Dear Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Friends,

I’d like to welcome everyone back to School, hopefully you all had a nice summer. Despite having a smaller student body on campus during the summer quarter, the School of Dentistry remained busy throughout the past few months.

Most recently, we welcomed the Class of 2016 at the traditional White Coat Ceremony. As always, I am very impressed by this bright, young group of students that hail from all over the country and who I expect to achieve great things during their time at UCLA. I would like to extend my thanks to the Apollonian Society who has sponsored the White Coat Ceremony since 2006.

On the research front, several new multi-million dollar grants came in over the last few months, further boosting our world-renowned research enterprise. We received a $5 million grant from NIH to help train the next generation of dentist-scientists and oral health researchers, a $9 million grant from First 5 LA – the child advocacy and grant-making organization to increase dental care access for young children and a $3.8 million grant from NIDCR to develop a salivary test to predict the onset of post-traumatic stress disorder.

We were also very busy in our community outreach and public service efforts. Most recently, faculty, residents and pre-doctoral students provided dental services to hundreds of uninsured Angelinos at a free health clinic that was organized by Care Harbor. I had the opportunity to witness firsthand the invaluable success that volunteers like me provided to the thousands of underserved and uninsured individuals in Los Angeles. It was a very moving experience to be able to represent the School and work alongside other volunteers as we improved the oral health of the community.

I am also happy to report that we have several new academic appointments, which are featured in this newsletter.

A faculty move that I would like to highlight is the retirement of Dr. E. Barrie Kenney. Unfortunately for the School, Dr. Kenney chose to retire after 38 years of service at the end of June. I can’t begin to thank him enough for being such a dedicated faculty member.

One last thing, the 2011-2012 Annual Report is ready to view here and on the homepage.

I encourage everyone to read this newsletter and the Annual Report to catch up on the School’s activities and I wish everyone a healthy and productive fall quarter.

Sincerely,

No-Hee Park, DMD, PhD
Dean
Research News

Using Saliva to Test for Risk of Mental Illness

Dr. Vivek Shetty and his team of researchers were awarded a grant for $3.8 million, which will allow the team to test the saliva of individuals who have experienced a traumatic injury or experience. Over a 6-month period, the team will collect saliva samples to determine the levels of the individual salivary biomarkers at different points and compare the biomarker patterns of individuals who subsequently develop PTSD and/or depression with those who do not. Their intention is to develop a salivary test for identifying individuals at risk of developing post-traumatic stress disorder and suffering from depression following a traumatic event. The grant was co-funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research and the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research. To read the entire press release, click here.

Dr. Dean Ho Featured on Cover of Prestigious Physics Journal

Dr. Dean Ho and his research team recently appeared on the cover of the September issue of Physica Status Solidi – the largest international peer-reviewed journal on condensed matter physics. The special issue highlighted breakthroughs in the field of nanodiamonds, and specifically covered Dr. Ho’s focus on the nanodiamond’s biological and medical applications.

The cover image demonstrates the team’s fabrication of a multi-layered polymeric tablet embedded with nanodiamonds that are laced with Daunorubicin drug (red), a cancer therapy drug. The Daunorubicin is being released from the center of the tablet (purple) while allowing for sustained delivery of therapeutics with reduced burst release. The outer ring (green) contains another chemotherapy drug called Temozolomide.

The research team’s work shows that the multi-layered tablet enables a sequenced release of both drug compounds that also preserves the drug’s functionality within the afflicted body. The team anticipates that their tablets will have broad medical applications, which will improve the efficacy and safety of drug delivery, particularly within the oral health field.

In addition to the cover article, the journal published a feature article on Dr. Ho’s research on the use of nanodiamonds and diamond-based devices towards therapeutic drug delivery and the improvement of imaging agents in MRIs. To read the cover article, click here.

Dr. Wenyuan Shi is STAMPing out tooth decay

Dr. Wenyuan Shi, Professor and Chair of the Section of Oral Biology, was featured on the University of California’s (UCOP) YouTube channel as a successful technology transfer story. UCOP interviewed Dr. Shi about his groundbreaking process of using STAMPs (Specifically-Targeted Antimicrobial Peptides) to wipe out bad bacteria and leave good bacteria in the mouth. The
STAMPs (Specifically-Targeted Antimicrobial Peptides) to wipe-out bad bacteria and leave good bacteria in the mouth. The technology started right here at the School of Dentistry and is now going through clinical trials. To see the entire interview, click here.

