Dear Students, Residents, Faculty, Staff, Alumni and Friends,

I hope 2013 is shaping up to be a successful and productive year for everyone. The School of Dentistry started the calendar year off busy in all our areas of focus. A positive development for the U.C. System was the passage of Prop 30 last November by roughly 55 percent of the voters. Even though the approved measure is only a temporary fix to the budget short-falls, it was nonetheless a big win for all K-12 schools, colleges, and universities across the state, as it stopped a $6 billion budget cut to California’s educational system.

In response to the State’s on-going budgetary challenges, we continue to closely monitor our expenditures and look to new sources of revenue. I want to thank everyone for their continued dedication, especially our alumni and donors for their support and our faculty and staff for their hard work.

At the beginning of the year, I was pleased to announce that long-time faculty member Dr. Earl Freymiller, an eminent oral and maxillofacial surgeon and professor, was appointed the inaugural holder of UCLA’s Bob and Marion Wilson Endowed Chair. This endowed chair was established to support the teaching, research, and public service activities of a distinguished faculty member.

The creation of the School’s eighth endowed chair is particularly exciting given that, 15 years ago, the School of Dentistry did not have a single endowed chair. Now, we are a leader among dental schools in the nation when it comes to the number of endowed chairs established to help recruit and retain world-class faculty members.

On the research front, the School of Dentistry continues to be a leader in cutting-edge projects. This is evidenced by an article written by Dr. David Wong that was featured in a special supplement of the Journal of the American Dental Association on the growing field of salivary diagnostics and its clinical implications.

The School of Dentistry also participated in several public service activities, including the annual BBCN Bank health fair. This year, nearly 200 adults and children received free dental care administered by 19 pre-doctoral students and six faculty members. In addition, the Section of Pediatric Dentistry participated in the annual Give Kids a Smile Day. Thirteen Pediatric Dentistry residents, 11 faculty members, and more than 100 dental students provided the communities of Lennox and Inglewood with free oral health care for approximately 90 children.

This newsletter features many exciting news items that I encourage you to read, and I wish everyone well for the remainder of the winter quarter.

Sincerely,
Research News

The Journal of the American Dental Association Features Dr. Wong & Team’s Work on Salivary Diagnostics

Dr. Wong and his team of researchers were featured in a special supplement of the October 2012 issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association for their work on salivary diagnostics. The article titled, “Salivaomics,” outlines the state of the science of salivary diagnostics, highlighting advances made by researchers at UCLA and other institutions and charting a path for future research and clinical applications.

Read the full press release [here](#) and the full article [here](#).


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Dean Park Elected as a Fellow to the American Association for the Advancement of Science

Dean No-Hee Park was one of seven UCLA professors to be named as a fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest general scientific society and the publisher of the journal Science. Members are chosen for their distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications.

Dean Park was honored "for distinguished contributions to the field of oral cancer and dental education, particularly for oral carcinogenesis, viral infection and cell aging." The selection of fellows has been an AAAS tradition since 1874.

Congratulations to Dr. Park on this great honor.

Read full press release here.

Dr. Wenyuan Shi an Advocate for Immigration Reform

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, Dr. Wenyuan Shi, Professor and Chair of the Division of Oral Biology, had the honor of attending President Obama's speech on immigration reform in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. Shi has been involved with U.S. senators regarding more lenient H1B visa and green card policies for high degree graduates from top educational institutes, such as UCLA.

Dr. Tara Aghaloo Appointed as the Assistant Dean for Clinical Research

Last November, Dr. Tara Aghaloo was appointed as the Assistant Dean for Clinical Research, a newly created position at the School. Dr. Aghaloo will be in charge of clinical research and clinical trials conducted by our faculty at the School. She will also be the Director of the Clinical Research Center and will work closely with the Clinical Translational Science Institute (CTSI) for the clinical research of the school.
Dr. Aghaloo is an Associate Professor in the Section of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. She holds a DDS, an MD, and a PhD. Her research focuses on bone biology and regeneration strategies at the basic, translational, and clinical levels. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and maintains an active clinical oral and maxillofacial surgery practice.

*We wish Dr. Aghaloo great success in her new role.*

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**Dr. Earl Freymiller Appointed as the first ever Bob and Marion Wilson Endowed Chair**

**Dr. Earl Freymiller** was appointed as the first ever Bob and Marion Wilson Endowed Chair holder, effective January 1, 2013. Dr. Freymiller, who is currently a Health Sciences Clinical Professor, will also be appointed Professor of Clinical Dentistry, effective July 1, 2013.

