

# AAOF 101

American Association of  
Orthodontists Foundation



Continued Commitment to the Specialty®

# What is AAOF?

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- A service and research based partner organization of the AAO
- Mission:
  - To advance the orthodontic specialty by supporting quality education and research that leads to excellence in patient care
- 501(c)(3) organization – tax deductible



# What does the AAOF do?

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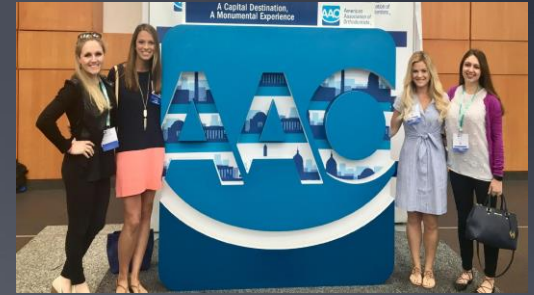
- Goal: Strengthen the orthodontic specialty through support of research and educators to ensure our specialty remains progressive and simultaneously evidence based
  - How do we accomplish this?
    - Help fund research and support orthodontic faculty members early in their careers
    - Aid in orthodontic education
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A young girl with brown hair in a ponytail, wearing large black-rimmed glasses, is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the left with a thoughtful expression. Her hand is resting on her chin. To her left, a large thought bubble contains the text "So what can the AAOF do for me while I am in residency??" Three smaller thought bubbles trail off from the main one towards the top right.

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residency??

# Direct AAOF Benefits for Residents

- \$400 Resident gift to support residents attending an AAO annual meeting
- Annual GORP Funding
  - \$20,000



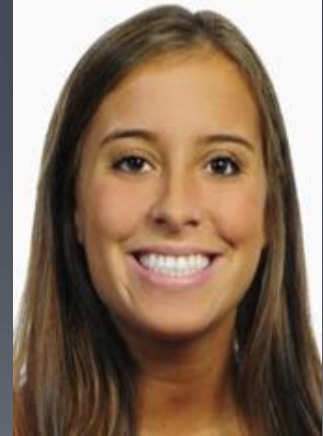
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- Student Research Grant Opportunities
  - \$5,000 to assist with research projects and masters thesis
  - Applications accepted annually
  - 2019 Awards Materials are posted online now, deadline November 16<sup>th</sup>!



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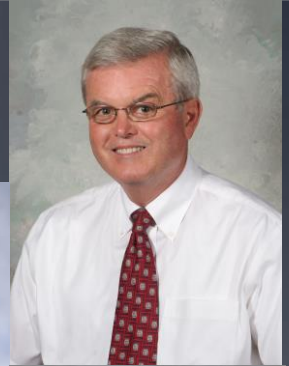
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# The Larger Scope of AAOF's Impact on Residents

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- INDIRECTLY:
  - Supporting faculty members
    - Research grants
    - Fellowship awards
    - Helping to create and adapt faculty development plans
  - Craniofacial Growth Legacy Project
    - Preserved for study of legacy orthodontic materials



# Results

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- Provided \$12.3 million (474 awards) in research and educational funding since 1994
  - For 2018, awarded \$786,712 worth of projects (27 proposals)
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How can you  
get involved  
and be a part  
of AAOF??



# Become An AAOF Board Member

- One student selected nationally and annually
- Serve on the board of directors with full voting privileges
- Bring a resident's perspective to the discussion in the board room
- Attend:
  - PARC
  - Annual Board Meeting in St. Louis



# Become a Vanguard Society Member!

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- Make a pledge during residency
- Your pledge helps to ensure that the AAOF can continue the invaluable support of residents and faculty moving forward



What is  
involved in  
making a  
pledge?



# Vanguard Pledge

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\$5,000 payable with a graduated payment plan of as little as \$5.00 per month



# For more information

- Visit the AAOF website at [www.aaofoundation.net](http://www.aaofoundation.net)
- Contact Jackie Bode at the AAOF office by calling 800-424-2841, ext. 546 or email her at [jbode@aaortho.org](mailto:jbode@aaortho.org)