**School of Dentistry Receives $9 million to Increase Dental Care Access for Young Children**

First 5 LA, the child advocacy and grant-making organization, awarded the School of Dentistry and its partners $9 million to increase access to dental care for Los Angeles children from birth to age 5. Dr. James Crall, Professor and Chair of the Section of Public Health and Community Dentistry, will spear-head the project, which aims to help improve the oral health of children in underserved populations.

Called the First 5 LA 21st Century Community Dental Homes Project, its major objectives will be to not only deliver quality dental care to young children but to increase parents' and child care providers' awareness of the importance of oral health care for preschool children and develop a sustainable community "dental home" model of care for these children. To read the entire press release, click here.

**Dr. Wang and Team Discover Epigenetic Links in Cell-fate Decisions of Adult Stem Cells**

The ability to control whether certain stem cells ultimately become bone cells holds great promise for regenerative medicine and potential therapies aimed at treating metabolic bone diseases. Dr. Cun-Yu Wang and his research team made a significant breakthrough in that direction. The scientists have discovered two key epigenetic regulating genes that govern the cell-fate determination of human bone marrow stem cells.

Dr. Wang's research was featured on the cover of the July 6 issue of Cell Stem Cell, the affiliated journal of the International Society for Stem Cell Research. To read the entire press release, click here.

**Training Future Leaders in the Oral Health Field**

The School received a $5 million grant from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to create a comprehensive research training program to help cultivate the next generation of dentist–scientists and oral health researchers. Dr. David Wong, Associate Dean of Research, is currently accepting applications to the program. To read the entire press release, click here.

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Welcome to the DDS Class of 2016

On Wednesday, September 19, in Schoenberg Hall, the School gave a warm UCLA welcome to the incoming DDS Class of 2016 with the annual White Coat Ceremony.

The ceremony signifies the start of the student’s four-year academic dental career at the School and for some, possibly longer, who pursue post-graduate studies. To kick-off the ceremony, Dean No-Hee Park and Dr. Ronald Mito, Associate Dean of Academic Programs and Personnel, gave inspirational and motivating speeches to the students who were then given a white dental coat, courtesy of the Apollonian Society. After the student made the ascent to the stage, they introduced themselves and named their most recent alma mater to fellow students, family, friends, faculty and staff.

Following the procession, the Class of 2016 recited the Dental Student’s Pledge and enjoyed an outdoor reception. Welcome to the Class of 2016.

The Apollonian Society

Founded by alumni and friends, the Apollonian Society is dedicated to funding initiatives that enhance the student experience and strengthen the reputation of the UCLA School of Dentistry. The Apollonian Society helps to fund the annual White Coat Ceremony, the patient care subsidy fund, student scholarships and new state-of-the-art equipment. Recently, the School completed its initiative to install computers and monitors in each cubicle in the predoctoral clinic to facilitate paperless charting and digital imagery to improve patient care.
Brandi Lewis, DDS Class of ’14, Receives Prestigious Scholarship Award

DDS Class of 2014 student, Brandi Lewis, received a prestigious scholarship award from the National Association of Minority Medical Educators – an organization dedicated to ensuring diversity in the health care profession. Through a collaborative effort between UCLA’s Associate Vice Provost for Student Diversity, Dr. Charles Alexander, and School of Dentistry’s Drs. Carol Bibb and Ed Hewlett, Brandi became the first UCLA DDS student to receive this award. Congratulations Brandi on your scholarship!

Nearly 150 Alumni & Friends Attend the UCLA Periodontics’ Annual Reception

The Section of Periodontics held its Annual Alumni and Friends Reception in conjunction with the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Annual Meeting, which took place in downtown Los Angeles at the JW Marriott LA Live. The local venue was advantageous as the turn-out at the reception was one of the best on record, with nearly 150 alumni and friends in attendance. This year was especially significant as it gave the School and the Section of Periodontics an opportunity to recognize Dr. E. Barrie Kenney, a long-time faculty member and former Section Chair of Periodontics who announced his retirement in June. Another faculty member, Dr. Susan Kinder Haake, who passed away earlier in the year, was also honored at the reception. Both individuals made a significant impact on the Section of Periodontics. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Volunteers from the School of Dentistry Provide Free Dental Care to the Uninsured

