass the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) exam. With the creation of the School of Advanced Dental Sciences our residents have interdisciplinary core classes and case presentations with residents from other specialties (prosthodontics, periodontology, pediatrics and endodontics). As a result we are treating many more interdisciplinary cases.

We have a nationally and internationally recognized faculty who continue to publish their outstanding research.

## NEW FACULTY

In March 2012 we hired Dr. Wellington Rody as a full time assistant professor. He is married and has a young daughter. He is a Brazilian trained orthodontist with many years of experience. After he obtained his master's degree from the University of Washington, under Dr. Greg King, he was an assistant professor at the University of Manitoba for four years. He has settled in nicely at the college and quickly integrated into the department.



Wellington Rody

Another new hire is Dr. Richard Donatelli. Dr. Donatelli graduated from our program in 2012 and is now a part-time instructor. His responsibilities include teaching undergraduate dental students and pediatric dentistry residents, and covering the craniofacial clinic.



Richard Donatelli

I want to thank all of our alumni for your contributions to our department and profession this year! In the past your support has helped fund our residents' travel to regional (FAO and SAO) and national (AAO) meetings. I hope that you continue your support in this age of declining state funding for our university.

*Cal Dolce, D.D.S., Ph.D.  
Professor and Interim Chair*

## Save the date

*The Orthogators annual meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2013.*

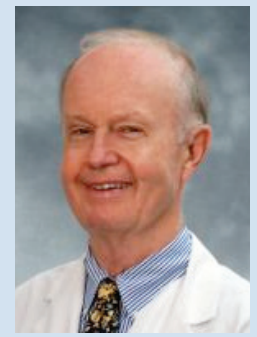


## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Shreena Patel (BS in 2001; DDS in 2005; MS Ortho in 2008) was named one of two UFCD Young Alumni for 2013. She practices in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and was recently elected to the board of the Florida Association of Orthodontists.

# VOLUNTEER FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

**Dr. Page Jacobson** became the first part-time faculty member in the newly-formed UF Department of Orthodontics in 1976. Page served in the U.S. Navy and continued in the naval reserve until retiring as a captain from the Navy Dental Corps in 1984 after serving for 21 years. He graduated from Emory Dental School and the Washington University Orthodontic Program and then moved to Gainesville, Fla., to establish a private practice. He has, literally, taught every orthodontist who has graduated from our program. The first class graduated in 1978 and the graduates were Dr. Steve Chapman (Palatka) and the late Dr. Steve Paige (Ocala). Today we have graduated 99 orthodontists.



“Dr. J,” as he is warmly referred to by residents past and present, is well respected by the residents for his experience and knowledge that he brings and for the wonderful attitude he shares with all residents and patients. He is well respected in the dental community, having served in numerous leadership roles in organized orthodontics at the local, state and national level. He is a great mentor and example of what all orthodontic graduates aspire to attain.

## STAFF UPDATE

We have good news and bad news, I’ll give you the bad news first. After 22 years, Stephanie Baldwin is no longer directly involved in the Orthodontics Department. But the good news is that she was promoted to Director 3, Academic Support Services, in the School of Advanced Dental Sciences.

The school began operations July 1, 2011 with a staff of four: Janet Haire, accountant; Melinda Williams, fiscal assistant; Tammy Lee, program assistant; and Stephanie. Some of the things Stephanie oversaw in orthodontics she now is responsible for in endodontics, periodontics, grad prosthodontics, and pediatric dentistry as well. However, her passion for our department has not waned and she looks forward to a continued relationship through her duties as the administrative assistant for Orthogators.

You’ll continue to hear from her about alumni dues and upcoming meetings and she invites you to contact her at the same number (352-273-5690) regarding these or any other matters you would like to speak about.

Katherine Ochoa joined the department in 2011 working at the front desk in the graduate clinic and previously worked at the front desk in the Pediatric Dental Center. Kathie moved into the administrative office as the department’s program assistant in January 2012, assuming many of Stephanie’s duties and serves as the main contact for the department.



*Stephanie Baldwin*



*Janet Haire*



*Melinda Williams*



*Tammy Lee*

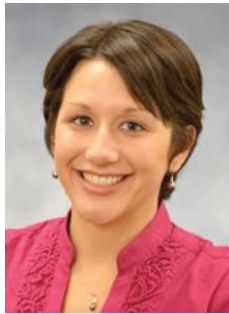


*Katherine Ochoa*

*First Year Residents*



*Aylin Okcular*



*Lindsay VonMoss*

## RESIDENT NEWS

### FIRST YEAR RESIDENTS

Aylin Okcular is originally from Jacksonville, Fla. She graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in Food Science and Human Nutrition and continued at UF for her D.M.D.. She is getting married in June 2013 to John Mazzuocolo, a first year resident in the UF Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

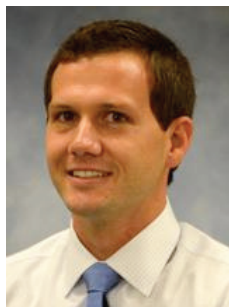
Lindsay VonMoss is a Gainesville native. She earned her bachelor's in Food Science and Human Nutrition from UF where she also obtained her D.M.D. in 2012.

Andrew Murray also earned his D.M.D. from UF in 2011. A Boca Raton native, he graduated from Tulane University in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology. After earning his D.M.D., he joined the Orthodontic Department as an intern and now is a resident.

Derek Hoffman grew up in Ocala, Fla. He received a bachelor's in Business Administration from UF in 2002 and worked in retail management for five years. He eventually opted for a career change and attended dental school at the Medical University of South Carolina. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Susan, for almost nine years and they have two children Ellie (almost 3 years) and Miles (10 months). Derek is really happy to be back at the University of Florida.



*Andrew Murray*



*Derek Hoffman*

*Second Year Residents*



*Nancy Huynh*



*Neha Shah*

### SECOND YEAR RESIDENTS

Our second year residents are Drs. Nancy Huynh, Neha Shah, Edgardo Toro and Vaughn Holland.

### RECENT GRADUATES

Our recent graduates are Drs. Lauren Kovaleski, Briano Allen, Andrew Clark and Cliff Luff.

## *Please keep in touch*

The college is working to improve outreach efforts to program alumni and friends and, in the interest of saving trees and money, we are shifting as much as possible to email and other electronic forms of communication.

If you would like to update your contact information, please email us at [alumniandfriends@dental.ufl.edu](mailto:alumniandfriends@dental.ufl.edu). And for more about news and events at the college, please visit our website at [www.dental.ufl.edu](http://www.dental.ufl.edu).



*Edgardo Toro*



*Vaughn Holland*

*Recent Graduates*



*Lauren Kovaleski*



*Briano Allen*



*Drew Clark*



*Cliff Luff*