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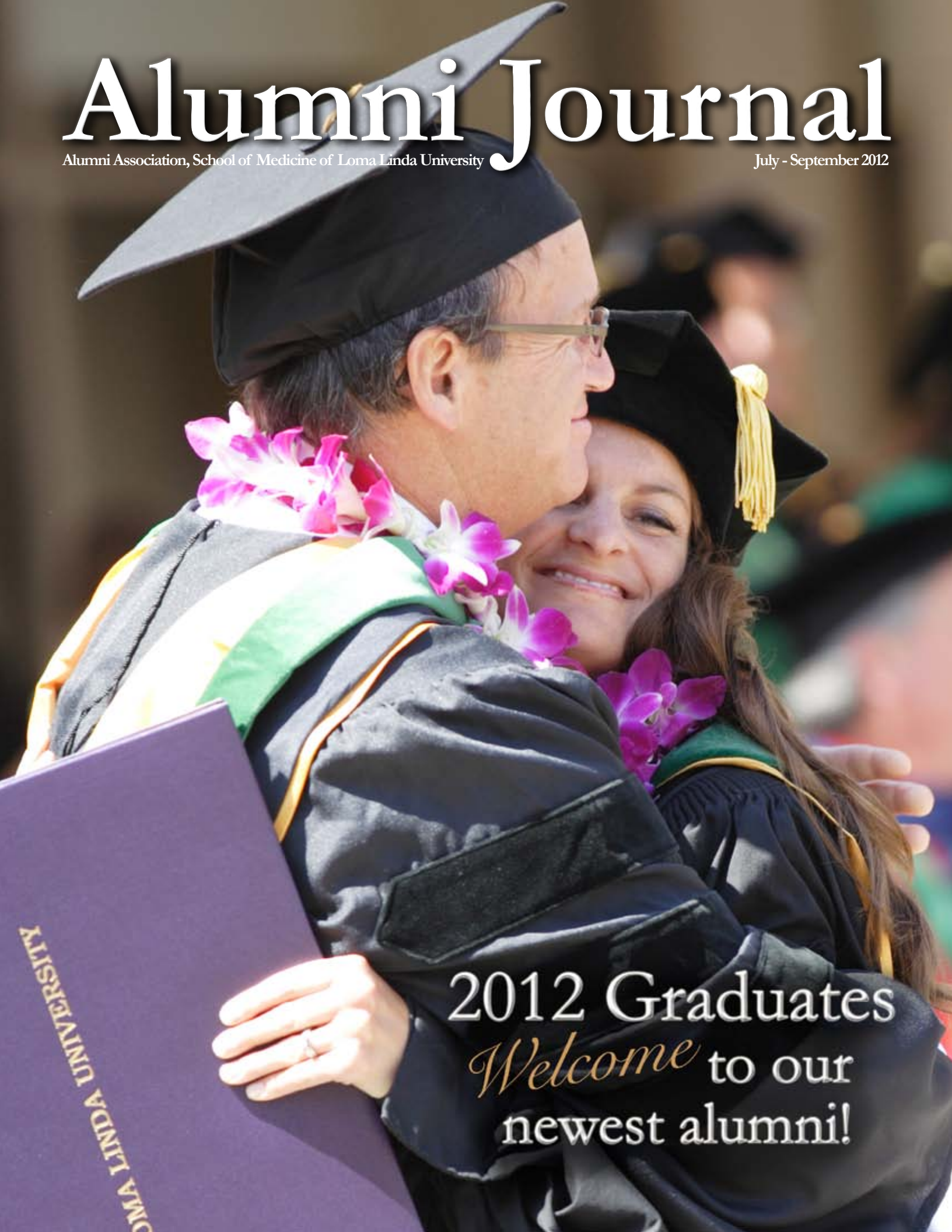
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# Alumni Journal

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On the cover: Graduation Celebration, 2012.  
Stephen Lucht M.D. '81, with his daughter, Lana McGill.  
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## From the President

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On behalf of the Alumni association, I would like to welcome our newest alumni—the class of 2012. We look forward to working with you!

At the Alumni Association in the last 12 months we have seen a lot of changes. Our Executive Director, Dennis Park, and Finance Manager, Karen Sutton, retired after tirelessly serving us for many year, and recently our Media Manager, Janelle Michaelis, moved on to another job. We will certainly miss our dedicated friends and wish them well. We have added a number of new staff to the Alumni Association though, including Nicole M. Batten, MA, our new Executive Director, Michelle Ellison, Bookkeeper, and our newest staff member Daniel Mesa, Media Manager.

I am honored to serve the Alumni Association in support of our School of Medicine and the mission work that it supports around the globe. In the last year, we have sent out \$700,000 dollars in donations to multiple missions

throughout the world. As an officer of the Alumni Association I want to thank all of you for your prayers, donations and your continued interest in the success of our medical school, its students, and the worldwide scope of Adventist missions. I truly believe that without this type of support from our alumni the extent of the mission service would be significantly curtailed.

Equally as important is supporting our alma mater. Thank you to all of you who have donated in the past year to campus and hospital improvements, student scholarships and research. Your support is a vote of confidence in Loma Linda University. Please continue to keep our school in your thoughts and prayers.

In the last year the Alumni Association has added some new equipment for media services. We continue to upgrade our website, with online continuing medical education, class web pages, social media, and the ability to sign up for the Alumni Postgraduate Convention (APC). Our site also allows for online donations. We are also excited about the ability to involve alumni from outside the Southern California as new members of the Alumni Association Board through new online meeting software. This will allow alumni from all areas of the globe to become involved in the Association.

We continued to struggle with the economy and the effect that it has on the funds that we use for daily operations. We have been noticing an increase in our life memberships, as well as the upgrading of life memberships. This has helped us tremendously. I want to say thanks to all who have joined us with a new life membership and all who have upgraded their life membership. We currently have discounted rates for those who want to upgrade their membership this year. Please join us at [www.llusmaa.org](http://www.llusmaa.org) to learn the details or call (909) 558-4638.

