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DEAN’S MESSAGE

As you know, the UCLA School of Dentistry is among the leading dental schools in the nation. The education and training our graduates received while in dental school has proven to be invaluable as they progress in the field. What stands out to me most is that so many of our alumni have chosen to become Apollonian Society members. We appreciate the value that our graduates place on maintaining close ties to the School and their desire to give back.

A majority of our Apollonian Society members renew their membership on an annual basis, placing the UCLA School of Dentistry as the leader in gift renewal rates for all the UCLA professional schools. The Apollonian Society also recently reached an exciting milestone of the 200-member mark and this number continues to grow. I continue to be impressed by the Apollonian Society’s ability to attract new members and retain its membership base. If you have not already joined the Apollonian Society for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, now is the perfect time to begin or renew your support.

As we approach our 46th commencement ceremony in June, there are two major achievements I’d like to share. One, we recently received a landmark pledge of $5 million from Dr. Mick Dragoo and his wife, Mary. The pledge is the largest in the School’s history given by an individual or couple and will establish the UCLA Mick and Mary Dragoo Periodontal and Implant Clinical Research and Patient Care Center.

Secondly, we completed construction on our new Center for Oral/Head and Neck Oncology Research, which resides on the seventh floor of the School’s academic building. The Center houses cutting-edge research projects in the areas of oral cancer, nanomedicine, and salivary diagnostics. I look forward to seeing the many research breakthroughs that are expected to stem from this Center.

Despite the fact that the UCLA School of Dentistry is thriving, we continue to face budget cuts, increased overhead costs, and new taxes implemented by the UC Office of the President. I want to especially thank our alumni and friends who give to the Apollonian Society and to encourage your future support.

Sincerely,

No-Hee Park, D.M.D., Ph.d.
Dean and Distinguished Professor
Ali Vahdati, Class of 2014, won 2nd place in the Student Research Poster Session.

Kris Mendoza, Class of 2015, was elected District 11 Trustee.

Adrien Hamedi-Sangsari, Class of 2015, was elected District 11 Legislative Liaison.

22 UCLA students attended the ASDA Annual Conference.

ASDA Pre-Dental Chairs David Lindsey & Alex McMahon accepting the Pre-Dental Recruitment Incentive Award.

1st Place
Most Outstanding Activities

2nd Place
Crest/Oral-B Community Dentistry Award
Pre-Dental Recruitment Incentive
Most days, Brandi Lewis’ alarm goes off at 5:30 a.m. when she begins her daily routine of getting her 4-year old son ready for preschool and preparing herself for a long day of seeing patients. After battling traffic, she makes her way to the UCLA School of Dentistry where she is a third year dental student. She still can’t believe that she’s training at one of the top dental schools in the country and that she’s pursuing a long-time dream of becoming an orthodontist.

Brandi’s fascination with dentistry began at an early age, but it wasn’t until tragedy struck her family that she decided to make it her life’s work. Brandi was in elementary school when her mother was diagnosed with AIDS. Her mother’s health slowly deteriorated after that, which resulted in the loss of all her teeth. Recognizing her anguish, Brandi asked her mother to seek help and will never forget her huge smile after coming back from the dentist. It seemed truly remarkable how a simple visit to the dentist to be fitted for dentures had improved her mother’s self-esteem.

Sadly, Brandi lost her mother during her freshman year of high school. But the experience of seeing how much a dentist could improve the quality of life of someone in need of oral health care caused her to change her life’s direction. It was at this point that it became her mission in life to help others who were similarly affected by oral health problems. She began her journey her senior year of high school when she enrolled in a vocational dental assisting class. This class solidified her decision to pursue dentistry.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree, Brandi began the arduous process of applying to dental schools, in both California and Texas. In the spring of 2010, Brandi received life-changing news; she was accepted to several dental schools, including her top choice, the UCLA School of Dentistry. She decided to become a Bruin and would begin dental school that fall as a member of the Class of 2014.