Dr. Freymiller truly embodies the spirit of the newly created Bob and Marion Wilson Endowed Chair. The chair is designated for a distinguished faculty member who exemplifies excellence in teaching and service. Bob and Marion Wilson are long-time supporters of the School. They have previously collaborated in the areas of dental education and access to oral healthcare with the School of Dentistry, and are also credited with helping establish the Wilson-Jennings-Bloomfield UCLA Venice Dental Center.

Dr. Freymiller joined UCLA as an Assistant Professor in 1989 in the Section of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and over the years has added many academic and administrative roles to his list of responsibilities. He is a nationally recognized oral and maxillofacial surgeon, and he also volunteers several times a year in Ensenada, Mexico, providing services to underserved children with cleft lip and palate deformities.

*Congratulations to Dr. Freymiller on his new appointments.*

Read full press release [here](#).

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**Dr. Charles Alexander Appointed to the California's Physician Assistant Board**

Charles Alexander, Ph.D., Associate Vice Provost for Student Diversity, Director of the Academic Advancement Program at UCLA and Associate Adjunct Professor in the Division of Public Health and Community Dentistry, has been appointed as a public member by Governor Brown to the California Physician Assistant Board.

The board is part of the Medical Board of California and its mission is to protect and serve consumers through licensing, education, and objective enforcement of the Physician Assistant laws and regulations.

*Congratulations to Dr. Alexander on his appointment.*

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Dr. Wong Appointed to Editorial Board of the Journal of Biological Chemistry

Dr. David Wong, Professor and Associate Dean of Research, was asked to join the editorial board of the Journal of Biological Chemistry. The journal publishes papers based on original research that are judged to make a novel and important contribution to understanding the molecular and cellular basis of biological processes.

Dr. Wong’s term is effective from July 1, 2013, through September 30, 2018. He joins colleagues from other major universities and organizations around the world.

Dr. Francisco Ramos-Gomez Preventing Dental Caries in Infants, Young Children

Professor in the Section of Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. Francisco Ramos-Gomez, co-authored a report that was published in the British Dental Journal (BDJ) on “prevention and management protocols using caries risk assessment for infants and young children.” The findings in the report show the need for a medical disease prevention management model with an early establishment of a dental home.

The publisher of the BDJ, Nature Publishing Group, reported that the article was one of the top ten most viewed BDJ 2012 articles in December.

Please click here to read the abstract.

Dr. Steven Ganzberg Co-Authors a Scientific Report Featured in Anesthesia Progress

Dr. Steven Ganzberg, Clinical Professor and Chair of the Section of Dental Anesthesiology, was one of four dental anesthesiologists to author a scientific report in Anesthesia Progress – a Journal for Pain and Anxiety Control in Dentistry. The report covers data from a clinical study comparing different sedation methods for surgical extractions of third molars.

Read the full scientific report here.

Dr. Dean Ho Elected to Board of Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening

Dr. Dean Ho, Professor of Dentistry, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS). His term, effective January 1, 2013, runs for three years. He also serves SLAS as the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Laboratory Automation and recently received an SLAS Endowed Fellowship for his work at UCLA.

Read the entire press release from SLAS here.
Congratulations to Dr. Dean Ho & Wife, Sarah

Dr. Ho and his wife, Sarah, welcomed a baby boy into their family on December 12, 2012, at the UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center. Ethan Christopher Ho (aka ECHo) weighed in at 6 pounds flat. He is a happy, healthy, and active newborn.

Academic Personnel Actions

There have been many new and exciting faculty hires at the School between Sept. 1, 2012 and Jan. 31, 2013. For a list of academic personnel actions, click here.
School News

PROJECT RWANDA: Improving Oral Health by Enhancing Skills

On Thursday, January 24, the School of Dentistry welcomed Dr. Kimberly Harms to share the compelling and inspirational story of her involvement and experience with the Kigali Health Institute’s (KHI) Dental School in Rwanda. Following her recent retirement from private practice, Dr. Harms has become heavily involved with the KHI Dental School and its efforts in growing dental education and oral health awareness in Rwanda. In her presentation to the School, Dr. Harms shared photos and interesting facts about Rwanda and the progress the country has made following the mass genocide that occurred there in 1994.

