Smiles start here

It’s the perfect time of year. Spring is here, the sun is out and the 2018 AAO Annual Session has finally arrived. For the next four days, you can get your fill of new products, new techniques and new ways of looking at how you practice orthodontics.

A variety of educational sessions, taught by experts in the field, are being offered to both doctors and staff on a number of topics, including treatment planning, sleep apnea, multidisciplinary care, cutting-edge techniques and more.

One highlight this year is an AAO Sleep Apnea and Orthodontics Task Force open forum being held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. today. Members of the Task Force will be in attendance to listen to colleagues’ thoughts and concerns regarding the relationship between sleep apnea and orthodontics.

Over in the exhibit hall, hundreds of reps have gathered to showcase the newest products and technology in the field, from practice management to 3-D imaging to brackets and handpieces.

Make sure you download the AAO app to your smartphone. Information on sessions, exhibitors and more is all available.

AAO to recognize its members for service, humanitarian work, research

During the 2018 Annual Session, the AAO, the AAO Foundation and the American Board of Orthodontics will recognize honorees at the Excellence in Orthodontics Luncheon and Awards Ceremony, being held Sunday from noon to 2:15 p.m. at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

The Excellence in Orthodontics Luncheon and Awards Ceremony keynote speaker will be Mike Krzyzewski, aka “Coach K,” head coach of the Duke University Men’s Basketball Team. Ticket cost is $60 for the luncheon (or $15 for the keynote address and award presentations only). Tickets may be purchased via annual session registration. Award recipients will include:

- Humanitarian Award: Dr. E. David Engst. After practicing orthodontics for 26 years, Engst sold his practice and

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