

## AAO Foundation Award Final Report

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Institution	University of Minnesota
Summary/Abstract (approximately 250 words)	<p>With sincere gratitude to the AAOF, I am proud to report on my progress as a junior faculty member at the University of Minnesota Division of Orthodontics. Some of my accomplishments over the past year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A successful Accreditation Visit with the Division of Orthodontics receiving three commendations and no recommendations.</li> <li>• Collaborative work with the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Division to continue our case-based learning seminars in the graduate orthodontics curriculum.</li> <li>• Continued involvement in the interdisciplinary cleft lip/palate team and development of expertise through clinic work, consultations, lectures and membership in the American Cleft Palate Association.</li> <li>• Development of written and oral examinations as outcome measure for orthodontic resident evaluation.</li> <li>• Serving as Chair of the Minnesota Association of Orthodontics Program Committee for the 2007 upcoming program.</li> <li>• Service in the School of Dentistry as an active member of the admissions committee, clinical affairs committee, promotion and tenure guidelines committee, search committees and strategic planning committees.</li> <li>• Completion of an ethics case-based learning course for orthodontic residents.</li> <li>• Creating a Case Report Program in the graduate orthodontics curriculum to promote publication and dissemination of knowledge.</li> <li>• Involvement in interdisciplinary study clubs.</li> <li>• Achieving Board Certification through the ABO Gateway opportunity.</li> </ul>