Dr. Harms also shared with the packed auditorium that Rwanda is making a concerted effort to increase the number of qualified dentists in the country and to promote better oral health literacy. She further announced the prospect of an exciting opportunity for a partnership involving intellectual exchange between the dental students of KHI and UCLA.

Read an article written by Dr. Harms in the current issue of the Journal of the Minnesota Dental Association about her work in Rwanda.

For more information about becoming involved, please contact Dr. Ed. Hewlett at ehewlett@dentistry.ucla.edu.

Pediatric Dentistry at Give Kids a Smile

On Saturday February 2, 2013, the Section of Pediatric Dentistry participated in the annual Give Kids a Smile Day. The event, which provided more than 140 children with free dental care in select dental clinics in Los Angeles, was started by the American Dental Association in 2003. Eleven faculty members and 13 residents from the Section of Pediatric Dentistry and more than 100 dental students volunteered at two Los Angeles area clinics.
More than 90 children, infants to 13 years of age, received comprehensive dental services at the Children’s Dental Center of Greater Los Angeles in Inglewood. More than 50 children, infants to 13 years of age, received preventive dental services including a dental screening, fluoride varnish, and oral health education at T.H.E. Clinic, Inc. in Lennox. Every child received free dental supplies including toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Additionally on Thursday, January 31, 2013, Pediatric Dentistry Residents and dental students conducted more than 1,500 dental screenings in Inglewood elementary schools.

**Postdoctoral Researcher Becomes Professor at Chosun University in Korea**

Dr. Ho-Joong Kim from Dr. Dean Ho's lab was recently offered a faculty position at Chosun University in Korea. Starting in March, Dr. Kim will transition from a postdoctoral researcher to a professor of department of chemistry.

He has been at UCLA since August 2012 and prior to that he was at Northwestern University.

Dr. Kim received his Ph.D. from Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea in 2009. His research interests are drug delivery devices and synthesizing biomaterials for drug delivery.

*Congratulations to Dr. Kim on his appointment.*

**ADA Scholarship Awarded to Second-Year Dental Student**

Second year dental student, Kavita Sainanee, was recently awarded the Dr. Robert B. Dewhirst Scholarship from the American Dental Association Foundation (ADAF). Scholarships established by the ADAF are intended to facilitate the education of academically gifted dental students. Kavita received $2,500 for the 2012-2013 academic year.

*Congratulations to Kavita on receiving this scholarship.*
More than 60 pre-doctoral students, faculty, and staff volunteered on the mornings of Saturday, November 10 and/or Saturday, February 9 to help out at the Clinic Pride Days. Volunteers worked hard and diligently to clean up the second and third floor clinics as well as the third and fourth floor laboratories.

Everyone involved enjoyed a great deal of camaraderie.

*Dr. Paulo Camargo, Dr. Jeff Goldstein and Mr. Lief Latif, would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions:*

**Faculty Member**
- Carol Bibb

**Staff Members**
- Craig Bruno
- Grace Gonzalez
- Tabetha Jones (with children Jazzy, Izzy, Paige & Jill)
- Angela Latif (Mr. Latif’s wife)
- Christopher Terry (with child Kailee Terry)

**2nd Year Students**
- Mariechirs Ancheta
- Grant Burgdorf
- Yujin Chang
- Paul Kim
- Brittany Ko
- Carter Le
- David Lindsey
- Alex McMahon
- Farzad Moghaddam
- Amy Nguyen
- John Nguyen
- Mark Ortega
- Rebecca Paddock
- Kavita Sainane
- David Sheen
- Jen Sun
- Amy Tam
- Michael Wasserman

**3rd Year Students**
- Holly Aguigam
- Reemon Ashoty
- Ryan Brennan
- Yersinia Camacaio
- Hayley Cox
- Naman Desai
- Jeff Diamond
- Joshua Elyahuozadeh
- Mark Gill

**4th Year Student**
- James Blackburn
- Anita Kris

**1st Year Students**
- Max Bachour
- Laura Chan
- Clayton Chan
- Eric Chen
- Clark Knowlton
- Lance Peery
- Justin Srithongrung
- Wansheng Zhu
Hospital Dentistry Gives Back

More than 30 people from the Section of Hospital Dentistry spent a morning running in the fourth annual Heroes for Hope Race for Research on Sunday, November 4, 2012. Runners included Hospital Dentistry faculty, staff, hygienists, residents, preceptors, and their friends and family. The annual 10K fundraising event, held at Dockweiler State Beach in Playa del Rey, gave runners the opportunity to do something healthy for themselves while giving back to a worthwhile cause.

