Welcome to the second edition of The Apollonian Society News, a biannual update for alumni and friends of the UCLA School of Dentistry. In this issue you will find insightful perspectives on our fundraising initiatives, alumni events, student life and the ways in which your classmates and colleagues are changing the landscape of the oral health profession.

It is clear to me that while we are in the midst of a challenging time for the country, the state and the University of California, we have many strengths upon which to draw, including our vast network of alumni and friends. Your role as ambassadors for the UCLA School of Dentistry cannot be understated in this critical moment for higher education. We must continue to demonstrate the school’s relevance to the Los Angeles community and the state of California, highlighting our outstanding teaching, research activities, and record of public service and outreach.

The UCLA School of Dentistry is fortunate to count so many visionary leaders among our alumni, faculty, staff and donors. I am confident that together we will meet our current challenges with vigor and success. Thank you for your continued support.

No-Hee Park
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As of December 31, 2008 the Apollonian Society had received $156,000 in gifts and pledges for the 2008-09 fiscal year, slightly more than half of our annual $300,000 goal. Below we highlight recent activities and improvements sponsored by the Apollonian Society, as well as a new installation that recognizes the generosity of our donors.

On September 16, 2008, the Class of 2012 gathered with family, friends and faculty as they received their white coats and recited the dental students’ pledge. Recent graduates have cited the White Coat Ceremony as among the most moving aspects of their dental school experience.

New Isolite™ vacuum systems were installed in each cubicle in the predoctoral student clinics in Westwood and Venice. The Isolite™ system acts like a dental assistant by providing retraction, suction and lighting and will enhance efficiency and comfort during patient care. The installation of Isolite™ systems was a top request from the student body and, according to Isolite, UCLA is the first dental school in the nation to install these systems in its predoctoral clinics.

In appreciation for philanthropic support received from alumni, friends, corporate partners, foundations and other organizations the School of Dentistry has installed a donor wall on the fifth floor of the dental school. This new permanent installation includes the names of donors that have contributed a cumulative $100,000 or more to the school – including the Apollonian Society – since its inception in 1964.
MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS
THOMAS J. RAUTH, DDS '73 & RONALD S. MITO, DDS '76

In 2009 we mark the 35th anniversary of the Apollonian campaign, a milestone that invites us to reflect with pride upon our past achievements while looking toward the future. What began in 1974 as a small group of dedicated alumni and faculty members has grown into the membership-based Apollonian Society which now consists of hundreds of donors. Since the campaign was restructured in 2004, our members have collectively contributed more than $1.3 Million to the school and the Apollonian Society has become a significant participant in student life, sponsoring equipment purchases, workshops and events, a patient care subsidy fund and much more.

Regardless of when or why Apollonian Society donors became involved in the campaign, each shares a deep sense of commitment to the UCLA School of Dentistry, its students and, thereby, the future of the oral health profession. We feel great pride for our alma mater, one of the finest dental schools in the world, and have a vested interest in its continued success. The current economic climate in our nation, indeed across the globe, not only affects us personally – it harms our universities. There has never been a more critical time to support the school.

Alumni involvement at every level shows a vote of confidence in the dental school, which UCLA leverages to obtain additional support from corporations and foundations. The School of Dentistry is fortunate to enjoy one of the highest alumni giving rates on campus and we are grateful for your generous support. Yet to remain competitive with peer institutions and to ensure a reliable source of revenue for the school, the Apollonian Society must do even better.

In celebration of our 35th anniversary, we ask for your help in increasing our alumni participation rate this year. Each of us can play a role. If you are already a supporter, become an advocate for the school by sharing the Apollonian Society mission, reaching out to your circle of contacts and encouraging broader participation in the campaign. If you have not yet joined the Apollonian Society, now is the time. Call us at (310) 206-0215 or visit us online at www.dentistry.ucla.edu/development.

