

Newsletter of the College of Diplomates of the  
American Board of Orthodontics

SUMMER  
2023

## College Hosts Numerous Events at 2023 AAO Annual Session in Chicago, IL

The College held several events at the 2023 AAO Annual Session in Chicago, Illinois. The prep course for the ABO scenario-based examination was well received by the group of 24 participants taking the course, and was taught by **Drs. Sandy Bigman, Paul Sproul and Matthew Ng**.

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Participants at ABO prep course given at the  
2023 AAO Annual Session in Chicago, IL.



## UCLA Takes First Place at CDABO Resident Case Display Program

A total of 39 orthodontic programs participated in the CDABO Resident Case Display program at the 2023 AAO Annual Session in Chicago. 113 cases were presented and the University of California, Los Angeles took first place this year. Close to 200 Annual Session attendees enjoyed evaluating the cases from the various orthodontic programs.

Members of team UCLA who took first place  
at CDABO Resident Case Display program.



### 2023 WINNERS

#### FIRST PLACE

University of California, Los Angeles

#### SECOND PLACE

University of Minnesota

#### THIRD PLACE

Medical University of South Carolina

#### HONORABLE MENTION

University of California, San Francisco

Marquette University

West Virginia University

University of Rochester

University at Buffalo

A.T. Still University

University of the Pacific

The University of Iowa

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dr. Linda E. Rigali

We have crawled out from under the COVID rock. Isn't it great! The last three years of the pandemic have taught us to adopt new educational strategies, from zoom meetings, conference calls and working from home. Although we have greatly benefited from learning these virtual skills, the human interaction had been missing. Thanks to the efforts of Past President Dan Rejman and his wife Julie, last year's Annual Meeting in Sonoma made us all appreciate the camaraderie of once again being together. Throughout the year we have benefitted from in-person meetings with our constituency groups and most recently a very well attended AAO in Chicago.

The College's goals of helping to prepare our AAO membership to succeed with the ABO exam remain. Throughout the pandemic we continued to offer our prep course. Over the last year our prep course committee has been diligently modifying and streamlining the course to reflect the ABO changes from an in-person exam to a scenario-based exam that can be taken at any number of testing sites around the world. This has taken a tremendous amount of time and effort. In fact, the ABO made last minute changes just two days before our prep course at the AAO. Many thanks to the prep course committee Drs. Sandy Bigman, Paul Sproul and Matt Ng.

These days orthodontists have several options in preparing for the ABO scenario-based exam. However, the college offers the best prep course available because our members keep up with changes the ABO makes. There is nothing like an in-person preparation course to properly take the exam. The live questions and answers are invaluable. The ABO now proudly boasts that 61% of all orthodontists are board certified and we are proud that our course has contributed to this success.

The future is bright for the College. This summer in Coeur d'Alene will be fantastic. We have a lineup of nine speakers. All that education in just three days is incomparable, not to mention an array of family activities in the afternoons. My thanks to scientific chair Dr. Jae Park for putting together a fabulous program.

The 2024 Annual Meeting will be in Savannah, Georgia on March 8-11. President-Elect Dr. Ashok Kothari is busy finalizing an impressive list of speakers. This is a different time of year for us to meet and we are hoping to attract people that have not been able to attend the meeting during the summer months. The 2025 meeting will find us at the Broadmoor in Colorado with Dr. Sandy Bigman as President. Please mark your calendars early for these events.

As President I am fortunate to have the support of our new executive director Kerry Dunn. Kerry has navigated her role with the College with exceptional skill and dedication. I would also like to thank my fellow counselors for their support this year, Dr. Ashok Kothari, Dr. Sandy Bigman, Dr. Paul Sproul, Dr. Mathew Ng and Dr. Nipul Tanna. It has been my honor to work with you all.

Dr. Linda E. Rigali  
President, College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics

Reminder

Go to [www.cdabo.org](http://www.cdabo.org) for info and registration on upcoming College events and ordering Step Beyond Brochures online.

## ANNUAL MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING NOTICE

### Held in conjunction with the College 2023 Annual Meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Saturday, July 15, 2023 🕒 10:15am – 10:45am

Active Members, in good standing (2022-23 CDABO dues paid), are eligible to vote on 2023-2024 council.

