

**GLAO  
SPRING  
2026**

**Dr. J. Martin Palomo**  
GLAO Director



*Save the Date*

AAO Foundation Celebration  
**Breakfast**

Saturday | May 2 | 7:30-9 am  
Orange County Convention Center Room W206

**Fred A. Garrett**  
**Resident Education Program**

Attending the AAO Annual Session is an essential experience for every future orthodontist. It's an opportunity to expand your professional network, explore cutting-edge tools and technology, and engage with leading experts shaping the future of the specialty.

To encourage in-person participation, the AAO Foundation offers travel support to eligible residents, a \$300 gift for the first AAO Annual Session attended and a \$100 gift for the second.

To qualify, residents must:

1. Register for and attend the AAO Annual Session in person.
2. Be a current AAO member.
3. Have a graduation date after October 1, 2026.
4. Be enrolled in an orthodontic residency program located in the United States or Canada.
5. Visit the AAO Foundation booth during Exhibit Hall hours and complete the Resident Survey.
6. Not have previously received the combined \$400 travel incentive.

**AAO Foundation Celebration Breakfast**

Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 am



**Eugene & Pauline Blair**  
**Distinguished Service Award**  
Dr. Richard Williams

**Louise Ada Jarabak Award**

Dr. Thomas J. Cangialosi



**Jacob A. Salzmann Lecturer**

Dr. Maria Costanza Meazzini



**Be sure to visit the AAO Foundation booth  
in the AAO Pavilion in the Exhibit Hall!**



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# 2026-27 AAO Foundation Board of Directors

\*Not Pictured: Dr. Bob Bray, Dr. Anil Idiculla and Dr. Neal Kravitz

*Thank You*  
**Dr. Lili Horton**  
President 2024-26



Dr. Lili Horton, PCSO representative to the AAO Foundation completes her 8th year on the board and her tenure as President culminates at the Annual Session in Orlando.

## 2026 Board Updates

Effective May 4, 2026



**Dr. James Klarsch**  
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**Dr. Navi Bharj**  
PCSO Director



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Resident Director



**Dr. Cami Tussi**  
Resident Director

## Foundation Awards Nearly \$1M in 2026 Grants

The AAO Foundation's Planning and Awards Review Committee (PARC) recommended nearly \$1 million in grant funding following its January meeting. These recommendations were presented to the AAO Foundation Board at its February meeting in St. Louis, where, after thoughtful discussion, the Board proudly approved this historic level of support. Reflecting an unwavering commitment to advancing the specialty, this year's awards represent the largest annual funding allocation in the Foundation's history, a milestone moment for the AAO Foundation.



## Planning and Awards Review Committee (PARC)

\*Not Pictured: Christine Hong

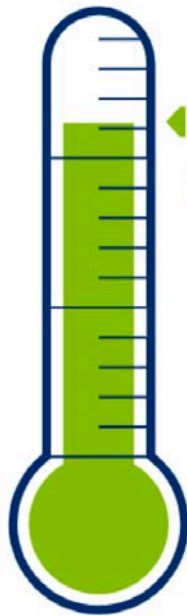


## New PARC Leadership

Effective May 4, 2026

**Dr. Sylvia Frazier Bowers, Chair & Dr. Sath Allareddy, Vice-Chair**

Fundraising Goal  
**\$1,800,000**



← Raised  
**\$1,433,655**  
**80%**

Updated 2.10.26

## For the Future Faculty Fellowship Campaign

The future of orthodontics depends on our commitment to investing in exceptional educators. To meet this critical need, the AAO and the AAO Foundation launched For the Future — a campaign dedicated to advancing our specialty through transformative fellowship support.

Today, nearly half of orthodontic faculty members nationwide are over the age of 60. At the same time, significant student debt discourages many of our brightest professionals from pursuing full-time academic careers, placing the future strength of our programs and our profession at risk.

The Full-Time Faculty Fellowship is a two-year, \$30,000 annual award designed to supplement the salaries of those who choose to dedicate their careers to orthodontic education. Through this fellowship, we are investing directly in the next generation of academic leaders ensuring that the specialty continues to be shaped by the most talented, passionate, and committed professionals.

Every dollar contributed will be matched dollar-for-dollar to establish a fund supporting three two-year fellowships. This powerful investment in education is an investment in the future of orthodontics, securing outstanding faculty leadership for years to come.



## Gifted Smiles Focus Areas



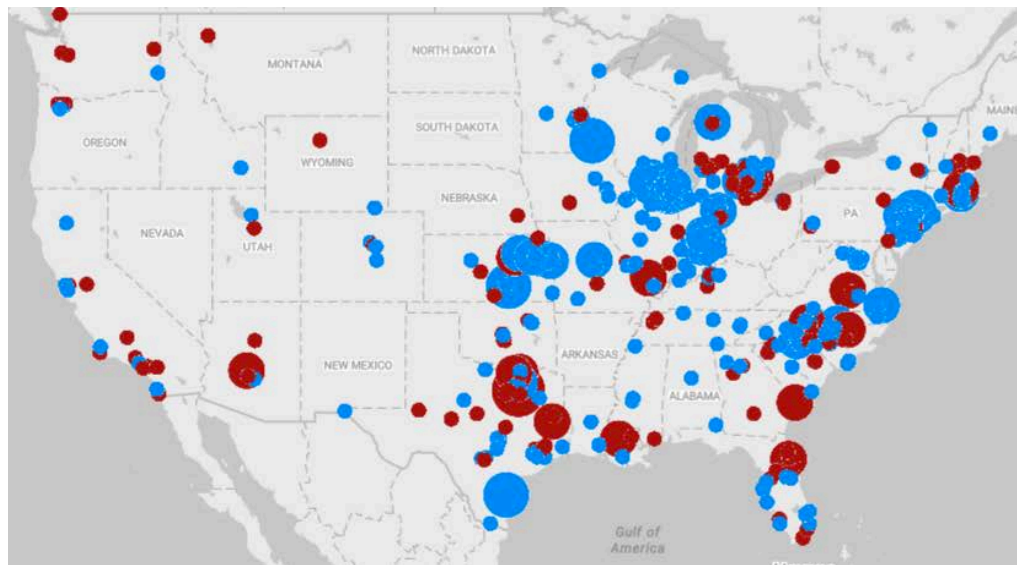
### Recruiting Volunteers:

- Dallas, TX
- Detroit, MI
- Houston, TX
- Jacksonville, FL
- Las Angeles, CA
- New Orleans, LA
- Phoenix, AZ
- Raleigh, NC
- Richmond, VA
- Savannah, GA

### Recruiting Patients:

- Greater Chicago area
- Indianapolis
- Eastern Kansas
- Northern New Jersey
- New York City

Red = Patients needing treatment    Blue = Volunteers needing patients



**Together, we can impact children who need orthodontic care.**

If you would like to help the Gifted Smiles Committee,  
please contact us at 314-292-6582 or [tsmith@aaortho.org](mailto:tsmith@aaortho.org)



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A Charitable Orthodontic Program of the AAO Foundation