The charity that benefited from the fundraising run was the Brad Kaminsky Foundation for Brain Tumor Research. This cause hit home for the Section of Hospital Dentistry, as several of the patients seen at its clinic are affected by brain tumors.

Many of the team members ranked very well in the race, with several runners placing first, second, or third place in their age divisions.

Providing Oral Health Care to Los Angeles Communities

For nearly 10 years running, BBCN Bank has partnered with the School of Dentistry to bring free oral health services to Los Angeles communities. On Saturday, October 27, 2012, 19 pre-doctoral students and six faculty members, with the help of several BBCN Bank employees, volunteered their time to provide free dental services to nearly 200 adults and children.

The annual BBCN Bank health fair rotates to different bank branches throughout Los Angeles County, but concentrates on the indigent Korean population, which is centralized in an ethnically diverse community near downtown Los Angeles.
The following services were provided:

- Screened adults - 142
- Screened children - 36
- Children receiving Sealants - 28
- Individual teeth sealed - 222
- Fluoride applications - 158

Residents Shine at the National Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology Meeting

In its very first year, the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (OMR) Residency Program featured prominently at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in Savannah, Georgia last November.

First year resident, Dr. Susan White, was awarded the Albert Richards Grant Award. This competitive award was based on her proposed research addressing obstructive sleep apnea. Working with Dr. Sanjay Mallya, Assistant Professor in the Section of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and Dr. Jeffrey Eldredge from the School of Engineering, Susan will use computational fluid dynamics to develop computer simulated models of airflow in the upper airway.

Fellow first year resident, Dr. Mohammed Husain, was awarded the Dentsply Rinn Clinical Award, for having the best poster on a clinical OMR topic. Dr. Husain's presentation was titled "Retropharyngeal calcifications" and described the radiographic appearances, diagnostic features, and management consideration of retropharyngeal calcifications detected on cone beam CT scans.
Endodontics Resident Beats Out the Competition

Last November, Dr. Anu Bhalla, a second year endodontics resident, received a sizable research grant from the American Association of Endodontists Foundation. Dr. Bhalla received $22,000 in research funding for her proposal of “Osteogenic and Odontogenic Differentiation Capacities of Induced Mesenchymal Stem Cells” under mentorship of Dr. Mo K. Kang, Jack Weichman Professor and Section Chair of Endodontics. To top off the grant she was awarded, she was also given an additional $500 for receiving the best score out of all the applicants.

Dr. Bhalla received her DMD from the University of Pennsylvania and her BS from the University of Western Ontario. She always knew she wanted to be a dentist and specialize in endodontics, and following graduation from UCLA, she has plans to return home to Toronto to begin practicing.

This April, Dr. Bhalla will travel to Hawaii to compete against other endodontics residents who also received grants from the AAE Foundation. We wish Dr. Bhalla luck in the upcoming research competition.
Alumni News

Annual Alumni Events - Saturday, April 13, 2013

Join fellow UCLA School of Dentistry alumni members, faculty, and students for the Annual Alumni Events to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013. This year’s events will be held at the Hilton Anaheim Hotel in conjunction with the CDA Spring Scientific Session. Please note the location change from the Marriott to the Hilton.

Annual Alumni Reunion & Awards Luncheon – 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This event is free-of-charge to UCLA School of Dentistry alumni, faculty, staff, and current dental students. Guests are $40.


Please RSVP to Tina Cody at (310) 825-6238 or by emailing her directly at tcody@dentistry.ucla.edu. Deadline to RSVP is April 5, 2013.

Dean’s Reception – 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The reception will follow the luncheon. Alumni and friends are invited to join Dean No-Hee Park for hors d’oeuvres and cocktails.

Dental Alumni Dance – 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Following the Dean's Reception, our annual dance will begin at 7 p.m. and is free of charge. RSVP is not required to attend. Music provided by the Root Kanals.
Staff News

A Chain of Good Luck

In 2008, Steve Shaevel, Director of Academic Personnel, became part of a chain of kidney donors, who would forever change his life. Steve’s wife, Gail, was suffering from kidney failure and her only hope to lead a normal life was to undergo a kidney transplant. Gail’s luck changed when a kidney donor was located for her through a program called the UCLA Kidney Exchange Program. Shortly after Gail’s procedure, Steve “paid it forward” by donating one of his healthy kidneys to a man who was on dialysis.