Whether you have been active in the Apollonians from the beginning or you are considering your very first gift, know that we sincerely appreciate each contribution and that you are making an important investment in our school’s future. Thank you for your support.

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS
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MONEY MATTERS:
DEFERRED PAYMENT GIFT ANNUITIES

The UCLA Foundation Deferred Payment Gift Annuity Program is a plan that allows donors, regardless of age, to build revenue on a tax-sheltered basis while also making a lasting contribution to the School of Dentistry’s future. In exchange for a gift of cash or appreciated securities, you can enjoy an immediate income tax charitable deduction while creating a future stream of income.

The Deferred Payment Gift Annuity is a smart choice for those in high-earnings years who are concerned about both current tax deductions and additional sources of retirement income. This program offers a higher eventual annuity rate because of the deferral of payments to you and/or another beneficiary.

For more information on the Deferred Payment Gift Annuity or other gift arrangements that produce income, please contact the UCLA Office of Gift Planning at (310) 794-2334 or visit www.giftplanning.ucla.edu.
**The Student Apollonian Group**

**Five Questions for Lindsay Costantino ’10, 2008-09 Student Apollonian Group President**

Apollonian Society (AS): What is the primary function of the Student Apollonian Group and when did it begin?

Lindsay Costantino (LC): The Student Apollonian Group (SAG) was founded by UCLA predoctoral dental students in 2006. The SAG core leadership consists of representatives from each predoctoral class who are voted into their positions by their classmates, as well as a president who is chosen by the Associated Student Body (ASB) leadership from a pool of upperclassmen applicants. The SAG functions in two capacities: to create a more enjoyable experience for the dental students as they proceed through their time at UCLA, and to transition the present students into engaged alumni who will give back to the school.

AS: What kinds of activities are you involved with?

LC: The SAG routinely gathers suggestions from the student body for changes they would like to see at the dental school, and then presents these ideas to the Apollonian Society, Alumni Association and school leadership. Major changes that were initiated or partially coordinated by the SAG and funded by the Apollonian Society include the installation of endodontic microscopes in all cubes in the Endo Clinic and the installation of Isolite™ systems in all cubes in the General Clinic. We work to raise awareness of the Apollonian Society and Alumni Association among the student body and host student appreciation breakfasts, as well as annual staff and student luncheons.

AS: What motivated you to get involved with the SAG?

LC: I saw involvement in the SAG as a way to catalyze positive change at the dental school. Additionally, I felt it would be an honor to serve my peers and represent them objectively and professionally to the Alumni Association and Apollonian Society.

AS: How do you see the Apollonian Society’s role in student life?

LC: The Apollonian Society is a positive force in dental student life, helping to improve morale and our overall experience. Dental school is challenging. We rely on each other for support, but it means so much that alumni and donors also understand what we’re going through and want to make our educational experience better. There’s a sense of camaraderie there.

AS: What should donors know about how their gifts are utilized?

LC: Gifts are used to directly improve the day-to-day experiences of current and future dental students. The gifts from the Apollonian Society make the clinic environment more modern and efficient and outside-of-clinic experiences more pleasant and manageable. Most of all, donors should know that the students are very appreciative of all of the changes and events made possible by their generous support.
Honor Roll of Apollonian Society Donors:
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(OS) Oral Surgery
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(P-O) Pedo-Orthodontics

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The UCLA School of Dentistry has concluded the first quarter of a new curriculum designed to better integrate basic science with clinical care, provide grounding in ethics, communication, cultural awareness and healthcare policy, and prepare our graduates for leadership in the 21st Century. As a result, members of the Class of 2012 can do the following:

- Describe the bio-psycho-social issues confronting the parents of a newborn with cleft palate;
- Expound upon ethical dilemmas, the history and future of dentistry, and ways to cope with stress;
- Indicate the twelve cranial nerves and the foramina through which they exit the skull;
- Create a wax-up of the oblique ridge on a maxillary molar;
- Speak knowledgeably about membrane structures, action potentials, cell injury, T-cells and B-cells, neoplasia and tumor morphology.

