Welcome

June 2007
Dear Students, Alumni, Faculty and Staff,

As you all know, thanks to the generosity of longtime friends of the UCLA School of Dentistry, the Wilson and Bloomfield families, we broke ground on a major renovation at the Wilson-Jennings-Bloomfield UCLA Venice Dental Center in June 2007. The School also broke new ground in many other areas this spring. On June 4, 2007, we celebrated our 40th annual commencement ceremony. And for the first time in our history, on February 22, 2007, faculty members hosted a poster night to "advertise" their projects to dental students interested in research. The newsletter shares this and other stories of the diverse ways we are meeting the challenges of dental medicine in the 21st Century.

Sincerely,

Dean No-Hee Park, DMD, PhD

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40th Commencement Ceremony

UCLA School of Dentistry's 40th Commencement

June 3, 2007

Royce Hall, 10:00 a.m.

Keynote Speaker: Gerald S. Levey, M.D., vice chancellor of medical sciences and dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Thank you, Dean Park. It is an honor to have been asked to deliver this commencement address to you, the 40th graduating class of the UCLA School of Dentistry.

Last December, Dr. Park and I were having lunch together in the hospital cafeteria, when he invited me to be the commencement speaker for this year's graduating class. My initial reaction was “you have got to be kidding me, what will I talk about?” I pondered what the Dean of the School of Medicine could possibly say that would be of interest to graduating dental students. Running through my head was the typical dialogue I had had with my dentists over the years: “Will it hurt?”, “Yes, I floss once a day and brush twice a day”, and “Oh no do I really have to have a root canal?” Nevertheless, when I returned to my office I knew that I would have to do this since I couldn’t turn down my good friend.

Once I began to reflect on what I wanted to say to you, I realized there was actually quite a bit. However, don’t worry; I will limit my remarks so as not to bore you with a bombastic, preachy and lengthy commencement address that will be quickly forgotten. Instead, I will focus on your heritage, your school, and the special relationship between medicine and dentistry, finishing with a few take-home messages. And I plan to do all this in about 15 minutes or as Yogi Berra says, “I’ll try to keep this short as long as I can.”

In order to prepare my remarks, I requested and received the demographics of your class. There are 98 members of the Class of 2007. Sixty are women, 38 are men. You are a diverse group: 48 of you were born in one of 18 other countries and another 24 were born in the United States of immigrant parents, making you first generation Americans. Many of you and your families who emigrated, did so under difficult circumstances similar to all immigrant groups that have come to the United States. Whether you came from Malaysia or Mexico, the Philippines or Poland, Taiwan or Turkey, someone in your family made the decision that the United States was a place to better your lives. Your parents, grandparents, or great grandparents envisioned America as a safe haven-- a land of opportunity. And they were right. We are a rainbow of diversity-- a land where the former and current Secretaries of State, Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice are African Americans, where a Hispanic, Antonio Villaraigosa, is the Mayor of Los Angeles, and where Latinos fill many prominent positions in all walks of life. We are free to worship as we please without interference from the government. Our history books are filled with success stories about Catholics, Jews, Protestants, Muslims and members of other religions.

You and I share a common bond. My story is your story only change the time and the countries. I am a first generation American. My father was born in Russia in 1904 and came here as a young boy. My mother’s family was from Poland. Their families left their countries because of discrimination and the attempt to destroy the Jewish population of Eastern Europe. My father was the youngest of seven children and his older siblings sent him to college. He went to night school to study law, graduating first in his class in Constitutional Law. Unfortunately, he died when I was a teenager and he was never able to experience the joy of every parent which is to see their children succeed. My mother, who had a high school education, put me through school working as a secretary in Jersey City, New Jersey. I will never forget my humble beginnings and her sacrifices and I am grateful for all the opportunities I have received in this country. Where else could someone who is Jewish, achieve what I have achieved, given the discrimination that we have faced over the years?

Similarly, your families have created a new and productive life in the United States. And because of that you have been able to pursue your education. By virtue of your hard work alone, the doors of the University of California were open to you. I am confident that because of your talents, your dedication, the love of your family, and the outstanding training you have received at the UCLA School of Dentistry you will succeed and necessarily. This would not have been possible without American Medical ethics. If we believe that there are no secrets, and that we are free to share all we have learned with our students, that we are committed to teaching and not to using our students to further our personal or institutional ends, that we are committed to the health of the public, that we are committed to the health of our patients, that we will place the welfare of our patients ahead of all else, that we will do no harm, then we will be able to continue the tradition of outstanding education and training. I am honored to be here to deliver these last words of advice and encouragement to you, the 40th graduating class of the UCLA School of Dentistry.
cherish.