At a four-day health clinic in downtown Los Angeles, more than 60 volunteers from the School of Dentistry provided much-needed dental care to the uninsured. The clinic was organized by the UCLA School of Dentistry and the UCLA Periodontics Department. Volunteers worked tirelessly, providing services such as teeth cleanings, fillings, and extractions. The clinic was a huge success, and the volunteers were able to provide much-needed care to those who couldn’t afford it otherwise.
dental services to hundreds of uninsured Angelinos. The clinic was organized by Care Harbor in collaboration with L.A. Care Health Plan and Dignity Health, and co-sponsored by the UCLA Health System.

Starting on Thursday, September 27 through Sunday, September 30, one hundred dental chairs were set-up at the Los Angeles Sports Arena for people needing cleanings, fillings, extractions and root canals. Dean No-Hee Park, Dr. Tara Aghaloo, Dr. Ed Hewlett, Dr. Diana Messadi, Dr. Mo Kang, Dr. Jeff Goldstein, Dr. Sue Spackman, Dr. Pranay Gulati and dozens of pre-doctoral students and residents volunteered at the event. This year, demand for dental care was the greatest and event organizers estimated that 4,800 patients attended and more than 3,000 volunteers participated, 200 of which were from UCLA. To read more about the event on UCLA Today, click here.

Welcome to Our New International Friends

On Monday, September 24, the School welcomed 36 international students from around the world who are enrolled in the International Postgraduate Training Programs (IPTP) or the Preceptorship programs. Thirteen countries, including the U.S., are represented from the group. Welcome to all the new international students. Good luck in your training.

Congratulations to the Section of Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Daniela Silva, Section Chair of Pediatric Dentistry, reported that all the Pediatric Residents from San Diego, Westwood and Venice passed the first phase of their specialty board examinations. Congratulations to the residents for their hard work and a job well done to the faculty from the Section of Pediatric Dentistry on their excellent instruction.
Restorative Dentistry Invests in the Future

The Division of Restorative Dentistry made a significant investment in its training and instructional offerings. With help from an in-kind donation from the manufacturer, Sirona, and funds from the Dean's Office, the Division recently acquired several CEREC CAD/CAM machines – dental restoration equipment that use computer-assisted technologies. This new equipment will allow crowns and ceramic inlays and onlays to be made conveniently at chair-side, saving dentists and patients a great deal of time. With this technology, dentists can now make a perfect replica of a tooth with computer-aided design in nearly half the time with fewer appointments.

The acquisition of this equipment demonstrates the School's commitment to providing the most advanced dental training and care possible. Special thanks to Dr. Richard Stevenson for spearheading the acquisition of this new equipment and the faculty in the Division of Restorative Dentistry for taking the time to be trained on the new equipment. (Photos courtesy of Todd Cheney).

HHMI Students Bring Home the Bronze

High school students from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Pre-College Science Education program, Imani Smith and Cecilia Reyes, took home third place in the category of Oral Biology and Dental Medicine at the 2012 American Association for the Advancement of Science Conference in Boise, Idaho. Imani and Cecilia were part of the fourth cohort to go through the science education program. They are grateful for the support they received from Dr. Ichiro Nishimura, who mentored them in the program.

The HHMI program was slated to end this past August, but because of unexpended funds, the program was extended to 2013. The School would like to thank the faculty who have participated in this program. Their time and guidance have made a true impact on dozens of young people’s lives. To read the entire press release on the HHMI extension, click here.
Faculty News

Dr. Neal Garrett to Drive School of Dentistry’s Inter-professional Education and Practice Initiatives

Dr. Neal Garrett was appointed the new Associate Dean for Education and Faculty Development, effective September 1. In this new position, he will be responsible for the curriculum of the DDS and postgraduate clinical training programs as well as the development and maintenance of the Inter-professional Education (IPE) and Inter-professional Practice (IPP) initiatives at the School of Dentistry. The growth of IPE and IPP is important to the future of our education enterprise, as the Commission of Dental Accreditation has established these two areas as a standard for all DDS and DMD programs in the U.S.

