

TAO TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS

About us

The Texas Association of Orthodontists is a professional organization of specialists committed to maintaining the highest standards of orthodontic care for the benefit and well-being of our patients throughout the state of Texas. As an organization, we are dedicated to advocating for our members and providing services that benefit their pursuit of professional excellence.

TAO Board Members 2026-2027

TAO is one of the fifteen (15) components of the Southern Society of Orthodontists (SSO). To become a TAO member, an orthodontist has to complete an AAO membership application and choose TAO membership.

Current Membership

- **1066** TAO members
- **636** active members
- **4** foreign-trained academic members
- **66** life members
- **16** service members
- **79** student members
- **260** retired members

- **President -** Dr. Hidayat Nagori
- **President-Elect -** Dr. Ryan Reyes
- **Vice-President -** Dr. Diana-Beatrix Velicu
- **Secretary-Treasurer -** Dr. Diana Villarreal
- **Immediate Past President -** Dr. Meredith Scott
- **Director -** Dr. Mahya Farnia
- **Director -** Dr. Sheela Kudchadker
- **Director -** Dr. Dakota Miller
- **Director -** Dr. Catalina Zambrano Martínez
- **Executive Director -** Kayla Camarillo

Meet our TAO Members



Dr. Hidayat Nagori - President

Board-certified orthodontist Dr. Hidayat Nagori graduated from dental school in India in 2006. He practiced general dentistry for a year and a half before deciding to move to the United States in 2007. He attended Cleveland State University and received his master's in public health in 2010, and then went on to graduate from an orthodontic fellowship program at the Case Western Reserve University School of Orthodontics in 2012. That same year, he joined the Jacksonville University School of Orthodontics residency program.

Dr. Nagori holds a Bachelor's degree in dental surgery, a Master's degree in public health, a Post-doctorate degree certificate in orthodontics & dentofacial orthopedics, and a Certificate in orthodontic fellowship.

When he's not in the office, Dr. Nagori enjoys playing tennis, participating in various community events, trail running, and biking. He also serves as editor of a prestigious journal and has published several articles in internationally recognized orthodontics journals.



Dr. Ryan Reyes - President-Elect

Dr. Ryan Reyes is a proud Texan and South Texas native, as his upbringing in the Rio Grande Valley was a strong influence on his love for mariachi music and breakfast tacos. He studied chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin and was an avid trumpet player in the UT Longhorn Band, as well as the university's jazz and mariachi groups.

Dr. Reyes then attended The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where he received both his DDS degree in 2013 and his specialty certificate in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics in 2016. He also received a Master of Science in Orthodontics for his research in the area of craniofacial growth and development. During residency, Dr. Reyes met his wife, Dr. Alessandra Chacon – a Venezuelan native and co-resident. Together, they opened their own private practice in Dr. Reyes's hometown of Laredo – The Smile Shoppe Orthodontic Specialists. Dr. Reyes and Dr. Chacon also work as clinical faculty for UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry's pediatric dentistry residency program at the Laredo Health Department.
When Dr. Reyes and his wife aren't creating beautiful smiles, they are spending time with their sweet, energetic, and fun-loving daughters, Sophie and Emily. Together, they enjoy RV trips, movie nights, and family hugs. Dr. Reyes is an accomplished chef and musician, and he also enjoys building computers and restoring classic video game consoles. He credits his parents and numerous local mentors for sparking his never-ending desire to pursue his dreams, and he hopes to someday inspire others in the same way.



Dr. Diana-Beatrix Velicu - Vice-President

Dr. Diana-Beatrix Velicu is a board-certified orthodontist practicing in Plano, TX. She is originally from Lupeni, a small town in Transylvania, Romania. Dr. Velicu graduated from Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Bucharest in 2017. Right after graduation, she immigrated to the United States to continue her specialty program in Orthodontics and M.S. in Oral Biology at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) where she served as a Chief Resident, and graduated in 2021.

Dr. Velicu was involved in leadership from early on in her career. Additionally, she was named on the Forbes 30 under 30 list in Romania (2021), won the Romanian Student of the Year in North America, Best Medical Student in Romania, Best Student in Romania, and was a Finalist for the Eugene E. Gottlieb JCO Student of the Year awards.

When she's not improving smiles, Dr. Velicu enjoys alpine skiing and has even competed on the Romanian National and Olympic teams. Don't be surprised to find Dr. Velicu dining around Dallas to sample new cuisine or heading for the airport to travel to new places!



Dr. Diana Villarreal - Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Diana Villarreal was raised in Monterrey, Mexico. She has called San Antonio, Texas home since 2015. Her academic journey started at the Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo León. After graduating from dental school, she completed a Masters in Orthodontics in Monterey, Mexico.

Driven by a passion for specialization, Dr. Villarreal pursued additional education and completed an internship in Advanced Orthodontics at UT HealthScience Center in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Villarreal also specialized in orthodontics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, where she obtained her Certificate in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics and a Masters in Science of Dentistry. Dr. Villarreal is a board certified specialist by the American Board of Orthodontics. She is an active member of the American Association of Orthodontists and the Southwestern Association of Orthodontists.

When not at the clinic, Dr. Villarreal finds happiness in the company of her family and furry companions. She treasures spending quality time with her family. Dr. Villarreal also enjoys nurturing friendships, indulging in culinary delights, traveling to new places, and expressing herself through music.