#### I. Election and Installation of the 2023-24 College Council

**President Dr. Ashok Kothari** 🧑 will automatically assume the role (representing MSO)

**Dr. Sandy Bigman** 🧑 assumes the role of President-Elect (representing PCSO)

**Dr. Paul Sproul** 🧑 assumes the role of Secretary (representing SAO)

**Dr. Matt Ng** 🧑 assumes the role of Treasurer (representing SWSO)

**Dr. Nipul Tanna** 🧑 continues as a Councilor (representing MASO/NESO)

**Dr. Howard Fine** 🧑 continues as *The Diplomat* Editor and as a voting member

**Dr. Jane (Crawford) Wright** 🧑 new councilor (representing MSO)



### Going Green in Coeur d'Alene

Except for discussion of aligners, you will not find much plastic at this meeting. Our event will be **plastic free** and as **green** as possible with biodegradable products, no plastic bottles and an emphasis on recycling.

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## College Hosts Numerous Events... *continued from page 1*

A College member reception was held at the convention center to recognize new members and to congratulate the winners of the 2023 CDABO Resident Case Display Program. In addition, winners of the 2023 CDABO Case Report of the Year award were honored. **Drs. Au Sasaki** and **Naoto Suda** travelled from Japan to accept this prestigious award on behalf of their co-authors **Drs. Mai Fujimoto, Kouta Fujimoto, Rei Shinagawa, Takuya Sonokawa** and **Toru Takusagawa**, for the AJO-DO article: *Orthodontic treatment of a skeletal Class III malocclusion with severe root resorption of the maxillary anterior teeth. Autotransplantation using a 3-dimensional printed replica of the donor tooth.*

Members of team University of Minnesota who took second place at CDABO Resident Case Display program.



Members of team Medical University of South Carolina who took third place at CDABO Resident Case Display program.



Drs. Au Sasaki and Naoto Suda accept the 2023 CDABO Case Report of the Year Award from College President Dr. Linda Rigali and ABO Director Dr. Jae Park.

## Attendees caught up with friends and colleagues at the College member reception.

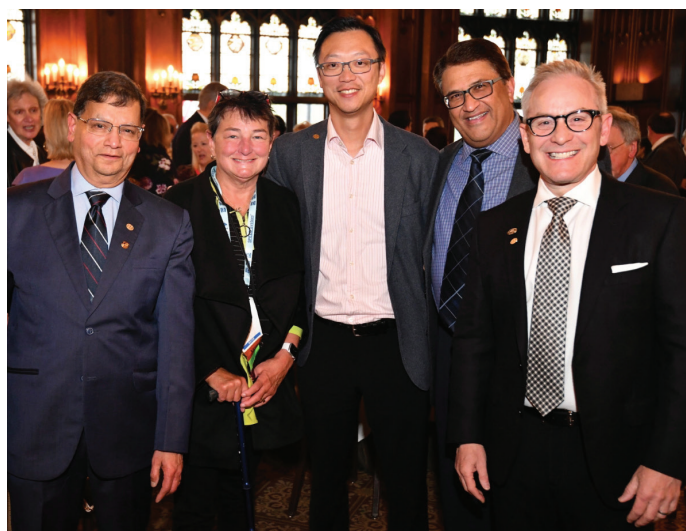






ABO Directors at ABO 2023 Awards Night.

## The historic University Club of Chicago hosted the ABO 2023 Awards Night.



College Councilors at ABO 2023 Awards Night.

# *Congratulations!*

### TO OUR COLLEGE MEMBERS WHO WERE AAO LECTURE PRESENTERS AND SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Jacob A. Salzmänn Award Lecture 🧑 Steven A. Dugoni, DMD, MSD

2023 John Valentine Mershon Award Lecture 🧑 Mark G. Hans, DDS, MS

2023 James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award 🧑 John Kanyusik, DDS, MSD

2023 Humanitarian Award 🧑 Robert Merrill, DDS, MS

2023 Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teachers and Research Award (AAOF) 🧑 Jae Hyun Park, DMD, PhD, MS

### TO OUR COLLEGE MEMBER WHO RECEIVED AN ABO AWARD

2023 O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award 🧑 G. Frans Currier, DDS

# Welcome to Our New College Members

Dr. Saitah Alajmi  
*Full-time faculty –  
Kuwait Institute of Medical Specialization*

Dr. Allen Benning (retired)  
*Colorado Springs, Colorado*

Dr. G. Michael Kabot  
*West Bloomfield, Michigan*

Dr. Mark Handelin  
*Reno, Nevada*

Dr. Pramod Sinha  
*Spokane, Washington  
Full-time faculty –  
Roseman University Orthodontic Program*