Since Brandi has no real financial support to help cover dental school and is raising a young child by herself, she has turned to scholarships to off-set tuition. In addition to financial aid and other loan repayment programs, she applies for every scholarship that she qualifies for. She has been awarded multiple scholarships from various sources, including the Apollonian Society.

To ensure the continued affordability of our school, providing scholarship support is among our top priorities. Scholarships help to defray educational expenses, ensuring that the broad array of professional options – including teaching, research, and practice in underserved communities – remains open to each student upon graduation. Scholarships are especially important since state funding has continued to decline and educational expenses at UCLA have risen substantially.

With the support of scholarships, Brandi’s school debt won’t be nearly as overwhelming when she graduates, which means she will be able to focus on what’s important to her. And that is to improve the oral health of the community.
MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS
RONALD S. MITO, DDS ’76 & THOMAS J. RAUTH, DDS ’73

Dear Members and Friends of the Apollonian Society,

Welcome back to the *Apollonian Society News*!

We are pleased to report that since July 1, 2012 the Apollonian Society has raised nearly $190,000 towards our goal of $300,000 to enhance the student experience and the reputation of the UCLA School of Dentistry. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed thus far (please see the mid-year honor roll on the following page) and to encourage the support of all of our alumni and friends.

We are proud that the School continues to attract the best and the brightest students from a growing pool of applicants. The current first year class of 2016 comprised of 46 females and 42 males with an overall GPA of 3.69 and DAT scores averaging 22. Feedback from students and recent graduates points out that the Apollonian Society played a significant role in how applicants perceive the School and how students appreciate their educational experience. Still high on their list are: the White Coat Ceremony, Patient Subsidy, computers in each operatory, endodontic microscopes and funding for student activities.

Your gifts to the Apollonian Society demonstrate a strong commitment to the UCLA School of Dentistry, its students and, thereby, the future of the oral health profession. The Apollonian Society helps the School remain among the best in the country by ensuring a flexible yet reliable annual source of income, which enables us to invest in our exceptional education, research, patient care and public service programs. As always, we will continue to honor your generosity with our accomplishments.

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1,891
DDS Applications for 88 spaces, Class of 2016

3.69
Average GPA, DDS Class of 2016

22
DAT Average, Class of 2016

Over
$2,000,000
Funds raised since 2004 when the annual fund was transformed into the membership-based Apollonian Society
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Gifts to the Apollonian Society annual fund campaign have an immediate impact on the UCLA dental experience, and allow the School to respond quickly to pressing priorities. It is our pleasure to recognize the generosity of those who made new gifts or pledges to the Apollonian Society in the first half of fiscal year 2012-2013.

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A little over two years after completing dental school, Lindsay Costantino, DDS ’10, has come back to UCLA to teach in the Division of Restorative Dentistry. Grateful for the support that she received as a student and for all of the doors that are open to her as a UCLA School of Dentistry alumnus, she is excited to give back through teaching.

We had the opportunity to sit down with Lindsay to discuss her new position as a part-time lecturer, effective last August.

Q: What motivated you to come back to teach at UCLA?

A: For as long as I can remember, I have always been interested in teaching. As a high school student I taught private music lessons, as a college student I tutored and worked as a teaching assistant, and as a dental student I was a course chair and lecturer for the Basic Dental Principles Pre-Dental Course. These opportunities helped me realize that I truly wanted teaching to be a part of my professional career. The UCLA School of Dentistry and its amazing faculty did me a great service as a student so it seemed natural to me to want to give back to the School as a teacher.

Q: Can you elaborate on what you mean when you say that UCLA did you a great service?

A: The quality of clinical education here was incredible. The networking opportunities and the support from the faculty as well as the Apollonian Society were more than I ever expected. Now that I have graduated, I can better appreciate how lucky I was to have so many resources at my fingertips, including the faculty, administrators, and alumni that would sit down with us to discuss and address our concerns.
Q: When you were the president of the Student Apollonian Group, you were asked about the primary function of the Student Apollonian Group. You responded that it was to create a more enjoyable experience for dental students and to transition current students into engaged alumni that will give back to the School. How do you believe the group did this and why is it important?

