

## **`Alan Bagden, DMD Springfield, Virginia**

Dr. Alan Bagden graduated from Lafayette College in 1975 and was accepted at the prestigious dental school of the University of Pennsylvania. After fulfilling a military obligation with the United States Public Health Service, he was accepted as an orthodontic resident at the University of Maryland. In 1989 he joined the practice of Dr. William Wallert. The two worked together for 10 years, when Dr. Wallert chose to decrease the amount of time spent with full-time patient care.

During his career Dr. Bagden has been recognized for his commitment to efficient treatment and has authored many research articles on this topic. In 2000 Dr. Bagden performed clinical trials and research on the Damon System of orthodontic treatment and concluded that it was the most efficient type of orthodontic treatment available. He then began working closely with Dr. Damon to further refine the technique and has been instrumental in advancing use of the Damon System within the orthodontic profession. Drs. Damon and Bagden conduct seminars worldwide, instructing doctors on the proper utilization of the Damon System. It is Dr. Bagden's firm belief that the Damon System of orthodontic treatment will become the industry standard system of treatment by the year 2010.

In addition to his clinical involvement with this project, Dr. Bagden is also Board Certified by the American Board of Orthodontics, an honor enjoyed by less than one quarter of all orthodontists in the United States. He has served as president of the Virginia Association of Orthodontists, the Northern Virginia Dental Society and the Fairfax County Dental Society and was on the governing committees of the Southern Association of Orthodontists. He has been inducted in the Pierre Fauchard Honorary Dental Society and the American College of Dentists in recognition of his contribution to the profession. He is a frequent lecturer at the University of Maryland orthodontic residency program and the Children's National Medical Center orthodontic residency program in Washington, D.C. He has presented at the AAO annual sessions and lectured extensively throughout the world.

Dr. Bagden delivered more than 20 Damon System seminars in 2007. The highlight was delivering the prestigious McIntire Keynote address at the 2007 Canadian Association of Orthodontists annual meeting in Newfoundland. He was a featured speaker at the US Damon Forum in Palm Desert, the Mexican Damon Forum in Mexico City and the European Damon Forum in Barcelona, Spain. His other lectures took him from a diverse array of locations extending from Las Vegas, Nevada, to Bogota, Colombia. He also arranged, with Dr. Coffelt, three in-office seminars and has now hosted more than 250 doctors from five continents in their office. His active private practice has been and remains his primary professional focus and passion, however, as he and Dr. Coffelt continue to provide state-of-the-art care to their many patients as evidenced by their recent incorporation of digital imaging (replacing traditional X-rays) to improve the quality of treatment and reduce radiation to their patients. They have also recently

completed their computer system upgrading, allowing for improved efficiency and patient record access.