In the last four years we have seen a lot of change, from the government takeover of the student loans, the nationalization of the auto industry, bank bailouts and now health care. The conflict

within our political arena is intense with the issues over gay marriage, rejection of God from anything representing God on our money to the mention of Him in the pledge of allegiance. There appears to be a great controversy going on between those who believe in God's existence and those who do not wish to accept His claims. I hope that this pushes us all closer together and does not divide us. I thank God that He continues to bless us in His mission to advance the "Teaching and Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ".

Gary R. Barker '80-B  
Alumni Association president

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Alumni Journal,

Thank you very much for publishing such an interesting and informative journal. The historical snapshots deserves one correction. The gentleman standing left on the back row is not Ben Beardsley. Ben and I were classmates '45. Tragically he was killed shortly after graduation while changing the tire along the highway.

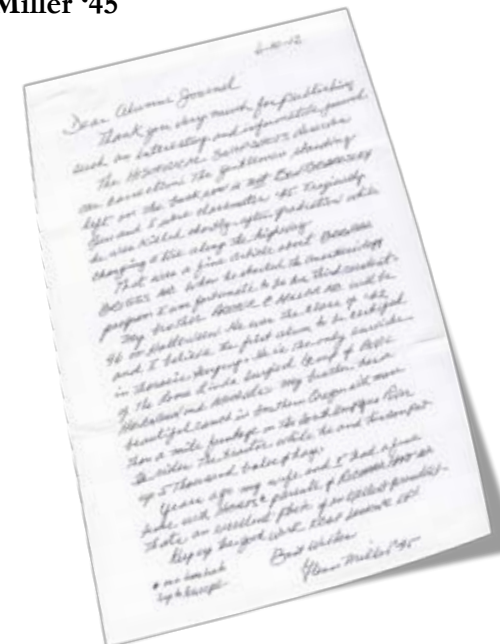
That was a fine article about **Bernard Briggs, M.D. '40**. When he started the anesthesiology program I was fortunate to be his third resident.

My brother **Arthur C Miller, M.D. '42**, will be 96 on Halloween. He was, I believe, the first alumn to be certified in thoracic surgery. He is the only survivor of the Loma Linda surgical group of Avvil Herndon and Michael's. My brother has a beautiful ranch in Southern Oregon with more than a mile frontage on the South Umpqua River. He rides the tractor while he and his son put up 5000 bales of hay.

Years ago my wife and I had a fine time with the Harts, parents of Richard Hart, on a Loma Linda trip to Europe.

That's an excellent photo of an excellent president. Keep up the good work. Keep looking up!

Best wishes,  
**Glenn Miller '45**



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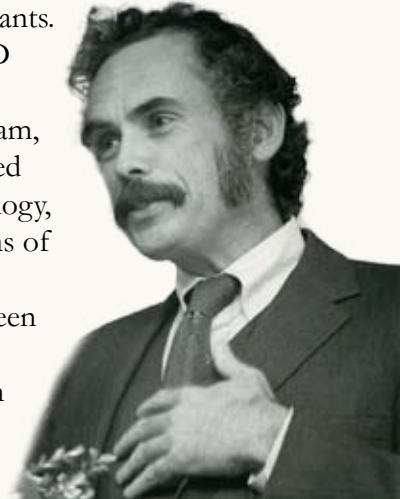
# SCHOOL OF MEDICINE NEWS

## Lawrence Longo '54 Steps Aside as Director of Center for Perinatal Biology Focuses Full Attention on Recently Renewed NIH Grants



After nearly four decades at the helm of the Center for Perinatal Biology, **Lawrence D. Longo, MD, DHC '68 (Hon)**, The Bernard D. Briggs Professor of Physiology, has decided to focus attention on his recently renewed NIH grants and step aside as Director of the Center, effective April 12, 2012. Longo continues to build upon an exceptional and outstanding contribution to the School and University, which throughout the past 44 years includes well over 300 peer-reviewed publications, 17 books, the education of thousands of medical students and hundreds of research trainees, as well as an astonishing estimate of some \$80 million in extramural grants. During this time Longo helped to spearhead the School of Medicine's MD-PhD Biomedical Scientist Training Program, and was a founding organizer of the nationally outstanding NIH-funded Reproductive Scientist Development Program, which promotes the academic research careers of clinicians. Longo, distinguished professor of physiology, will continue his pioneering studies in perinatal physiology, with innovative research on the regulatory mechanisms of developmental origins of adult disease and through scholarly activities related to the history of medicine.

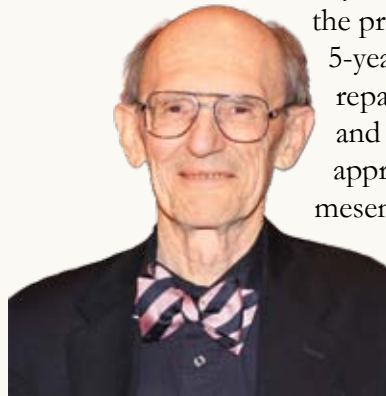
The leadership responsibilities in the Center for Perinatal Biology has been assumed for an interim period by Lubo Zhang, Ph.D., a faculty member in the Basic Sciences of the School of Medicine since 1993. Zhang is recognized as an outstanding academician, and an exceptionally productive investigator.



Lawrence Longo '54

## David Baylink '57 Awarded DOD Research Grant

**Dr. David Baylink '57**, and the Division of Regenerative Medicine, Department of Medicine, were recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,134,719.00 (over \$6 million in direct costs) for the project, "Cell and Molecular Study of Skeletal Augmentation and Repair". This is a 5-year grant from the Department of Defense (DOD) for studies of tissue regeneration, repair, and maintenance. Mechanistic studies will involve mesenchymal cell dynamics and niches, intercellular communication and molecular signaling cascades. Therapeutic approaches will involve a combination of gene therapy and stem cells, including mesenchymal stem cells, hematopoietic stem cells, IPS cells and some cases, cell trans-differentiation. While the organ of focus is bone, Baylink, distinguished professor of internal medicine, noted that his approaches could be applicable to several other tissues. The overall goal is to provide sufficient proof of principle to support translational applications.