At the risk of violating pulp, dentin and enamel. I can also speculate to gene medicine. For example, the treatment of various defects. This new era of genetic medicine that has been called "personalized, predictive and preventive medicine" will change how the practices of medicine and dentistry are conducted in the coming decades. This will impact your professional life by requiring you to make this adaptation to gene medicine. For example, the treatment of various bacterial diseases will be based upon knowledge gleaned from the sequencing of the genome of various bacteria and will utilize specially-designed antibiotics to destroy them or render them harmless. The impact of this on the treatment of dental caries and periodontal disease will be profound. I can also speculate that during your careers you will utilize genetic engineering to repair various dental tissues such as pulp, dentin and enamel.

At the risk of violating my promise made at the beginning of this address, I want to conclude with a few take-home messages: First, you must give back to your community. Your new role of prominence puts you in a position to do so and I hope all of you will be generous with your time and personal resources by helping those who are less fortunate. Being good citizens requires caring about this country; help secure its future and vote in elections. Voting is a responsibility that helps ensure the freedom that we cherish.
Second, remember your commitment to your patients. The degree you will receive today mandates a life of service to them. You must be dedicated, work hard, be respectful, honest and ethical. How you conduct yourselves vis-à-vis your patients will define the content of your character throughout your entire lives.

Third, as alumni, hold the school in a special place in your hearts. Return to campus and teach in clinics; undertake a fundraising campaign for a class scholarship or two to provide the opportunity that you have had to future students. Remember your teachers. They worked hard to make you a dentist; thank them, if not personally, then in your hearts. You are indelibly linked together for a lifetime because you are their legacy.

Last and certainly not least, love and respect your parents and others in your family who ultimately made all of this possible.

In closing, I congratulate the class of 2007, your parents, and all of your family and friends who are here today. Thank you for letting me share this joyous milestone in your lives.

God bless all of you.
New Frontiers in Public Service and Patient Care

UCLA Orthodontics Makes an Impact--In China!

I would like to share the new achievement and affiliation that the orthodontic department has done. During the past few years, we have been working on the international outreach craniofacial program and hosted quite a few orthodontists and plastic surgeons from China to UCLA. Our goal is to eventually help China to establish craniofacial centers. Recently, working with the Lee Ka-Shing Foundation, we successfully convinced the foundation to donate 6 M US dollars with 6 M matching from the Chinese government to establish three cleft lip/palate centers in China, total of 13 M projects. The director of the first center is a fellow who came from our craniofacial visiting fellowship program. Once this is set up, we estimate over 1,000 CF children per year in China's rural areas will receive the quality care they need or otherwise will not be treated. We will continue to provide training support for these centers.

I would like to thank all the faculty and residents involved in helping and hosting these fellows. I would also like to emphasize that we are not compensated for all these work and all the costs are incurred by out of pocket salary from our faculty and donations. As our Section's mission, we are trying to provide care to the needed children, not just the privileged ones. As American, we are making this world a better world and there is no place for prejudice and discrimination in our Section.

Last year, two Chinese doctors traveled all the way from Shantou University to spend six months shadowing UCLA School of Dentistry orthodontists and oral surgeons and UCLA plastic surgeons. Their goal was to observe “best practices” in the United States in order to establish a dedicated cleft lip and palate center at their home medical school.

It now looks like their dream is about to become a reality.

Chinese billionaire and philanthropist Mr Li. Ka-shing has committed $6 Million to the project of building a craniofacial clinic at Shantou University. Additionally, the Chinese Ministry of Civil Affairs announced that it intends to match the funding on a 1:1 basis. When completed, this new multi-disciplinary clinic will make it possible to offer free cleft lip and palate surgery to rural children, many of whom are currently without medical and dental care. Expectations are that the Shantou clinic will open in July and that others will follow in other regions throughout China.

The UCLA School of Dentistry would like to acknowledge the philanthropic gift that kicked off this positive chain of events halfway around the world. Dr. Felix Yip, a visionary and a longtime friend of the School, generously funded the Chinese doctors’ Los Angeles visit.
Alumni Spotlights

Meet the Alumnus of the Year 2007

Dr. William Morgan, DDS, Class of 1973 has been selected as the UCLA School of Dentistry's Alumnus of the Year for 2007. He is a member of our dental school faculty and has taught full- or part-time since his graduation. He also has been a member of the Faculty Group Dental Practice for the past 10 years.

Bill is currently the Dental Alumni Association's President-Elect. In addition, he serves on the School's Student Performance Committee and was a member of the Admissions Committee for 11 years. Our students have selected him as Faculty Member of the Year four times, and he has received several other teaching awards. Outside UCLA, Bill serves his church in various teaching and leadership positions.

