Welcome to the Dean's Newsletter

Welcome, Class of 2011

88 New Students Receive Their White Coats, Take Pledge
Incoming Class Most Diverse to Date

Hundreds of proud relatives and friends gathered Tuesday morning, September 18, 2007 to witness the 88 new members of the Class of 2011 don their white coats and recite the dental student's pledge. The annual White Coat Ceremony is made possible by the Apollonian Society, a special membership arm of the UCLA Dental Alumni Association that supports current dental students. No-Hee Park, dean of the School of Dentistry, Dr. Thomas Rauth ’73, chair of the UCLA Apollonian Society, and Dr. Robert Lindemann, associate dean of academic programs and personnel, took the podium to address the new class of dental students. The Class of 2011 is one of our most interesting to date... Two new students are female graduates of our nation’s military academies... Following the ceremony, the celebration moved to the central patio at the Central Health Sciences for a buffet lunch. Current second-, third- and fourth-year students led tours of the School for our new students’ interested family members and friends.

More Clinic + More Care = More Smiles

Venice Clinic Getting Makeover, New Pediatric Dentistry Wing
Longtime Donors Bob Wilson and Peggy Bloomfield Continue Their Commitment to the Community

Thanks to the generosity of longtime UCLA School of Dentistry friends and donors, the Wilson and Bloomfield families, the Wilson-Jennings-Bloomfield UCLA Venice Dental Center is undergoing a dramatic transformation. On February 21, 2007, Bob Wilson and Peggy Bloomfield, under the auspices of the Wilson Family Foundation, Inc., broke ground on a clinic expansion and renovation project. Designed by local architecture firm M)Arch., specialists in branded design, and built by Robert Kasper Construction, the renovated building will provide space for seven new operatories in an expanded pediatric dentistry practice that will serve as the home base for the School’s new community-based pediatric dentistry residency program. The new clinic will make it possible for the UCLA School of Dentistry to do even more to fulfill its mission to improve the oral health of the people of California. For years to come, many thousands of area residents, from infants to the elderly, will turn to UCLA in Venice for comprehensive dental health care.

A New Chair for the Division of Oral Biology and Medicine

Noted Scientist Cun-Yu Wang Joins UCLA School of Dentistry

On July 1, 2007, the UCLA School of Dentistry officially welcomed Cun-Yu Wang, D.D.S., Ph.D. as a member of the faculty and chair of the Division of Oral Biology and Medicine. Dr. Wang is a world-renowned scientist credited with the discovery of the mechanism for apoptosis, a significant breakthrough in the understanding of cell death and a major step forward in cancer research. He is heavily funded by the National Institutes of Health, and has an extensive record of publications in highly reputable journals including Science, Nature and Cell. Dr. Wang recently transferred his scientific investigations in the areas of cancer and stem cell research to a renovated, state-of-the-art laboratory.

New Grants

Include information here regarding:

Mo Kang's grant
HRSA/MCHB
GEI
Wong
Wang
HHMI
Three Alumni Join Board of Counselors

Newest Members Are No Strangers to the School

The UCLA School of Dentistry recently welcomed three new members to its Board of Counselors, a non-governing body of advisors that provides invaluable counsel to the dean and service to the dental school in the form of philanthropic leadership. However, while these three individuals may be new to the Board, they are by no means new to the School. They are all alumni with a history of service. Dr. Elizabeth G. McNabb ’75, is a past president of the UCLA Orthodontic Alumni Association; Dr. Thomas J. Rauth ’73 is currently the co-chair of the Apollonian Society; and Dr. Elliot P. Schlang ’74 previously served as the UCLA Dental Alumni Association president in two separate terms. Dean Park looks forward to working closely with Drs. McNabb, Rauth and Schlang. Finally, on behalf of the UCLA School of Dentistry community, Dean Park wishes to thank former Board members Dr. Thomas Bales, Mrs. Robin Kim and Dr. Berge Roubianian for their many years of dedicated service.