David Baylink '57

## AMA President Peter Carmel, MD, Visits LLUSM

The School of Medicine was honored to have as its guest AMA President Peter Carmel, MD on March 14, 2012. During his time on campus, Carmel met with students, residents, staff and administration to discuss the science and policies of health care.

Carmel, an academic pediatric neurosurgeon, visited the campus to present the Neuroscience Grand Rounds lecture, entitled "The Oncology of Craniopharyngiomas." Later in the day, he gave an AMA Update for LLU faculty, residents, and students, in which he reviewed healthcare reform, policy formation, and the future of medicine for residents and students.



**Nephtali Gomez '04** was named Teacher of the Year while Roger Hadley hands Gomez the sign for the coveted Teacher of the Year reserved parking space.

## Nephtali Gomez '04 Named Teacher of the Year

At the senior banquet, held as part of graduation week, **Dr. Nephtali Gomez '04** was named Teacher of the Year, an award presented by the Macpherson Society, with input from the graduating class and the Dean's Office.

Colleagues and students appreciate Gomez's unparalleled operating room teaching style as well as his warm, approachable personality. Throughout his lecture series in the Department of Surgery, Gomez focuses on interactive and discussion-based learning.

Gomez completed his residency in general surgery at LLUMC in 2009. In 2010, he completed a Fellowship in Endocrine Surgery at Johns Hopkins University.

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## From the Dean



**Gordon Hadley '44-B** passed away June 29, 2012. Gordon was my uncle. His only sibling was my father, Henry, a LLU School of Medicine faculty urologist. As professor of Pathology, Gordon served on the school's faculty for sixty-two years. For twenty-five of those years, Gordon held the position of associate dean of students and then dean of the medical school.

Gordon Hadley is the 1719th graduate from CME, Loma Linda University School of Medicine that graduated its 10,000th student in 2011. He was married to Alice Wagner whom he wanted to meet after he saw a June 30, 1942 Look magazine pictorial article of Alice as a "Rosie the Riveter" building Lockheed war planes in Burbank, California. They were married for sixty-seven years. Their relationship of commitment to each other was an inspiration even up until the very end of his life.

Whether I am visiting alumni on or off campus, the most common question I am asked is, "Does Gordon Hadley still remember everyone's name?" It was an uncanny trait of Gordon's that left an indelible mark on students and alumni alike.

His seemingly perfect facial recognition is most impressive when one realizes he would memorize not only the face and the name, but their spouse's name, town of origin, and every distant relative who was an alumnus or church officer. All of this from a poor quality black and white photo stapled to the student's medical school application. Even more impressive was that he would recognize these individuals years later, with all the changes that the aging process so subtly or generously bestowed. Gordon not only learned the names and faces of more than 7,000 CME/LLU students, but Dr. Yousef Serag, an associate from Afghanistan, recently informed me that Gordon also knew the names of all the medical students in Kabul whom he taught while there.

Gordon grew up in a poverty-stricken neighborhood of SE Washington where his father (Henry Gilbert Hadley, aff-'17), and mother ran a medical clinic on the first floor of their family home. From there Gordon would learn about service to others regardless of income level, regardless of race.

Gordon knew that people and cultures claim as their own those who unselfishly serve them and their communities with compassion, respect, justice and fairness to all. A Christian by faith, Gordon was a servant of God to the Hindus of India, the Muslims of Afghanistan, and the Buddhist Communist cultures of China. He understood that there is one God and this God, his God, loved all people.

The night before he passed away, Gordon was lying on his left side under covers that were pulled taut. I was leaning close to him so I would not have to raise my voice to his aging ears. What I would learn the next day is that this was to be our last conversation. We talked about things that I do not remember now except, what I will never forget, is when he paused and exhorted, "Roger, protect the school."

I pass along that charge to each of you as well, spoken by a man who, for over seven decades, not only believed, but practiced the mission and principals upon which Loma Linda University School of Medicine was founded. All of us, no matter what age, need to protect our school with our prayers, our resources and our commitment to keep it a school of excellence that continues the healing and teaching ministry of Jesus Christ, both at home and abroad.

H. Roger Hadley '74  
School of Medicine Dean

## Helping Tomorrow's Physicians

The Centennial Tuition Fund provides tuition assistance for medical students.



Dr. George Frederick Tolhurst '73-B and Jane Travis Tolhurst

“Supporting the Centennial Tuition Fund is not a hard decision for Jane and me. We spent eight memorable years at Loma Linda, from 1970 through 1977, Jane working in Community Relations at the Medical Center while I completed Medical School and Radiology residency. Three generations of my family have been educated at LLUSM: my father, **Dr. George Tolhurst '48**, myself **'73-B**, and our daughter, **Dr. Kate Tolhurst Nichols '08**, as well as her husband, **Dr. Jerry Nichols '07**. Over the years since my time at Loma Linda, events in my own professional career have continually reminded me of the **quality of the medical education** I received at LLU. Observing Kate and Jerry's med school experience was a real eye-opener to me, providing a window into 21st century advances in technology and techniques.

Unfortunately, we all know that the cost of providing this high standard of medical education continues to rise. Many graduates suffer under a crushing load of debt, and others are dissuaded from even trying to take on the financial burden of medical school at all. Jane and I are convinced that the **Centennial Tuition Fund** has the potential to help propel LLUSM into a successful future by providing scholarships to **ease the financial strain** for the most qualified students.”



Dr. Helgi Heidar '67 and Drusilla Heidar

“I support Loma Linda University School of Medicine because it has been and continues to be immensely important in my life and the life of my family. As a young man growing up in Iceland, I heard the name *Loma Linda* as a medical school in California, but it seemed so very distant and I thought that I would never be able to go there. While I was working on my Master's degree in another field, I felt the urge to take medicine. A very kind and generous alumnus of LLUSM offered to loan me the money for the first year. I will never forget his generosity and the opportunity that LLUSM gave me, as that **made a huge difference** in my life. LLUSM is a **beacon of light and hope** in the world and has an enormous impact for good worldwide. Drusilla and I enjoy the opportunity to partner with the School of Medicine and the University in various programs and projects.”