Dr. Arleen Azar-Mehr  
*Northridge, California*

Dr. Rachel Boschetti  
*Boston, Massachusetts*

Dr. Anthony Brungo  
*Burlingame, California*

Dr. Angelica Chaghouri  
*Santa Monica, California*

Dr. Page Collymore  
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*Richfield, Ohio*

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Dr. Andrew Nalin  
*Mount Vernon, Washington*

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*Houston, Texas*

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*Fenton, Michigan*

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*Billings, Montana*

Dr. Sean Rooney  
*Mahopac, New York*

Dr. Jonathan Schecter  
*West Islip, New York*

Dr. Erik Southers  
*Palos Verdes Estates, New York*

Dr. Skylar Steel  
*Overland Park, Kansas*

Dr. Diana-Beatrix Velicu  
*Dallas, Texas*

Dr. Christopher Von Bargaen  
*Charleston, South Carolina*

Dr. Ivy Vuong  
*Long Island City, New York*

Dr. Jacob Wilhite  
*Bloomington, Indiana*

Dr. Xing Zhu  
*East Hanover, New Jersey*

## IN MEMORY OF OUR COLLEGE MEMBERS

👤 Dr. James H. Currier  
*Fort Lauderdale, Florida*

👤 Dr. John E. Johnson  
*Louisville, Kentucky*

👤 Dr. John D. Jones  
*Tempe, Arizona*

👤 Dr. Peter C. Kesling  
*LaPorte, Indiana*

👤 Dr. Suhail A. Khouri  
*Chevy Chase, Maryland*

👤 Dr. Hector R. Maldonado  
*Kenner, Louisiana*

## 2024 Meeting to be Held in Savannah, Georgia

*By Dr. Ashok Kothari, 2023-2024 College President*

**N**avigating Tough Challenges will be the central theme for the College Annual Meeting in Savannah, Georgia, March 8-11, 2024. This family-oriented meeting with an excellent scientific program is being planned at this historic, scenic location that has been named one of the top five cities to visit in the U.S. We are planning to have speakers who will focus on interdisciplinary approaches to treatment of complex cases.

The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa, originally booked for the 2021 Annual Meeting that was cancelled due to COVID, is easily accessible to the Savannah International Airport. Nestled on the north bank of the Savannah River, the Westin is a short but scenic water taxi ride to downtown. The resort is home to a new tennis complex, luxurious spa, a year-round heated pool overlooking the river, and a challenging golf course that was a stop on the PGA senior tour. To relax you may take a stroll in town and wander the prettiest street in America, explore numerous roof tops, dine at popular restaurants or drive 30 minutes to reach the Atlantic Ocean.



The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa.

The meeting will provide an enriching professional experience along with a wonderful family spring vacation. The College looks forward to seeing all of you at Savannah in March 2024.

Go to [www.cdabo.org](http://www.cdabo.org) for additional information on future meetings.

## 2025 Meeting to be Held in Colorado Springs, Colorado

*By Dr. Sandy Bigman, 2024-2025 College President*

**G**et ready for the exciting College Annual Meeting at the sensational, world-famous Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs, July 11-14-2025. See <https://vimeo.com/725462553>.

We are celebrating “Back to the Future” with a fantastic international program put together by our scientific chair Dr. Matthew Ng. The prospective topics include multidisciplinary treatment, surgical orthodontic considerations, esthetics and digital orthodontics.



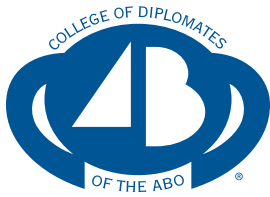
The Broadmoor is a COMPLETE resort. You can fly directly into Colorado Springs or Denver. There is zip lining, waterfall hiking, bowling, movies, infinity pools, two famous golf courses, tennis courts on site as well as a world-famous spa. The Broadmoor has many restaurants in addition to galleries and shopping. You literally don't have to leave the premises.

As you plan your vacation, there are numerous attractions in the surrounding area that can be included in your plans. At the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo you can feed the largest concentration of giraffes in North America. You can visit Pikes Peak mountain, the beautiful Garden of the Gods state park, or tour the Air Force Academy with its famous cathedral.

The College looks forward to seeing you at this exciting venue. So gear up for the adventure and join us in 2025!

The Broadmoor Hotel in  
Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
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