Dr. Garrett joined the School of Dentistry more than 13 years ago and most recently served as the Interim Chair of the Division of Advanced Prosthodontics. He has already begun to work with School of Medicine on these important initiatives. Dr. Garrett's excellent background and effective communications skills will ensure the success of this endeavour. Congratulations to Dr. Garrett on his new position.

Dr. Daniela Silva to Oversee Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Daniela Silva was appointed the new Chair of the Section of Pediatric Dentistry, effective September 25. Dr. Silva stepped in as the new Chair after Dr. Clarice Law decided to resign to focus on growing the Community Health and Advocacy Training in Pediatric Dentistry program at the Venice Dental Clinic.

Dr. Silva, an Associate Clinical Professor, will continue in her role as the Director of the Pediatric Dentistry residency training programs at the Westwood and San Diego locations. Dr. Silva was also recently named the Thomas K. Barber Term Endowed Chair in Pediatric Dentistry. Congratulations Dr. Silva!

Dr. Eric Ting Takes Post of Division Chair of Associated Clinical Specialties

Dr. Kang (Eric) Ting was appointed the new Division Chair of Associated Clinical Specialties, effective August 1, 2012. Dr. Ting, who joined the School in 1994 as a Professor, has been the Section Chair of Orthodontics since 2004. He currently holds the Dr. Thomas R. Bales Endowed Chair in Orthodontics and is Board-Certified by the American Board of Orthodontics.

Dr. Ting is a well-established scientist with many extramural funds and publications in competitive scientific journals. Under Dr. Ting’s leadership, the Section of Orthodontics has grown to be one of the largest and most advanced programs in the nation with an excellent, broad-based operation that is able to even treat children with craniofacial deformities. Congratulations to Dr. Ting!

Recognizing Dr. E. Barrie Kenney for Years of Dedicated Service

After serving UCLA for 38 years, Dr. E. Barrie Kenney announced his retirement at the end of June. Although we will miss seeing him on a regular basis, Dr. Kenney will be recalled as a Professor Emeritus and will remain involved in various activities in the Section of Periodontics. Dr. Kenney will also continue his patient care activities as a member of the Periodontics and Implant Surgery Faculty Group practice.

Dr. Kenney joined the School of Dentistry in 1974 as Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and over the years, has built one of the best Periodontics programs in the country. He has served the School in several capacities, including Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, Director of the Post-Doctoral Periodontics Specialty Program, Chair of the Section of Periodontics and Chair of the Division of Associated Clinical Specialties. In 1999, he was conferred the first Endowed Chair at the School, the Tarrson Family Endowed Chair in Periodontics.
Dr. Kenney has brought immeasurable value to the School's academic curriculum and represented the School at numerous lectures throughout the country and abroad. The School was lucky to have him as part of the faculty for as long as he served and we wish him well in his retirement.

In the interim, Dr. Perry Klokkevold will serve as acting Chair of the Section of Periodontics.

Dr. Francisco Ramos-Gomez Improving the Oral Health of Diverse Populations

Dr. Francisco Ramos-Gomez, Professor in the Section of Pediatric Dentistry received three awards at a joint convention of professional dental associations in Boca Raton, Fla. on July 20. The collaborative event, which was coined the Multi-Cultural Oral Health Summit, brought together the Hispanic Dental Association, the National Dental Association and the Society of American Indian Dentists. The summit focused on improving oral health in diverse populations.

Dr. Ramos-Gomez received a certificate of appreciation as one of the visionaries and proponents for the collaborative meeting. He also received a Faculty Recognition Award from Colgate Palmolive and a Presidential Award from the Hispanic Dental Association. Along with Dr. Ramos-Gomez, Dr. Nancy Reifel, another faculty member at the School of Dentistry, spoke at one of the many educational sessions offered at the summit. Dr. Ed Hewlett, Associate Dean of Outreach and Diversity, represented the School as well.

New Leadership Appointed to Advanced Prosthodontics

Dr. Benjamin Wu was appointed the new Chair, and Dr. Eric C. Sung was appointed the new Vice Chair, of the Division of Advanced Prosthodontics, effective July 1, 2012.

Dr. Wu will split (50/50) his faculty appointment with the School of Engineering where he is a Chair and Professor for the Department of Bioengineering. Dr. Wu received his DDS degree from the University of Pacific, completed his residency in Prosthodontics at Harvard University, and received a PhD in Materials Engineering from MIT. Dr. Wu is currently an active fellow at the Academy of Prosthodontics. He is a world class clinician-scientist in bioengineering who has won several awards over the years and has been published in more than 100 original research articles.