Steve’s uplifting story, along with several others, was featured in the *UCLA Urology Update Winter 2013 newsletter*.

Steven Shaevel (right) gave a kidney to Allan Soriano (second from left) after Mr. Shaevel’s wife, Gail (second from right) received a kidney from another stranger. Also pictured: Josie Soriano, who donated a kidney to another stranger after her husband received his.

Welcome to New Assistant Dean of Finance & CFO – Nancy Rambo
Last November, the School of Dentistry welcomed its new Assistant Dean of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, Nancy Rambo. Nancy comes to the School of Dentistry with a very impressive background in finance from universities. Prior to UCLA, she was the Finance Director for Research at The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Prior to that, she worked at Villanova University for ten years, seven years as Budget Manager reporting to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the last three as Director of Finance and Operations at the business school. Nancy has a Master’s degree in Finance from Villanova University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics.

Nancy relocated to Los Angeles with her husband from Washington D.C. and enjoys hiking, biking and skiing. We wish Nancy well in her new position.

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New Hires to Campus

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Development News

The Ahmanson Foundation to Upgrade IT Infrastructure at the Venice Dental Center

The Wilson-Jennings-Bloomfield UCLA Venice Dental Center (VDC) was recently awarded a generous grant from the Ahmanson Foundation to support much-needed upgrades to its IT infrastructure.

The IT upgrades are expected to be completed in approximately nine months and will enhance patient flow by improving VDC’s billing and communications with the Westwood Clinic. The grant will also help the VDC address the increasing volume of patients that come to the clinic.

The Ahmanson Foundation was established in 1952 and strives to enhance the quality of life and cultural legacy of the Los Angeles community.

Patient Services at the Venice Dental Center Get a Boost from the Nicholas Foundation
More good news came for the Wilson-Jennings-Bloomfield UCLA Venice Dental Center (VDC) in the form of a $50,000 grant to help support its patient care services. The grant was given to the VDC by the Nicholas Endowment – a private foundation with the vision of enabling individuals to reach their full potential in today’s society. The funding will help provide vital dental services to low-income and indigent patients in West Los Angeles and its surrounding communities.

As a result of the economic crisis and the elimination of coverage for patient care of adults previously covered by the Adult Dental program, over 3 million Californians lost dental coverage for oral health care and treatment. With the Endowment’s support, the VDC can continue to improve the oral health of the community by providing both basic and specialty services to this large population of low-income and uninsured patients.

Support Our Special Needs Patient Care

Barbara Smith had a difficult time finding dental care services for her son, Mark, a 23-year-old male who has Down syndrome. She was incredibly relieved to find out that the Hospital Dentistry Clinic at the UCLA School of Dentistry would provide treatment for Mark.

“It was a challenge finding a dentist who would see my son,” says Barbara. “There was a waiting list to be seen at the UCLA specialty clinic, but once we were seen, I couldn’t be happier with our care and the quality of service.”

Today, the need for improved health services, including general dentistry, for special needs patients that have a developmental disability couldn’t be more apparent. Unfortunately, many private dental clinics decline to take special needs patients, who tend to be more complex and difficult cases. Furthermore, reimbursement rates are less for these cases, as more time is required in providing treatment for this population. Read More...

Ways to Give 101: Build a Legacy that Moves Dentistry Science Forward

The UCLA School of Dentistry is dedicated to providing educational programs that rank among the most prestigious in the country and to delivering cutting-edge patient care and research.

Alumni, faculty and friends support our mission in a variety of ways, including through their estate. These types of gifts provide simple and accessible solutions for building your legacy while helping to ensure the School’s excellence for future generations. Here are a few examples:

- Remember the UCLA School of Dentistry in your will or living trust (some gifts can even help lower estate tax).
- Establish a charitable gift annuity and receive an income stream for life and tax benefits, while supporting the School.
- Make a gift from your IRA through the charitable IRA rollover provision and lessen taxable income.

There are many other types of estate and deferred gift opportunities. Please contact us for complete information or for sample bequest language. You can also contact Mallory Gompert at the Office of Development for a confidential conversation.

Call at: (310) 206-6079

Email at: mgompert@support.ucla.edu

Visit: www.legacy.ucla.edu

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.

For more information on the Apollonian Society, please click here or contact Andrea Parada in the Office of Development at (310) 206-0215 or aparada@support.ucla.edu.