

The Dr. J. M. Chadha Orthodontic Educational Foundation
146 Lake Ave, Metairie, LA 70005

Dear LSU Orthodontic Alumni and Friends,

I hope this letter finds all of you well. I know at least personally, 2024 has passed rather quickly. Although relatively short, my role as a part-time faculty member has been very rewarding so far. Some of my most enjoyable work days of the past year have been spent in clinic and seminar with our excellent LSU ortho residents and faculty. It has been wonderful to see that so many of the positive attributes of the program are still strong even from the different perspective of the back row. One relatively new addition to the clinic is a 3D printer which has been exposing our residents to the latest technology and options for aligners or retainers. This hardware was donated, so clinic or foundation funds were fortunately not needed.

Despite the recent residents not having the blessing of being taught or even meeting Dr. Chadha, his legacy still positively affects them through the foundation. One of the consistent expenses of the foundation is an annual stipend for the residents to offset the cost of tuition. While many medical residents have the benefit of earning a paycheck while continuing their training, orthodontic residents generally have the burden of varying levels of additional tuition debt and subsequent interest accrual. With rising costs of seemingly everything in the world today, the Chadha OEF board unanimously voted this year to increase the resident stipend from \$2,500 to \$4000. Even with this change, the primary goal of the foundation remains to protect and grow the existing donations to ensure a bright future for the LSU orthodontic program.

The Chadha OEF was able to cover the expenses of additional instruments in the clinic this past year, which helps residents avoid cost of purchasing their own instruments. Looking forward, some distal end and ligature cutters may need replacing next year. The ABO written and scenario based exam registration fees were covered for second year residents, and travel expenses were provided for the residents to attend the SAO meeting in Orlando since

the AAO was held in New Orleans. At this time, the only additional projected goal of the foundation would be to increase the corpus of the LSUHSC educational scholarship fund.

I want to sincerely thank all of you for the continued donations to the Chadha Foundation. As benefits continue to be expanded, the foundation will become more reliant on our recent graduates to “pay it forward.” If possible, please consider recurring donations with an option that allows for minimal fees to be deducted and your donation dollars to go as far as possible.

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With appreciation,

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