Dr. Karen Lefever, academic programs director, and Dr. Edmond Hewlett ’80, director of knowledge management, have been conducting periodic focus groups with randomly selected members of the Class of 2012 to gather their viewpoints regarding the opportunities and challenges posed by the new program. “We are gratified to report that students are excited about being the pioneers in our academic reform process,” said Dr. Lefever. “They are certainly to be commended for tackling the challenges of the new curriculum with energy and enthusiasm.”

Host A Dental Student

For eight consecutive years, fourth-year UCLA dental students have visited the practices of alumni to observe the management and business aspects of daily operations. The trips are part of the Practice Management course taught by Dr. Jeff Goldstein, director of the UCLA Dental Center. If you are interested in hosting future students, please contact Leslie Hanson in the Division of Public Health and Community Dentistry at (310) 825-4443.
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To enroll (see rates below), call the UCLA School of Dentistry Office of Continuing Education at (310) 206-8388.

## Hawai‘i 2009: Esthetic Dentistry and Periodontics

Join us for our 19th annual conference on the Big Island of Hawai‘i for an innovative continuing dental education program at a luxurious location. The main conference runs **Monday, June 29 through Friday, July 3** at the Fairmont Orchid, with an optional pre-conference meeting scheduled for June 27.

Separate esthetic and periodontal programs will run simultaneously (some with hands-on workshops) to allow participants to choose from a variety of topics and spend more time developing new skills of particular interest. Esthetic speakers include Drs. Jimmy Eubank, Ed Swift, Edmond Hewlett and Edward McLaren; Dr. E. Barrie Kenney will lead the periodontal program featuring Dr. Susan Kinder Haake and additional speakers.

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### Pre-conference

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Hotel and airfare costs are separate. For information on group rates, contact University Travel: (800) 821-5094 or UCLAHawaii@unitrav.com.
Annual Alumni Day in Anaheim  
Saturday May 16, 2009

Join your fellow alumni, dental school faculty and staff, and current UCLA students during the CDA Spring Scientific Session.

Alumni Reunion and Awards Luncheon

Noon – 1:30 p.m.  
Anaheim Marriott Hotel

Honoring the reunion-year classes of ‘69, ’74, ’79, ’84, ’89, ’94, ’99 and ’04, as well as our Co-Alumni of the Year, Drs. Melanie J. Gullett ’83 and George A. Maranon ’83 and our Honorary Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Harold W. Hargis.

We hope to keep building the event, surpassing last year’s record attendance of 400 guests. The event is free for UCLA dental alumni, faculty and current dental students. Additional guests are $35. To RSVP, please contact Tina Cody at tcody@dentistry.ucla.edu or (310) 825-6238 by April 27.

Silent Auction

As in years past, the UCLA Dental Alumni Silent Auction will take place during our luncheon and Dean’s Reception. Bidding will start at noon on Saturday, May 16 and end at 6:00 p.m. Featured items and packages will include dental equipment, hotel stays, scenic flights, continuing dental education courses, beauty products and handmade jewelry. To donate an item for inclusion in the auction, contact David Altman at (310) 206-1022.

Dean’s Reception

Please join Dean No-Hee Park and your fellow alums for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Marriott Marquis Ballroom. The event is free and open to all UCLA alumni, faculty, students and guests.

Become a Class Captain

We are seeking a few representatives from each honored class to act as liaisons between the school and their respective reunion class. Responsibilities include contacting classmates to encourage attendance at the Anaheim luncheon, collecting current photographs for a reunion-year slideshow, locating “lost” alumni, and helping to coordinate any additional class activities. The alumni affairs and development offices can assist you by creating mailings and emails, reporting on class attendance, organizing class-giving projects and more.