Dr. Sung is a Professor of Clinical Dentistry at the School of Dentistry and the Program Director of the General Practice Residency program. Dr. Sung received his DDS degree and completed his residency in Hospital Dentistry both at the School of Dentistry. Dr. Sung specializes in providing comprehensive treatment for medically, physically and psychologically complex individuals.

Congratulations to Drs. Wu and Sung! A special thanks to Dr. Neal Garrett for serving as the Interim Chair.

School of Dentistry Welcomes Leading Nanomedicine Researcher

The School of Dentistry recently welcomed new faculty member, Dean Ho, PhD, to the position of Professor in the Division of Oral Biology and Medicine and a joint appointment to the Division of Advanced Prosthodontics, effective July 1.

Before coming to UCLA, Dr. Ho served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering at Northwestern University and held a Visiting Professor appointment in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Peking University in Beijing.

Dr. Ho received an MS and PhD in Biomedical Engineering, both from UCLA. Dr. Ho has been invited to speak at numerous conferences around the world on his work and has authored more than 100 publications.

Dr. Ho’s key contributions have included the world’s first nanodiamond hydrogel-based drug delivery system – a platform technology that can be functionalized with almost any drug. Dr. Ho’s technology has been featured on Reuters, Scientific American and more than 100 of the world’s leading news outlets.

Congratulations to Drs. Ting and Soo

Dr. Kang (Eric) Ting, Chair of the Division of Associated Clinical Specialties and his wife, Dr. Chia Soo,
Dr. Kang (Eric) Ting, Chair of the Division of Associated Clinical Specialties and his wife, Dr. Chia Soo, Lecturer in the Section of Removable Prosthodontics, welcomed a healthy baby girl at the beginning of July. Congratulations to the new parents!

**Remembering Dr. Jay Watson**

Dr. Jay Watson, a long-standing faculty member at the School, passed away from natural causes on June 3, 2012, at the age of 72. Dr. Watson displayed an unwavering dedication to the School throughout his tenure and was a valuable mentor to many students over the years.

Dr. Watson earned a DDS from the University of Illinois at Chicago and later received a certificate in Medical Education and an MS in Education from USC. Dr. Watson joined the School in 1974 as an Assistant Professor in the former Section of Operative Dentistry, became an Associate Clinical Professor, and lastly, a Clinical Professor. He also held a variety of administrative roles throughout his career, such as the Chair of the Section of Operative Dentistry, and subsequently, the Chair of the Division of Restorative Dentistry.

Dr. Watson was an active member of the Faculty Dental Practice until his retirement in 2008, when he became a Professor Emeritus. He lectured in California and throughout the nation, and authored a number of publications on restorative dentistry.

Dr. Watson is survived by his wife, Barbara; their daughter Wendy; two siblings; and several nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces.

**Recent Academic Personnel Actions**

There have been many new and exciting faculty hires and academic appointments at the School during the 2012 Summer Quarter. For a list of academic personnel actions, click here.
Development News

Celebrating 50 Years of Our Past by Building Our Future

The 2013-2014 fiscal year will mark the School of Dentistry’s 50th Anniversary Celebration, and a significant milestone in the history of this excellent dental school. The School was established in 1964 when the first 28 DDS students were enrolled to study about the art and science of modern dentistry within the rapidly developing Los Angeles metropolitan area. In the nearly five decades since it was founded, the School has earned an international reputation for excellence in education, patient care, research and community service.

As we look towards celebrating the past 50 years, there must also be a continued commitment to building a stronger future. Various planning committees composed of faculty, administrators and the Board of Counselors have recognized that the next challenge that our School must undertake, in order to maintain our stature and level of excellence, is to further support a strong faulty recruitment and retention plan. To that end, one year ago the School decided that the centerpiece campaign at our 50th Anniversary Celebration would be the establishment of an Alumni and Friends Endowed Chair Campaign.

This campaign has strong momentum and we are confident that with the support of our alumni, Board of Counselors and everyone else who makes up the School of Dentistry community, we will make the 50th Anniversary Celebration a year to remember.

To learn more and support the 50th Anniversary Celebration, contact the Office of Development at (310) 206-6079 or mgompert@support.ucla.edu.