Dr. Meredith Scott - Immediate Past President

Before becoming a practicing orthodontist, Dr. Meredith Scott received her Bachelor of Science in biomedical science from Texas A&M University, then went on to complete a Doctorate of Dental Surgery with honors at the University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston. She pursued a Master of Science in dentistry and orthodontic residency at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO, and since 2013 has been a part-time Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthodontics at Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry. Dr. Scott is a board-certified orthodontist and a member of the American Association of Orthodontists. She completes continuing education courses each year through organizations such as the Graduate Departments of Orthodontics at Saint Louis University and the University of Texas. Dr. Scott also attends private study club meetings to provide the best possible treatment outcome using the most advanced techniques. She has participated in the Texas Orthodontic Study Club, quarterly meetings with Water's Edge Orthodontic Study Club, and monthly meetings with the Ninth District Dental Society.

Dr. Scott is now in private practice at Scott Orthodontics in Webster, TX. She resides in Friendswood with her husband and two kids. As a way of giving back to her community, Dr. Scott gives talks at local elementary schools and also provides booster support to patients' extra-curricular activities, and sponsors many school sports and dance teams.



Dr. Mahya Farnia - Director

Dr. Farnia is an Orthodontist and partner of Sonrisas Orthodontics and Periodontics. She received her undergraduate degree in her hometown of Irvine, at the prestigious University of California, Irvine.

She attended dental school in Nevada and attended the University of Indiana for her orthodontic residency where she received specialty training to create smiles that would last forever.

Dr Farnia is also part of the special Women in Orthodontics Committee at AAO and is a board member of a non-profit French school in Austin, Texas.



Dr. Sheela Kudchadker - Director

Dr. Sheela Kudchadker is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, she earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, graduating at the top of her class, and went on to complete her Certificate in Orthodontics and Master of Science in Oral Biology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. In 2005, she founded Pearland Orthodontics, where she has built a thriving practice recognized for advanced technology, compassionate care, and a welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere.

In addition to leading her practice, Dr. Kudchadker is actively involved in organized dentistry. She serves on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Women Dentists and was honored with the Beacon of Collaboration Award for her commitment to advancing women in dentistry through mentorship and creating opportunities within the profession. She also contributes to both local and national committees focused on inclusion, engagement, and leadership. Outside of orthodontics, Dr. Kudchadker enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, supporting youth programs, and giving back to her Pearland, TX community.



Dr. Dakota Miller - Director

Dr. Dakota Miller is a lifelong Texan, born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley. She attended the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for her Bachelor's Degree, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. She attended UT Health San Antonio for dental school and graduated at the top of her class. Following dental school, Dr. Miller continued her studies in San Antonio, completing her Certificate in Orthodontics and Master's degree in Dental Science. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics.

Dr. Miller practices in San Antonio, TX and is proud to be involved in leadership roles with American Association of Orthodontists, Southern Society of Orthodontists, and Texas Association of Orthodontists. Outside of the office, Dr. Miller enjoys spending time with her friends and family, exploring San Antonio's growing food scene, and traveling to exciting new destinations.



Dr. Catalina Zambrano Martínez - Director

Dr. Catalina Zambrano Martínez is a board-certified orthodontist practicing in Laredo, Texas. She earned her dental degree from Tecnologico de Monterrey and completed her orthodontic residency and Master of Science in Dental Science at UT Health San Antonio, where she also pursued advanced training in lingual orthodontics and clear aligner therapy. Dr. Zambrano has been practicing orthodontics in Texas since 2019 and currently serves as the primary orthodontist at Laredo Orthodontics. Her clinical interests include complex interdisciplinary treatment, orthognathic surgery, skeletal expansion, temporary anchorage devices, clear aligner therapy, and the integration of digital technology into orthodontic treatment.

In addition to clinical practice, Dr. Zambrano is actively involved in organized dentistry and orthodontics. She currently serves as President of the Laredo District Dental Society and has served on the Texas Association of Orthodontists Program Committee and as a continuing education content reviewer for the American Association of Orthodontists. During her orthodontic residency, she served as an AAO Resident Champion, representing and promoting involvement in the specialty among her fellow residents.

Dr. Zambrano was nominated for Texas Dentist of the Year in 2024, recognizing her involvement and contributions to the dental profession. She is also committed to supporting her local community and charitable organizations and serves as a director with the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association in Laredo. She is passionate about advancing the orthodontic profession, supporting continuing education, strengthening collaboration among colleagues, and giving back to her community. Outside of orthodontics, Caty enjoys spending time with her husband, Mauricio, and their two children, Alejandro and Lucia.



Kayla Camarillo - Executive Director

Kayla serves as the Executive Director of the Texas Association of Orthodontists, bringing over three years of experience in association management to the role. Kayla is originally from Indiana and graduated from Florida State University in 2020 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and a minor in Communications. In 2024, Kayla relocated from Tampa to Chicago, where she continues to grow both personally and professionally.

Kayla is dedicated to fostering collaboration, expanding her skill set, and excelling in her leadership role with the Texas Association of Orthodontists. Her commitment to providing exceptional support to the association's board and members while enhancing TAO's mission is at the forefront of her work.
Outside of her professional responsibilities, Kayla enjoys reading, exploring the city of Chicago, and spending time with her family, friends, and her dog, Charlie.



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