Between them, Dr. Morgan and his wife, Teresa, have five children and six grandchildren and are expecting two more later in the year.

Bill will be honored at this year's Alumni Reunion Luncheon on May 5 in Anaheim. Be sure to give him your congratulations then.

The Title of Honorary Alumnus Goes To. . .

Dr. Campbell in the "Activist" 1970s

John Campbell, DDS, Class of XXXX has been selected as Honorary Alumnus of the Year 2007. Dr. Campbell writes:

"I am grateful for this honor as I have enjoyed a particularly close and warm relationship with the School of Dentistry for over forty years. My appointment at the medical school was for one of the basic science FTE positions that the dental school, at start up, transferred over to the medical school. This idiosyncrasy has allowed me (most fortunately) to direct most of my teaching, committee work and professional activities through the School of Dentistry instead of Medicine.

Since 1974 my primary teaching has been to chair the dental histology course. Several things have made this responsibility notably satisfying. Foremost is dedication of the other faculty members in the course to go an extra mile to teach combined with equal determination our dental students to go that extra mile to learn.

Also, in 1993 I started an exchange teaching program with the University of Western Australia. Each year their senior histologist, Geoffrey Meyer taught here at UCLA and we reciprocated by sending one of our faculty to teach in their dental, medical and/or undergraduate histology courses. Besides enriching the podium the exchange allowed us to collaborate on preparing tissue sections and developing computer programs for the laboratory. When I retired, in 2004, the histology course was transferred to the Department of Pathology, the laboratory portion of the course was dropped, and the Australian participation ended. However, I have continued to teach each year at Western Australia as well as to lecture in our course here."
Faculty Announcements

New Hires and Promotions

The Academic Personnel department would like to announce the following new hires:

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Please welcome the newest additions to the teaching faculty.

In Memoriam: Dr. Edward Della Maggiore

The UCLA School of Dentistry remembered Dr. Edward Della Maggiore on Monday, February 12, 2007 in an evening gathering of colleagues and friends at the Wilson-Jennings-Bloomfield UCLA Venice Dental Center. The group unveiled a plaque memorializing Dr. Maggiore’s many contributions to the UCLA Dental Center and to the community.

Other Faculty News

Dr. George Bernard was recently informed that he was chosen by the Washington University Dental Alumni Association for the honor of Distinguished Alumnus of the Year 2007.

Dr. Charles Bertolami, a former member of the faculty of the UCLA School of Dentistry and now Dean of the University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry, was installed as ADEA President-elect on March 21 at the 2007 ADEA Annual Session in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Some of Dr. James Crall’s opinions on the subject of prevention of oral disease in children were gathered under the title "Changing the Shape of Pediatric Dentistry and published in the March 2007 issue of Doctor of Dentistry magazine.

Dr. Clarice Law served as on-set technical advisor to the cast of the hit TV show Ugly Betty in February. As fans of the show are aware, the sitcom’s lead character, played by America Ferrera, wears braces.

Dr. Nancy Reifel completed the Los Angeles Marathon.
Research Highlights

Faculty Exhibit, Students Shop at Inaugural Event

For dental students interested in pursuing research, one new event this winter proved to be a welcome guide to faculty research interests. On the evening of Thursday, February 22, 2007, the School, the Research Advisory Committee and the Dental Research Institute sponsored the first-ever Student/Faculty Research Information Reception. The clinic lobby positively overflowed as students mingled with faculty members to discuss the School's ongoing research projects and determine where student collaboration might be appreciated.

Updates from the ADEA and IADR/AADR

The annual meetings for the International and American Associations of Dental Research (IADR and AADR) and the ADEA convened in New Orleans, Louisiana, March 17-21 for ADEA and March 21-24, for IADR/AADR. Together, UCLA School of Dentistry faculty and students made a strong showing with a total of 48 presentations at these meetings. Jeff Kim, a third year DDS/PhD student in Dr. David Wong’s lab won an AADR Student Research Fellowship.

The Dental Research Institute/Research Advisory Committee Speaker Series

Lunchtime lectures at the UCLA School of Dentistry are a terrific way to keep abreast in new developments in faculty research. In recent months, the DRI and RAC have sponsored the following noontime talks:

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Making Enamel Harder

A recent paper by Dr. Shane White’s group was highlighted on the NIDCR web news site as “Protein increases hardness of dental enamel.” Dr. White and his colleagues engineered a better than wild-type enamel in a mouse and this advance has implications for the engineering of a “whole tooth.” Read the paper at: http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/NewsAndReports/ScienceNewsInBrief/default.htm

New Grants

Drs. Nishimura, Garrett and Adams have received a new grant: 2007 Clinical Translational Seed Program from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. This $30,000 pilot grant will support bedside and benchtop studies on osteonecrosis of the jaw.
Staff News