Bob & Marion Wilson Endowed Chair

The School of Dentistry is excited to announce the establishment of the Bob and Marion Wilson Endowed Chair. The Chair will support the teaching, research and public service activities of a distinguished faculty member for a term of five years, which may be renewed at the discretion of the University.

The Chair holder will have demonstrated leadership in Dental Surgery and/or postgraduate program education with consistently excellent outcomes as well as a strong track record in community service in the field of dentistry.

Robert “Bob” S. Wilson and Marion L. Wilson are longtime UCLA philanthropists. Bob graduated in 1953 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration from UCLA while Marion graduated in 1950 with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Art, also from UCLA. Bob pursued a very successful career in the field of commercial real estate development upon graduation, and they both have raised their family and remained dedicated in supporting their alma mater to fulfill its mission of educational excellence.

The impact of Bob and Marion’s generous philanthropy is evident across the UCLA campus. In 1996, they made their largest gift of $4.8 Million to support UCLA Athletics, the Schools of Education and Informational Science, UCLA College of Letters of Science and the School of Dentistry. Notably, they have been recognized for their support of UCLA by the dedication of the Wilson Plaza in their honor in 2000. In addition, they were recipients of the UCLA Medal in April of 2006.
Announcing the 2013 Alumnus and Honorary Alumnus of the Year

The UCLA Dental Alumni Board has selected Greg Prince ’73 as the 2013 Alumnus of the Year and Fermin Carranza as the 2013 Honorary Alumnus of the Year.

They will be honored on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the next Alumni Reunion and Awards Luncheon.

Dr. Greg Prince, 73 was part of the sixth DDS Class at the School. After graduation, he moved down the corridor of the Center for Health Sciences to the Department of Pathology at the UCLA School of Medicine, and in 1975 received a PhD in Pathology, with a research emphasis on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), the primary cause of infant pneumonia throughout the world.

Dr. Prince and his wife JaLynn moved to Maryland in 1975, where he continued his research on RSV at the National Institutes of Health. He took the Northeast Regional Dental Board exams in 1976, and from that time until 1994, he combined two careers, one in medical research and the other in family dental practice.

Dr. Prince is the author of more than 150 scientific papers. He is also an avid historian and has published two books, one monograph and nine journal articles in Western American history and biography.

For the past three decades, he has held adjunct faculty appointments at the School of Medicine and the School of Dentistry, where he currently serves as an Adjunct Professor.

Dr. Fermin Carranza received his dental degree from the University of Buenos Aires in 1948 followed by a certificate in Periodontics from Tufts University in Boston in 1952. He then went onto hold several teaching appointments, including an Assistant Professor of Periodontics, an Adjunct Professor of Oral Pathology and a Professor of Periodontics. From 1966 to 1974, he held the Chair of Periodontics at the University of Buenos Aires. Following this tenure, he joined UCLA as a Professor and the Chair of the Section Periodontics at the School of Dentistry until his retirement in 1994 when he became a Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Carranza has received numerous awards and has written more than 141 scientific papers and 92 abstracts and has authored numerous books on the field of Periodontics.

Congratulations to Alumnus Gary Parker ’77

The School’s very own alumnus, Gary Parker, DDS Class of 1977, was granted an honorary fellowship, by election, from the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) at the opening ceremonies of the association’s 94th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions.

Dr. Parker was honored for his 25 years plus of voluntary service to the healing surgical arts. He has dedicated his life to serving populations in developing nations, as resident surgeon onboard the Africa Mercy, the world’s largest non-governmental hospital ship, owned and operated by Mercy Ships.

Dr. Parker, who did his postgraduate training at UCLA in Oral Surgery, was also named the 2012 Alumnus of the Year at this year’s Annual Alumni Luncheon.

