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# AAOF Vanguard Society

## Residents Supporting Orthodontic Education GORP 2010

### AAOF Awards

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

- \$6.9 million in funding, primarily in support of Junior Faculty, including:
- At the 70 graduate orthodontic residency programs in the US and Canada, there are 22 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 web site, there are Final Reports from 250 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 February 1, 2010, 1116 individuals have become Vanguard Society Members, 38 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<sup>®</sup>

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 May 1, 2010 the AAO Foundation Campaign, **Continued Commitment to the Specialty<sup>®</sup>**, has realized \$33.9 million in pledges, of which \$24.1 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.

## GORP 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Choose One:

\_\_\_\_\_ Unrestricted – use my gift to further the mission of the AAOF (“to support orthodontic education and research”) at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

\_\_\_\_\_ Restricted – Restrict my gift to the AAOF Endowment using only the earnings from my gift to advance the mission of the Foundation.

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



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