For more information regarding the Centennial Tuition Fund, contact Patricia Eiseman:  
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# 2011 Class Giving Report

*Your gifts make a difference!*

Medical alumni give back in countless ways—through their time, their talents and their finances. We want to recognize this passion of service in our alumni and encourage more alumni to give this year to help us raise these class giving numbers even higher. In 2011, medical alumni of Loma Linda University gave almost \$4 million dollars through the Alumni Association and Loma Linda University to various projects—from campus and hospital improvements to mission projects to student scholarships to research. Thank you for your generosity! Be sure to check out how your class fared in giving last year. We give special thanks to the classes of 1956 and 1961 for standing above the rest in their giving totals and class participation.

Class Year	Class Representative	Total 2011 Giving	Participation Rate
1935-1945	Ellsworth E Wareham	\$307,663	27%
1946	Marlowe H Schaffner	\$11,365	32%
1947	Robert D Mitchell	\$35,800	43%
1948	Frank S Damazo	\$249,350	25%
1949	Louis L Smith	\$97,040	23%
1950		\$15	8%
1951	Herbert Harder	\$22,980	46%
1952	Roy V Jutzy	\$12,655	27%
1953	Robert Horner/Milton Fredricksen	\$-	0%
1954	Walter P Ordelheide	\$22,606	26%
1955	Irvin N Kuhn	\$44,400	39%
1956	Rodney E Willard	\$1,453,215	25%
1957	Harvey A Elder	\$14,302	25%
1958	Stewart W Shankel/John Stockdale	\$7,150	15%
1959	Reuben A Ramkissoon	\$8,825	18%
1960	Clifton D Reeves	\$22,550	18%
1961	Edwin H Krick	\$43,880	53%
1962	Hubert C Watkins	\$113,044	46%
1963	Robert E Soderblom	\$9,825	19%
1964	Wayne R Boyd	\$29,025	16%
1965	Richard L Rouhe	\$127,325	14%
1966	Mary L Small	\$13,331	18%
1967	Anton N Hasso	\$46,291	15%
1968	M C Theodore Mackett	\$141,770	12%
1969	Joseph G Billock	\$4,170	12%
1970	John D Jacobson	\$78,075	49%
1971	Jeffrey D Cao	\$28,375	17%
1972	John E Kaiser	\$9,000	9%
1973	Donald L Anderson/Elmar P Sakala	\$30,817	11%

1974	H. Roger Hadley	\$76,330	10%
1975	Cherry Brandstater	\$31,395	15%
1976	Nancy J Anderson/Richard D Catalano	\$99,599	12%
1977	Robert Nakamura/Randall E Wilkinson	\$8,930	8%
1978	Renaldo Ruiz/Jane Marxmiller Bork	\$15,750	8%
1979	Dennis D Reinke/Linda H Ferry	\$18,819	12%
1980	Virgil Nielsen/Ruth Koch	\$15,715	11%
1981	Leonard E Ranasinghe	\$7,194	13%
1982	Craig H Leicht	\$31,430	18%
1983	Gary L Baker	\$26,201	12%
1984	Ricardo L Peverini	\$57,215	12%
1985	Ronald L Hebard	\$10,070	12%
1986	Steven C Herber	\$83,554	22%
1987	Gregory E Watkins	\$35,709	23%
1988	Gerard E Ardron	\$22,390	10%
1989	George M Isaac/Leonard S Kurian	\$26,332	9%
1990	Andrew C Chang	\$4,650	7%
1991	A. Jo Orquia	\$39,655	10%
1992	D. Greg Anderson	\$263,000	10%
1993	Karen V Wells	\$4,275	6%
1994	Lisa D Palmieri	\$5,700	3%
1995	Joycelyn L Heavner-Manullang	\$7,250	7%
1996	Eric K Frykman	\$10,838	11%
1997	John Wilson Samples/David K Tan	\$17,475	8%
1998	Columbus D Batiste	\$16,695	5%
1999	Mark Emery Thompson	\$8,620	4%
2000	Paul C Herrmann	\$14,267	4%
2001	Samuel Chang	\$12,850	7%
2002	Elizabeth A Giese/Anthony A Hilliard	\$31,230	8%
2003	Cameo Ashley Carter	\$1,670	4%
2004	Joseph Marshall Bowen	\$4,534	3%
2005-2010	Merrick R Lopez/ Audley V. Williams	\$2,900	2%
	Evelyn Law/Monique S Nugent/Joshua M. Jauregui/Michael Matus		
	2011 Class Giving Report	Total 2011 Giving	Participation Rate
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,997,086</b>	<b>Average 12%</b>

**President's Award**  
**Highest Total Giving**  
*Class of 1956*  
**\$1,453,215**

**Dean's Award**  
**Highest Class Participation**  
*Class of 1961*  
**53%**

# Graduation 2012

The events of the class of 2012 graduation weekend were as personal and intimate as they were regal and internationally-focused. Honored with the presence of world-renowned speakers Tony Campolo and Joan Lunden, Loma Linda University will treasure the memory of this year's graduation events.



Tony Campolo

## Friday Evening Hooding Ceremony

Family and friends of the 156 medical graduates gathered from around the world at the Loma Linda University Church on Friday evening, May 25, to attend the Consecration and Hooding Ceremony, the first event of the highly-anticipated weekend.

In continuation of a tradition begun with his deanship, Dr. Roger Hadley ('74-B) and his wife Donna presented silver baby cups to each of the children born to the graduates during their last two years of medical school (sophomores receive their baby cups for the first two years at Clinical Commencement). This year, 16 children—all under the age of two-years-old—marched in with their parents and received their keepsake cup with their name and birth date. Graduate Jose Cesar carried toddler Isabella



Marcelo, Baby, Shastin Rains | Donna Hadley

on one arm and 7-week-old Luca in the other, while husband and wife classmates Jared Hiebert and Rachael Hiebert marched together in the processional with son Isaac.