New Hires and Promotions

Please give a warm welcome to the following new hires throughout the School:

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In Memoriam: Joseph Matyas

Mr. Joseph Matyas, a longtime staff member and then volunteer at the UCLA School of Dentistry, passed away on March 19, 2007. He was 71 years old. This has been a tremendous loss for our School and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Joseph began working at the School of Dentistry in the early 1970’s. He was a Senior Research Associate in the Biomaterials Science Section working closely with Dr. Angelo Caputo. During his years in that section, his functions were varied because of his background and extensive knowledge. One of his major duties was to function as liaison between faculty, students, and dental laboratory support staff. He had laboratory and lecture teaching responsibilities in dental morphology and more extensively in dental materials. Further, he performed research projects with Dr. Caputo and in collaboration with other faculty and students. These projects included basic materials testing and biomechanical investigations. As a result of his contributions, he was cited as a co-author in approximately twenty articles published in refereed dental journals. He also presented at numerous international dental meetings.

A memorial service for Joseph was held at Westwood Hills Christian Church on Saturday, March 31.
Student Stories

Inside the Dean's Leadership Institute

Thirteen members of the Class of 2008 are participating in the Dean's Leadership Institute this year. They are:

- Jacob Cragun
- Cristen Dismuke
- Brian Houlberg
- Jared Lee
- Naomi-Trang Nguyen
- Natalie (Nga) Nguyen
- Kevin Omoto
- Ryan Plewe
- Morris Poole
- Asha Sethu-Madhavan
- William Traynor
- Sean Young
- Lori Watkins

Guided By Dean No-Hee Park and Dr. Ronald Mito, the students are exploring all facets of leadership. Their course schedule includes lectures on diverse topics ranging from "Leadership Styles" to "Leading in a Flat Organization" and from "Strategic Planning" to "Problem-Solving.

On Thursday, March 8, 2007, Dean Barbara Nelson from the School of Public Affairs addressed the students enrolled in the Dean's Leadership Institute. Dean Nelson spoke on the topic of "Leadership and Conflict Mediation."

Congratulate the Board of Counselors Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations are due to Melissa Bailey and Matthew Harvey, this year's winners of the Board of Counselors scholarship, and to Gil Ivry, the winner of the Russ & Kathi Webb Family Scholarship. All the scholarship recipients are members of the Class of 2010.

About the Hispanic Student Dental Association

Dental Students Demonstrate Varied Talents

The Class of 2009 graciously and expertly hosted Oblique, the all-school talent show, on April 18, 2007.

Spring Break in Japan

Drs. Sue Haake and Ronald Mito had the good fortune to travel to Japan with ten dental students this spring break as part of the Asahi-UCLA-Meikai annual dental student exchange made possible by the generosity of educational entrepreneur and philanthropist Susumu Miyata.

Be sure to ask Joshue Cardwell, Cristen Dismuke, Orly Hendizadeh, Neilesh Patel, Morris Poole, David Tajima, Amy Tran, Raquel Ulma, Lori Watkins, and Stacy Yu to tell you about their unique spring break experiences.

Other Student News

Anne Reeves, Class of 2009, received one of the 2007 ADEA/Listerine Preventive Dentistry Scholarships. Twelve of these scholarships are presented nationally to pre-doctoral students who have demonstrated excellence in preventive dentistry through activities and achievements that go beyond what is required of all students for graduation.
Melissa Chin, Karen Potter, and Gilda Torossian, a;; Class of 2007, received scholarships from the Dental Foundation of California at the Foundation's annual recognition dinner on February 28, 2007. These prestigious awards recognize leadership achievements and potential for future contributions to the dental profession.
Dr. Richard G. Stevenson III obtained Board Certification in Operative Dentistry from the American Board of Operative Dentistry. Only 55 people in the world have obtained this certification and Dr. Stevenson is the first person at UCLA to do so. He passed a six-hour written exam on all aspects of dentistry, passed a clinical exam with five patient procedures, and passed an oral exam with two full-mouth rehabilitation case presentations. He was awarded the certification at a ceremony in Chicago at the Academy of Operative Dentistry Meeting.

Also, Dr. Stevenson was inducted as a member of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry. The only other UCLA faculty members to ever receive this honor were Drs. Robert Wolcott and Herb Shillingburg, Jr.

Dr. Craig Woods now holds the title of Adjunct Professor.

In addition, Dr. Woods was guest editor for the March issue of the CDA Journal on psychological issues in dentistry. It included his article on the psychodynamics of the dentist-patient relationship. Dr. Woods will be lecturing on the same topic at the CDA Anaheim Convention in May.