

The 2021 Annual Session will be a spectacular virtual event, June 25-27. Register now!

Chris Roberts, GLAO Trustee and AAO President, and his planning committee have created an awesome three-day virtual annual session. The CE offered from the world's leading orthodontic speakers is incredible. Register now for the live event which also includes recorded lectures to watch at your leisure. See the attached lecture schedule for more info.

Register at: AAOinfo.org

The AAO has designated June 2, 2021 as Orthodontic Staff Appreciation Day. Team members are essential to the success of most orthodontic practices. The AAO helps celebrate their accomplishments with Orthodontic Staff Appreciation Day, scheduled this year on June 2. (Previously this observance was for a week and with the new schedule, member practices are still welcome to extend celebrations over days prior to or after June 2.)

This important recognition offers AAO members the opportunity to demonstrate how important the orthodontic team is to the orthodontists they serve alongside and the patients and families who enter your practice. While the activities to recognize these team members may vary, participating doctors stand united in their deep appreciation of their orthodontic teams' work with patients and other tasks essential to orthodontic practice operations.

Go to the AAO website for options for posters or signage in your office as well as social media graphics to promote your orthodontic staff on June 2. On June 2, please be sure to tag the AAO in any Orthodontic Staff Appreciation Day posts on social media. You can connect with the AAO on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#). Be sure to use

the hashtag **#OrthoStaffAppreciation**. Your posts that tag the AAO or use the hashtag may be featured in future promotional materials including on social media, the AAO member website and other AAO publications.

While there are countless ways to recognize your outstanding orthodontic team, members who participate in Orthodontic Staff Appreciation Day can show their deep gratitude for their employees' work with patients and other essential tasks.

AAO Webinar Opportunities

SOE: Current and Future Applications of 3D Printing in Orthodontics

May 21, 2021

Dr. F. Kurt Kasper (1.25 CE) presents on **Current and Future Applications of 3D Printing in Orthodontics**. This webinar, *geared to Educators* will be presented in three distinct areas and with the following **Learning Objectives** ...

1. Introduction to the digital workflow and 3D printing, including a focus on clear aligner therapy
2. Highlights of research and emerging applications of 3D printing applications in orthodontics
3. Discussion of challenges and opportunities in applying 3D printing in graduate orthodontic programs

SOE: Going Viral -- COVID Effects on Education, Patient Care and Recruitment

Jun 4, 2021

Going Viral -- COVID Effects on Education, Patient Care and Recruitment (1.25 CE). **Dr. Jose A. Bosio, Dr. Jae Park, Dr. Kelton Stewart and Dr. Leslie Will** share how they pivoted to quickly go viral during a pandemic, it's lasting impacts at their various universities, and what they have planned for the coming year. Moderator, **Dr. Padma Mukherjee** will lead the discussion which will include...

Learning Objectives:

- Clinical changes made to their program to ensure continuity of clinical experiences.
- Didactic simulations implemented to increase residents' learning experiences.

- The impact of virtual interviews and what, if anything you'll continue from this practice, in the future?
- Elaborate on how you accessed the clinical outcomes of this graduating class.

Program will include a Q&A and discussion opportunity for the virtual attendees

SOE: A Roadmap to Academic Success Through Individualized Development Planning

Jun 10, 2021

SOE Educational Leadership webinar (1.25 CE) -- This workshop is designed to help faculty develop, implement and measure the outcomes of short- and long-term Individual Development Plans (IDP). The first virtual workshop, Thursday, June 10 will include;

- Presentations by experts in the field,
- A synopsis by panelists
- Question-and-answer with audience participation

Examples of IDPs for both clinical and tenure track faculty including those seeking competitive research funding will be presented. Participants will be provided with an IDP template that they can use to develop their IDPs for report-out and discussion at the second in-person workshop to be held in conjunction with the Society of Orthodontic Educators meeting during the Annual AAO Session in Boston on Thursday, June 24. ***You do not have to attend the second half to gain insights and benefit from this program.***

This program will be of benefit for all individuals who plan to be or are currently involved in academic orthodontics. Mentees and department leaders are encouraged to attend to provide further insights of their mentorship approaches towards setting annual planning process and career goals.

SOE: Your "Plan B"

Jun 17, 2021

Dr. Carla A. Evans, Keynote Speaker for the *Society of Educators Carla A. Evans Educational Leadership Virtual Conference* presents, **"Your Plan B." (1.25 CE)**

Orthodontists and orthodontic educators think with long-term goals in mind. We collect information, analyze, and subsequently plan and execute a course of action. However, things happen.

While times are changing rapidly and much of the future is uncertain, ongoing changes exist that make us say that we can't "put the toothpaste back in the tube." For example, it is clear that the future will be digital. Also, demographics and personal identities are changing and every facet of life is becoming more inclusive. Instead of just reacting, we should anticipate change when we are educating our students, creating policy and preparing for the future. Moreover, just as when orthodontists plan treatment, educators need "Plan B's" as alternative strategies.

Here are some questions addressed in this presentation:

1. What can we do as a community to ease the transition to digital technology and 3D imaging?
2. How can we help each other be effective academics by employing informatics, datamining, and 5G communication?
3. How can we influence or create policy?
4. Where does research fit into all of this?

Join the Orthodontic Staff Club.

Whether you work in a lab or chairside, or if you're on the administrative side of the office, you are invited to be a part of the Orthodontic Staff Club (AAO member approval required). You'll join the largest community of orthodontic staff and will have access to free Continuing Education content – including discounts to attend the AAO Annual Session, virtually or in person. Ask your doctor today about adding a staff membership.