UCLA Alumnus Appointed to AAP’s Board of Trustees

At the 98th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP), Dr. Joan Otomo-Corgel, was appointed and installed as the Vice President on AAP’s Board of Trustees. Dr. Otomo-Corgel is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Section of Periodontics at the School. She received her DDS degree from the School of Dentistry and completed her periodontal residency at the West Los Angeles Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center and the University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Dentistry.
Making Moves in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr. Anh Le, UCLA DDS Class of 1992, was recently named the Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. After obtaining her DDS degree, she enrolled in a combined Certificate/PhD program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Oral Biology from 1992 to 1998 at the School. After completing her residency program, she became a faculty member in the Martin Luther King Residency Program at King Drew Medical Center before being recruited by USC.
In addition, they were recipients of the UCLA Medal in April of 2006. Bob and Marion have demonstrated a commitment to dentistry and a passion to provide access to quality healthcare for the underserved populations as well. They have spearheaded fundraising campaigns in support of the Wilson-Jennings-Bloomfield UCLA Venice Dental Center (VDC). As a result, the VDC continues to serve thousands of low-income patients each year and provides an opportunity for our students to gain invaluable clinical experience.

"Bob and Marion have been friends and supporters of the School for decades, and we are tremendously grateful for their generosity," said Dr. No-Hee Park, Dean of UCLA School of Dentistry. "The Bob and Marion Wilson Endowed Chair will serve to further the School's mission."

To learn more and support the Bob and Marion Wilson Endowed Chair, contact the Office of Development at (310) 206-6079 or mgompert@support.ucla.edu.

Building a Stronger Future through Endowed Chairs

The Section of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery has recently embarked on a campaign to create an Alumni and Friends Endowed Chair, which may be held by a faculty member for a period of up to five years and is renewable after review. Endowed Chairs serve as an effective solution to one of the greatest challenges facing the School, which is the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty members. The Section's goal is to reach $1 million, which will generate approximately $50,000 per year to support the research and professional activities of the Chair holder.

Within the academic community, appointment to an endowed chair is one of the most prestigious honors. It is both an acknowledgement of scholarly potential and an encouragement for future academic accomplishment. An endowed chair enables the UCLA School of Dentistry to attract and retain the very best faculty members by providing a reliable on-going source of research support.

To learn more and support the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Alumni & Friends Endowed Chair, contact the Office of Development at (310) 206-6079 or mgompert@support.ucla.edu.

Renovating the Endodontic Clinic

The Section of Endodontics at the School has evolved into one of the leading academic programs of its kind in the country. To maintain our cutting-edge in education, the School is embarking on a renovation of the existing Endodontic clinic. The current clinic facility was built and equipped in the 1970s and has never been upgraded despite more than four decades of extensive use. To that end, the School has set out to raise $800,000 over the next five years to completely renovate the clinic. The new clinic will have new operatories with state-of-the-art equipment. This renovation is a major leap forward in establishing the Section as the global leader in Endodontic education, patient care, and research.

To learn more and support the Endodontic Clinic Campaign, contact the Office of Development at (310) 206-6079 or mgompert@support.ucla.edu.

Innovating Orthodontics

The Orthodontics Residency program at the School has grown into one of the most academically lauded and clinically advanced residencies in the country. To ensure that this legacy continues, the School embarked on a campaign to raise funds for a Clinic Innovation Unit. The new unit will offer residents, international trainees, pre-doctoral students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to work with the most sophisticated tools available in the field of orthodontics. The unit will be equipped with cutting edge technology, including a NewTom 5G Cone-Beam CT, a 3D intraoral scanner, 3D model scanner, digital modeling software, 3D printer, and 3D photography (3dMd).

The new equipment will allow for full skull imaging capabilities up to the level of planning, arch wires, and training.
The new equipment will allow for full skull imaging abilities, eliminate the need for impressions and plaster models, and reduce storage needs. Real-time scanning will also streamline clinical protocol and improve case turn-around time.

The new unit will help to strengthen the reputation of the Section of Orthodontics at the School, which is already associated with the highest standards of orthodontic education and patient care in the field. The Section has set a goal of raising $300,000 to support this initiative.

To learn more and support the Orthodontic Clinic Innovation Unit, contact the Office of Development at (310) 206-6079 or mgompert@support.ucla.edu.
Staff News

Farewell to Larry Hudspeth

It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to Larry Hudspeth on August 3. Larry, the former Assistant Dean of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, retired from UCLA after joining the School of Dentistry in 2009. He worked tirelessly as our CFO and over the years assumed additional responsibilities as the School’s Director of IT. We thank Larry for his tremendous dedication and hard work over the past several years. Although his presence and contribution will be greatly missed, we wish him well as he pursues new endeavors and begins a new chapter of his life in Portland, Oregon.

New Hires from June 6 through September 30

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