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BEST ORTHODONTIST: SCOTT ECKELS

VIENNA — The office of orthodontist Scott Eckels is celebrating being named *The Parkersburg News and Sentinel* Readers' Choice for Best Orthodontist for the first time.

"Our goal is to provide extraordinary smiles with world famous service," said orthodontist Scott Eckels.

Eckels was raised in the Mid-Ohio Valley and received his degrees and training at West Virginia University before he moved to New England.

"I practiced in Vermont for several years before my wife and I decided to come back here," Eckels said.

In 2000, Eckels purchased his current practice, located on Grand Park Drive in the office behind the Olive Garden, from orthodontist Charles L. Seita.

"Dr. Seita was my orthodontist when I was a kid and I was able to purchase his practice, which I think is kind of neat," Eckels said.

In his years in practice, Eckels estimated he has treated about 10,000 patients.

"It is neat to build the relationships with the patients because you see them pretty often," Eckels said.



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Orthodontist Scott Eckels sits in his Vienna office. He was named *The Parkersburg News and Sentinel* Readers' Choice for Best Orthodontist for the first time.

"The relationships with my patients are the best part."

Eckels said technology has changed the world of orthodontics over the years, especially in the past five years with new equipment

and techniques. "I love working with the new technology available because they provide more exceptional results," he said.

These technologies include the

removable Invisalign braces and iBraces, which are brackets fitted to the back of teeth instead of traditional braces being placed on the front.

"Orthodontics is so neat because

it is a blend of science and art," Eckels said. "I like being able to create art in my patients' smiles."

Eckels said his patients range from about 10-years-old through adolescents and into adults. He also specializes in simple removable appliances to traditional braces.

"We also treat patients with special needs and work closely with dentists and oral surgeons to make sure the best care is given," Eckels said. "One of our sayings is 'dentists trust us, families love us.'"

To help give the best care, Eckels said he and his staff of 16 have daily huddles and monthly meetings to make sure the practice is running smoothly and all patients are happy.

"My employees are the reason for the success here," he said. "This is a team approach."

Eckels Orthodontics also gives back to the community by sponsoring programs and having the Tooth Fairy go into schools to talk about good oral hygiene.

"We are trying to give back to the people who give to us," Eckels said.

Eckels Orthodontics is located at 417 Grand Park Drive, No. 107, Vienna. For an appointment call 304-422-6477.

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