Appendix 14

Letters of Support
5 October, 2009

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam:

The University Of Louisville School Of Dentistry has provided advanced training in a number of dental specialty programs that have through their existence been fully accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation.

The Advanced Education Program's in Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Endodontics, and Periodontics are vital elements of the School of Dentistry. Individually and collectively these programs furnish substantial support for the pre-doctoral Doctor of Dental Medicine program. These programs are essential to the School's and University's service and research mission. For example, student/residents in these programs provide needed clinical services, especially to our underserved citizens, in metropolitan Louisville and adjacent counties that would not otherwise be available. The faculty directing these programs is nationally and internationally recognized. This faculty is regarded by their peers as the core of excellence that provides continuing education to the practitioners of the Commonwealth and in so doing ensures scholastic progress for the profession, the School and the University.

The programs are long-standing, having correspondingly been established in 1976 (Orthodontics), 1981-87, Reestablished 2001 (Pediatric Dentistry), 1984 (Endodontics), and 1990 (Periodontics). In spite of this long history, these advanced education programs have not been officially recognized by the University of Louisville as Certificate programs. Although this issue was not critical in years past, now for student/residents of these programs to continue qualifying for federal aid the programs must be recognized as bona fide University Certificate programs.

For these reasons I am requesting that the advanced education programs in Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Endodontics, and Periodontics be recognized as Certificate programs by the University of Louisville.

Sincerely,

John J. Sauk, DDS, MS
Professor and Dean
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October 5, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Department of Orthodontic, Pediatric and Geriatric Dentistry, I am writing this letter to request that the University of Louisville formally recognize the Certifications for the School of Dentistry’s postgraduate specialty programs in Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry. Both of these advanced education programs have been fully accredited and are periodically assessed for compliance by the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation.

The Orthodontics Program has a long and rich tradition of excellence in teaching, service and research since its establishment in 1972. The Pediatric Dentistry Program was recently re-established in 2006 and has since made a great impact on our School of Dentistry’s mission. These programs serve many in the Louisville area and surrounding communities; especially those from lower socio-economic groups.

The faculty of these programs comes from a diverse and well-respected background that has demonstrated excellence in teaching and leadership in their respective fields. In addition to training highly capable specialty practitioners, they provide essential support to the School of Dentistry’s pre-doctoral program in its mission to educate competent dental professionals.

It is without reservation that I recommend that the Orthodontic and Pediatric Dentistry Postgraduate Programs be duly recognized as University Certificate Programs by the University of Louisville.

Respectfully,

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is written to satisfy requirements for the University of Louisville's recognition of Certificate of Advanced Education Programs in the dental specialty disciplines of Periodontics and Endodontics. Both of these advanced education programs are long-standing, having been established in 1990 (Periodontics) and 1984 (Endodontics) respectively. Throughout their existence the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation has continually and fully accredited these programs.

The Advanced Education Program's in Periodontics and Endodontics are integral components of the School of Dentistry. These programs provide vital support for the pre-doctoral teaching program, and they are fundamental to the School's research mission and scholastic advancement. The faculty supporting these programs is nationally and internationally recognized, serving their respective specialties with distinction. The resident students provide clinical services to the population of Louisville and surrounding counties that is most likely otherwise unavailable.

For these reasons it is without reservation that I support recognition of these programs by the University of Louisville.

Sincerely,

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Dean Morton, BDS, MS, FACP, FICD
Professor and Interim Chair
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10 October 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Kornhauser Health Sciences Library has an excellent selection of resources to support the four residency programs of the University of Louisville, School of Dentistry.

Our resources include nearly 5,500 current journal subscriptions in the health sciences. Most of these are available electronically from office or home to anyone with a UofL affiliation. We have over 80,000 books to support the instruction, clinical and research initiatives of the University of Louisville Health Sciences Center. We also offer access to nearly 30 databases that support the biomedical sciences.

To support the residency programs in dentistry we have over 1500 print monographs. We also have subscriptions to 133 unique dental and orthodontic journals. In addition, we provide electronic access to the full text of over 100 journals in dentistry. No additional resources or library materials expenditures should be required to support the School of Dentistry residency programs unless there are specific requests for additions to the library collections.

Kornhauser Library also offers extensive reference assistance for formulating online search strategies, validating citations, locating materials not owned by this library or any other research assistance that might be needed. We offer instruction in medical informatics and information management to individuals or in a group setting.

The Kornhauser Library relies on the recommendations of health sciences professionals for the development of the library's collections and services. We would welcome any suggestions.

Please contact us if you have any questions, suggestions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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