A: The Student Apollonian Group strives to instill school pride in the students, as well as to help transform the stressful dental school experience into a happy time and wonderful memories.

The Apollonian Society has a presence at the School; perceived by students as a dedicated group of alumni who want to enhance the student experience. The big thing when I was here was the recent change to the home cubicle system, but even the full size refrigerator in the student lounge was a big deal. The students recognize and are very appreciative of all of the changes and events made possible by the generous support of the Apollonian Society. I believe that this encourages them to follow in their footsteps and give back to the School once they graduate.

I always felt that I was part of a family here and I think that was something that was fostered by the Apollonian Society, and is a wonderful tradition that I would like to help maintain.

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CLASS NOTES

1970s

Evelyn King, DDS ’76 retired after practicing dentistry for more than 20 years. She has been happily living in Maui since 2007.

Diane Milberg, DDS ’73 is proud of her daughter, Laura Rein, who is graduating from Tufts School of Dental Medicine in May. In July, Laura will be an incoming orthodontic resident at USC. After graduation, she intends to join her mother in her orthodontic practice in San Diego and Coronado.

Gary Parker, DDS ’77, Ct. ’78 (GP), Ct. ’82 (OS) was recently featured on an episode of “60 Minutes” on CBS. The segment featured Mercy Ships, Mercy Ships Founder and President, Don Stephens, and Gary Parker and his family. Gary has spent the entirety of his career on the Mercy Ships and has been a senior leader for the non-profit organization for 17 years. He has traveled all around the world performing surgery on children and adults who suffer from congenital deformities in the head and neck region. Gary was the School’s 2012 Alumnus of the Year.

1980s

Thomas F. Armstrong, DDS ’80 has passed the certification examination to complete the requirements for Board Certification in Dental Sleep Medicine, thus earning Diplomate status. Currently, there are fewer than 200 Diplomates of the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine in the United States.

Neal C. Murphy, DDS, Ct. ’81 (O) has been promoted to full professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He is publishing a book chapter for Elsevier Publishers on "Stem Cell Therapy for Orthodontists," wherein his consortium presents bone tissue engineering concepts.

Joseph Dautremont, DDS ’82 is proud of his talented daughters and would like to share that the youngest, Erin, was the only sophomore starter on the UCSD women’s basketball team, which finished in the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA national tournament. His older daughter, Brittney, will graduate from medical school in May.

Jerrold A. Hennes, DDS ’86 has been honored with a recognition by San Diego Magazine in its selection of “San Diego’s Leading Dentists.”
1990s

Emily Letran, DDS’93, MS ’93 was recently featured on talk radio show, Money For Lunch. During her interview, Emily discussed the best seller book “Out Front, Business Building Strategies from Front Line Entrepreneurs,” of which she is a contributing author. Dr. Letran emphasized the importance of oral health care and noted that Dentistry has changed to treat the patient as a whole.

Deborah Termeie DDS ’06 welcomed a son, Elliot, on April 24, 2012.


2000s

Todd Schoenbaum, DDS ’05 was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Dentists in San Francisco. Todd is one of the youngest Fellows to be inducted this year.

Michele Frawley, DDS ’06 has a private practice in Beverly Hills, where she works with her father and brother. She also recently became a clinical faculty member at UCLA and enjoys working with students and her old instructors.

Sara Ghaem-Maghami DDS, Ct. ’07 (PD) is the president of Southern California Society of Pediatric Dentistry and the director of Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry. She gave a presentation at the Women, Infants, and Children Center on July 27, 2012 to nurses and families of Medicaid patients on how dental disease can be prevented. Her primary goal is to help families understand the impact dental disease has on the entire body and empower them to assume more responsibility for their own oral health.
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