During the hooding portion of the ceremony, a green velvet hood was placed over the shoulders of each graduate by spouses, fiancées, parents, grandparents, or siblings. Dr. Tamara Shankel ('??), Associate Dean for Clinical Education and Dr. Henry Lambertson, PsyD, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, read aloud statements written by each student, expressing gratitude to family for their support, incredulity at how quickly the past four years had flown by, treasured memories of medical school experiences, plans for residency, and hopes for the future.

Also highlighted that evening was La Loma Luz, the hospital in Belize that the seniors “adopted” during their sophomore year. Following in the tradition started by the Class of 2010, who, as freshmen chose to adopt \_\_\_\_\_ hospital in \_\_\_\_\_. Throughout their careers, the class of 2012 will continue to support La Loma Luz through financial gifts and medical mission trips.

## Sabbath Morning Baccalaureate Service and Sabbath School

Sabbath morning, May 26, was a mission-focused morning. In a joint baccalaureate service for the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy, graduates shared their experiences from mission trips to Malamulo, Malawi; \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. [what else did Liza and others talk about?

Tony Campolo, PhD—internationally known pastor, sociologist, author, and speaker—gave the message entitled “Living the Good Life.” Dr. Campolo talked about the difference between power and authority, explaining that power is implicit in certain positions and situations and holds the ability to coerce compliance. Authority, on the other hand, is earned through service to others. It encourages willing cooperation. He cited the stories of Mother Teresa advocating

for a half-way house outside Philadelphia and of Metropolitan Currell, the WWII-era leader of the Orthodox churches in Bulgaria, laying his life on the line to defend Jews bound for Nazi concentration camps. Dr. Campolo challenged the graduates to follow these examples, using their new power as doctors to earn authority through serving the less-fortunate.



Roger Hadley, Dean | Joan Lunden

The Sabbath school program featured LLU president Richard Hart ('70) interviewing small panels of graduates on their mission experiences. Timothy Gobble ('12) and Claire Andrews ('12), (who were married one week following their medical school graduation!) shared why they had a heart for missions, and why have chosen to serve as Deferred Mission Appointees following completion of their residency programs. Alumnus Ryan Hayton ('05) joined Mark Reeves ('92), General Surgery Residency Program Director, and Daniel Giang ('83), Associate Dean for Residency Education, to introduce a new element of LLUMC's surgery residency in which all surgery residents will serve/complete a rotation at the hospital in Malawi where Hayton is currently serving as the sole surgeon. Husband and wife Henry Pinango and Kyra (Eddy) Pinango, both graduates of

## Graduates commissioned as Military Officers

by James Ponder

Following the Conferring of Degrees Ceremony, five medical graduates along with five dental graduates were commissioned as officers in the US Military. **Michael Walter M.D. '73-B**, retired Brigadier General of the US Army, presented opening remarks and led the graduates in their Oath of Office and Promotion. The School of Medicine's military graduates are: Matthew Brown, MD (Second Lieutenant, Air Force), Daniel Simmons, MD (Second Lieutenant, Air Force), Katrina Davis, MD (Second Lieutenant, Army), Eric Turner, MD (Second Lieutenant, Army) and Evan Butlin, MD (Ensign, Navy). We are grateful for their service to our country.



Loree Sutton M.D. '85, a graduate, retired Brigadier General and alumnus of the year took part in the ceremony



the class of 2012, were interviewed by chaplain James (Jim) Greek, about treating the whole person during their time in Nepal. Kyle Littell shared how he had used his knowledge of whole-person care closer to home, while working with spinal-cord injury patients at LLUMC.

## Sunday Morning Conferring of Degrees Ceremony:

**B**right and early on Sunday morning—early enough that the heat was not yet unbearable in graduation gowns and tams—



**Class Size:** 156  
Males: 105  
Females: 51

**Marital Status**  
Married: (2 married to fellow classmates) 45  
Single: 111

**Ethnic Origin** (specified by students)  
African-American: 8  
American Indian/Native Alaskan: 3  
Asian Indian: 4  
Asian (other), Filipino: 42  
Caucasian: 79  
Hispanic/Cuban/Puerto Rican/other: 20

**Country of Citizenship**  
United States: 152  
Canada: 5  
Indonesia: 1  
Jamaica: 1

graduates, faculty members, and alumni parents and grandparents gathered to march in the processional of the 98th LLUSM Conferring of Degrees Ceremony. One hundred and fifty-six graduates received their long-awaited MDs, while another seven graduates of the basic sciences programs added the hard-earned letters, “PhD” to their names.

Joan Lunden—world-renowned speaker and host of Good Morning America for over two decades—spoke in honor of the 75th anniversary of her father Earl Blunden’s graduation from LLUSM in 1937. After sharing stories of her father’s selfless service to his neighbors and patients, she told the story of her career. As the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was first pressuring local television stations to put women on the air, Joan cold called the news director at her Sacramento station to ask for an audition. As a result, she was given an internship that led to a job as a “weather girl.” This opened doors that led to positions in news.



Joan Lunden

As women were only beginning to carve out a place in the news media, Joan was frequently passed over when it came to major news stories and was instead relegated to topics “better suited to women”—family, health, and home life. Rather than taking offense, she saw the value of these stories and chose to follow her father’s example of service by centering her career on important issues of awareness and prevention. Her personal mission became

“to inform and to motivate the public, to disseminate information that would help others remain healthy and safe and have a better understanding of their world.” Her role as host of Good Morning America helped her to further this goal.

It wasn’t until she prepared for this graduation address that she fully understood her father’s legacy of service. “As I began to weave together my childhood memories with all the stories I was learning from my dad’s colleagues, I realized that it was painting a picture of a legacy of service. And when Dr. Hart came to me to speak to me about Loma Linda and the mission statement that is instilled in each one of you in addition to your Hippocratic oath, it was only then that the entire picture became so clear to me, that it was all started right here.”



