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AAOF Awards

Since 1994, the AAO Foundation Awards Program has contributed to orthodontic education and research as follows:

- \$10.8 million in funding, primarily in support of Junior Faculty, including:
- At the 72 graduate orthodontic residency programs in the US and Canada, there are 36 Department Chairs and/or program Directors who have been directly supported by the AAOF early in their academic careers.
- 80% of Junior Faculty supported by the AAOF remains in full-time academics after five years.
- On the AAOF website, there are Final Reports from some 390 peer-reviewed, funded proposals.
- Creation of the AAOF Craniofacial Growth Legacy Collection, designed to preserve a representative sample from the participating orthodontic collections.

The Vanguard Society

Resident support of the AAOF and membership in the Vanguard Society continues to amaze even the most optimistic supporters of the Foundation.

As of June 1, 2016, 1,312 individuals have become Vanguard Society Members, 40 at the Regent (\$25,000) level. This level of generosity by orthodontic residents is nothing short of amazing.

Your pledge to the AAO Foundation as a resident inducts you into the Vanguard Society. This lifetime distinction can only be realized by supporters who made their initial pledges as a resident and communicate the special commitment that you have for insuring the future of our specialty.

Your Vanguard Pledge may be fulfilled over a five-year period, with the initial payment postponed until five years after graduation. Essentially you will have ten years to meet your pledge. If you pledge at the Regent level, you will have 15 years!

Continued Commitment to the Specialty®

Many AAO members find that they can redeem their pledges by means of a Grateful Patient or Professional Courtesy Donation made in their honor perhaps by someone to whom they have extended professional courtesy; e.g. a referring dentist or a family friend. In this scenario, orthodontic treatment is offered in the usual fashion, and the check, which is made payable to the AAO Foundation, is sent to the AAOF. (The orthodontists and the grateful patient should discuss the tax aspects of this form of payment with their financial advisors.)

Current Support

As of July 1, 2016 the AAO Foundation Campaign, **Continued Commitment to the Specialty®**, has realized \$38.4 million in pledges, of which \$31 million has been redeemed. These pledges have come from Constituent and Component Societies, AAOF Corporate Partners, and Friends of the Specialty, but by far the vast majority of pledges (~80%) have come from AAO members, including Vanguard Society members.



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Signature: _____

Choose One:

- ____ Please permanently restrict my gift to the Research Initiative Fund. I understand that funds from my gift will be invested in perpetuity with only the annual earnings from these investments used in support of orthodontic research.
- ____ Please permanently restrict my gift to the AAOF Endowment. I understand that funds from my gift will be invested in perpetuity with only the annual earnings from these investments used in support of the Foundation.
- ____ Please use my gift only in support of the Craniofacial Growth Legacy Collections Project (www.aaoflegacycollection.org).
- ____ You may use my gift for orthodontic education and operational expenses at the discretion of the AAO Foundation Board of Directors.

Yes, I would like to become a lifetime member of the Vanguard Society and pledge the following amount to the AAOF

Please Check

- ____ \$5,000
- ____ Other: \$ _____
- ____ \$25,000 *Vanguard Regent*