Current Class Captains include:

1969 - William Harrison  
1974 - Alan Felsenfeld and Elliot Schlang  
1979 - Still searching!  
1984 - Steve Okamoto  
1989 - Eva (Alwerud) Yancey  
1994 - Sherri (Worth) Nourse  
1999 - Still searching!  
2004 - Melanie (Nguyen) Wang and Sharon Phamduong

If you would like more information on becoming a Class Captain, please contact David Altman: (310) 206-1022 or daltman@dentistry.ucla.edu.
CLASS NOTES

1960s

Margaret C. Pan Quon, DDS ’68 is the most recent alumni member of the UCLA School of Dentistry’s Board of Counselors. Dr. Pan and her husband, Ron Quon, are actively engaged at the school, and recently established a new scholarship for dental students.

1970s

Alan L. Felsenfeld, DDS ’74 has completed his fourth and final year as the editor of the Journal of the California Dental Association. During his tenure as editor, the Journal underwent a rebranding and redesign, increased and improved the quality of its scientific articles, and won a record number of awards. Dr. Felsenfeld leaves the editorial post to take his elected post as Speaker of the House of Delegates of the California Dental Association.

Mark S. Lisagor, DDS ’73, Pediatric Dentistry ’77 was elected to the Ventura County Board of Education District 3 in November. Dr. Lisagor is Co-Chair, along with Dr. Scott T. Jacks (Pediatric Dentistry ’76) of the Thomas K. Barber Endowed Chair in Pediatric Dentistry campaign at the UCLA School of Dentistry.

Larry J. Moore, MS ’79, DDS ’81 was elected to serve as Vice President of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in September. Dr. Moore is also a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, an AAOMS fellow and a member of several other professional organizations.

William W. Morgan, DDS ’73 became President of the UCLA Dental Alumni Association, which had been previously headed by Roger L. Lent, DDS ’73. Afsaneh Malaekeh, DDS ’93 now assumes the role of President-Elect. Each president holds office for two years.

David M. Okuji, DDS ’79 has been appointed as a Clinical Instructor in Oral Health Policy & Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Okuji – who recently transitioned from a full-time pediatric private practice in Santa Cruz, CA to a hospital-based practice in multiple locales including Boston, Maui, Seattle and Sonoma – also holds a dental certificate from USC and an MBA from UC Berkeley. Dr. Okuji’s daughter, Kelli, competes for the Harvard College women’s soccer team.

Elliot P. Schlang, DDS ’74 is leading a nationwide effort to provide dental care to children who would otherwise not receive treatment. He recently published a Dentist Orientation DVD for ReachOut Healthcare America, an organization providing mobile dental and health care.

1980s

Robert A. Lindemann, DDS, MS ’85 is enjoying his post as director of the University of California Study Centers at Lund University and the University of Copenhagen. Dr. Lindemann began a two-year leave of absence from the UCLA School of Dentistry last July to participate in the UC system-wide Education Abroad Program that fosters exchanges for undergraduate and graduate students in thirty countries.

1990s

Frank A. Finazzo, DDS ’90 was named team dentist to the Ontario Reign, a minor league hockey team in the Inland Empire, in July 2008.

Liza L. Karamardian, DDS ’93 has joined the Los Gatos Dental Group.

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2000s

Jae Choi, DDS ’07, a current periodontics resident, welcomed a daughter named Caden Jae Choi on October 16, 2008.

Karen S. Potter, DDS ’07 recently announced her engagement to J. Sean Dumm, Esq. and is planning a fall 2009 wedding in Southern California.

Sherry Ahmadi Sarver, DDS ’07, MPH left sunny Southern California to attend the inauguration of President Barack Obama and the Western States Inaugural Ball in Washington, D.C. on January 20, 2009.

Are you a UCLA School of Dentistry alum with news to share? Contact (310) 206-0215 or news@dentistry.ucla.edu.

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Join more than 130 alums who have added us to their networks. Group membership is open to all.

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