Get Names



Ronald L. Carter | Richard H. Hart

## From ‘12 Class President By Benjamin Bradford ‘12



Benjamin Bradford '12

**T**wo weeks following graduation, prior to the start of residency, I went on a short-term medical mission to serve at a clinic just outside Port-au-Prince, Haiti. It is the epitome of a third world country and continues to be ravaged by poverty, hunger and natural disaster. As I retraced my path to this time and place, I started to think about how the culture of international service around Loma Linda has promoted service to the undeserved, both in our own community and abroad. Many of the students turned doctors in our class, like LLUSM classes before us, have a passion for both local volunteer-ism and international medical mission work.

Our class has embraced a mission of our own in Central America. During our first year of medical school, we committed as a class to support the Adventist hospital in La Loma Luz, Belize with the goal of building a long-term relationship which will span our medical careers. Plans are already in the works for several Class of 2012 reunions at our adopted mission hospital site, where we will go to serve the needs of the hospital and the people in the surrounding community. Of course there will be plenty of reminiscing about our experiences at LLUSM and residencies, and maybe even some scuba-diving in the Caribbean. I for one am grateful for the opportunities and comrade I experienced as a part of the class of 2012, and I could not be more proud of those with whom I have shared this journey.



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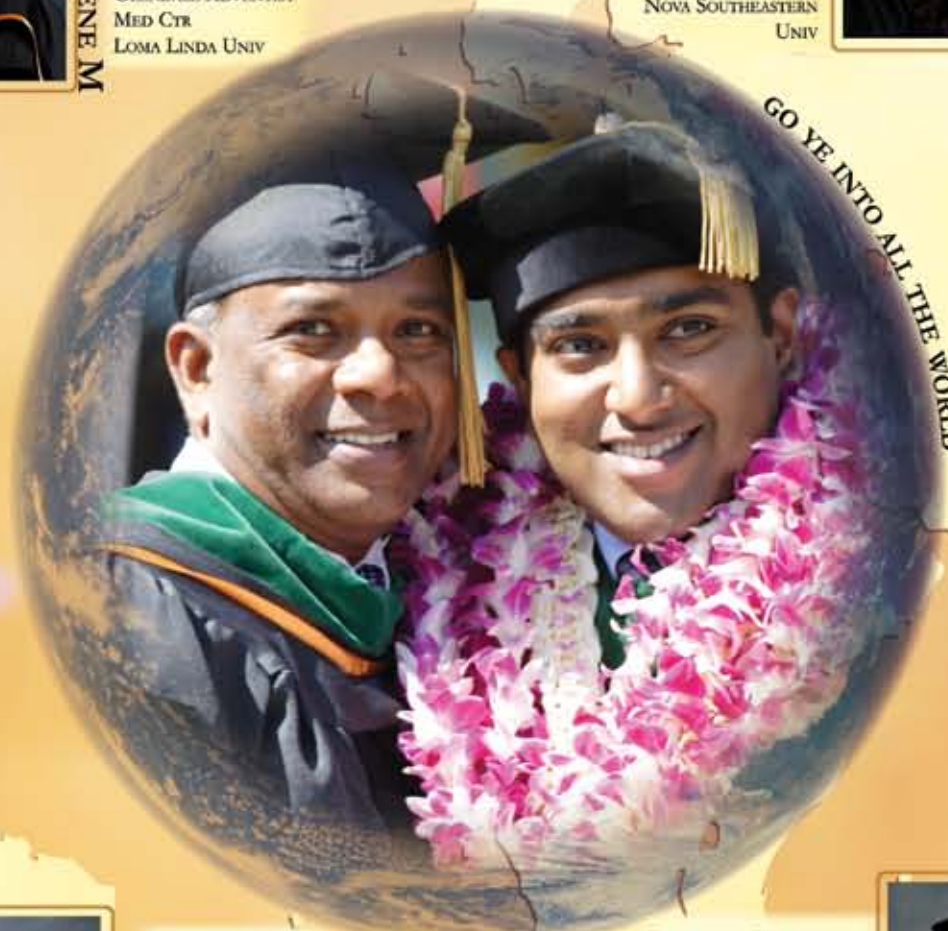
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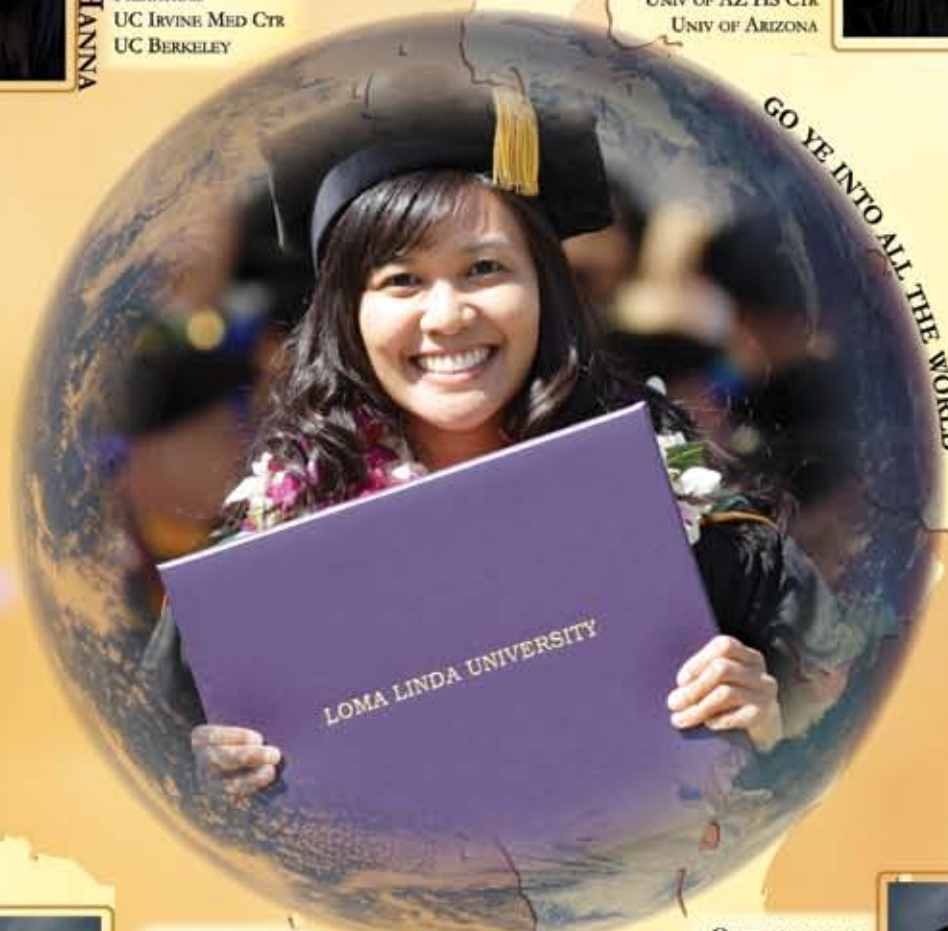
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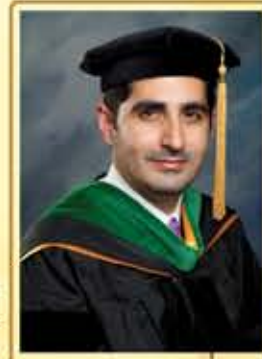
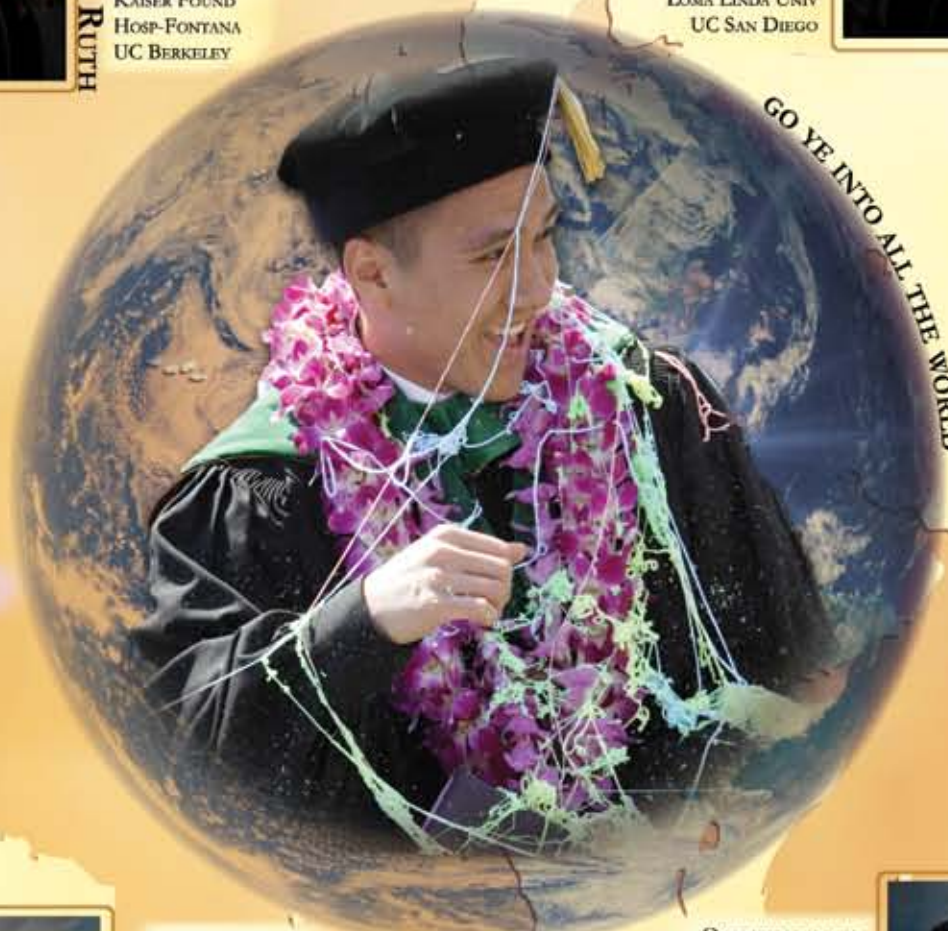
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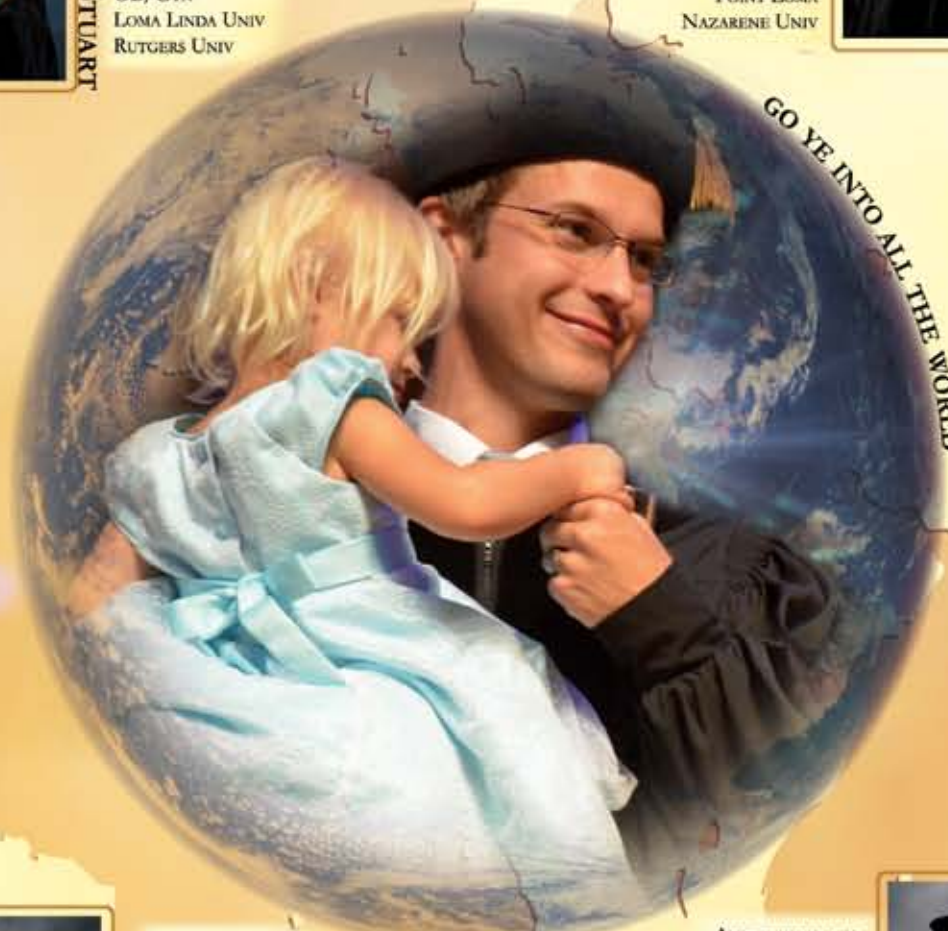
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# Student Mission Electives

## Mission Elective Impacts Student

by Raymond Chan

My month in Sri Lanka was one of the most rewarding, humbling, and enlightening experiences during my medical educational career. Having worked and volunteered in impoverished parts of America, I thought that I was prepared to see the worst conditions in health care. But my time in Sri Lanka truly opened my eyes to World medicine. It was incredible to see doctors in



this third world country provide health care to the multitudes of impoverished patients with little more than a stethoscope and basic surgical tools. This month of service reminded me why I chose my profession and has hopefully set a foundation for future mission trips.

During my time at the Katakurunda Clinic, I spent most of my time working alongside Dr. Seneth Samaranayake and his staff where he would see and treat around 60 patients a day. In addition to the clinic, I was able to spend a considerable amount of time at an attached orphanage, which took care of handicapped orphans. It was truly inspirational to see how these orphans managed to survive

with happiness and energy despite their circumstances. One 16-year-old girl had a very inspiring story; she was born with deformed extremities. Unable to use her hands and legs didn't slow her down. From the way she talks about boys, music and TV you couldn't tell that she was handicapped. Even though she was abandoned by her parents, she continued to live, grow and become a smart and happy young woman.

In addition to the wonderful patients, the unique part of my experience has been the variety of medical facilities that I was able to work in. I had the chance to attend morning rounds at Kandy General Hospital with five thousand beds! Having the chance to interact with medical students in another country was amazing. What I saw and heard from these teaching rounds about diseases and management techniques was humbling; I realized how blessed we are in America with all our available diagnostic and computer equipment. In terms of clinical treatment, I felt that I was less prepared compared to these students who had more hands-on experience. The attending physicians carried about 250 patients a day, admitting close to 100 new patients a day!

Overall, this has been a memorable life experiences. This mission only solidified my desire to become a doctor not just for my community but to volunteer my time and efforts for a greater global good.



## Student makes a difference at Sir Run Run Shaw

by Teresa Tan

As an American-born Chinese medical student, Sir Run Run Shaw hospital in Hangzhou, China was a natural choice for me when I made the decision to do a mission elective during my fourth year of medical school. Not only would I return to my ancestral roots and practice my long-dormant Mandarin language skills, I looked forward to exploring the practice of both ancient Chinese medicine and also modern western medicine at one of the largest teaching facilities in China's Zhejiang province.

The mission elective far exceeded my expectations. Not only did I get to do a rotation through three specialties, including ObGyn, Internal Medicine, and Traditional Chinese Medicine, I made many Chinese friends. Most significantly, one of my Internal Medicine residents accepted Christ as his personal Savior during our last week in China. God's timing was perfect. I had started working with him only on the Monday of our final week of rotation (when, thankfully, my Mandarin had vastly improved since arrival); on Tuesday, by mutual interest, the three Loma Linda students and our Chinese resident attended a youth service at a local church. I shared the Gospel with our resident in Mandarin and the next evening, he decided to ask Jesus to be his Savior. I believe that God provides His Truth to those who seek it, and I feel very privileged to take part of His eternal plan.



# Ike Sanders' Adventist odyssey

By James Ponder with Irvin Kuhn and Henry Yeo

Isaac “Ike” Sanders looks back with gratitude on a series of unexpected developments that led to his very satisfying, five-decades-long affiliation with Adventist health care.

After serving the U.S. Army in Okinawa, where he worked with radar and electronics, Ike graduated with an M.D. degree from State University of New York, Downstate, in 1955 and completed an internship at Long Island College Hospital in 1956.

Ike spent the next two years in emergency medicine and evaluated his options. A radiologist he met nurtured his interest in radiology. In 1958, he moved to Los Angeles to pursue the specialty. On October 28, of that year, Ike applied to the radiology residency at White Memorial Medical Center. Walter Stilson, MD, director of the program, liked Ike and invited him to start the very next day.

Things didn't go well that first day. When a thoughtless colleague branded Ike as an outsider because he wasn't an Adventist, he became upset.

“I told Dr. Stilson I had a feeling I wouldn't fit in.”

Dr. Stilson calmed Ike's fears, and arranged for George Kypridakis, a budding pathologist, to take him to dinner and explain how the system works.

That afternoon, a USC medical student told Ike that Adventists worship on Saturday, and observe dietary laws. “A lot of them go into medicine,” he added.

My Jewish mother would certainly approve, Ike thought.

Over dinner, Dr. Kypridakis convinced him that most Adventists aren't bigoted, and signed him up for a lifetime affiliate membership in the Alumni Association of the College of Medical Evangelists, precursor to the LLU School of Medicine.



The next day, Ike traveled to Loma Linda to watch Ernest Braun, MD, chief of radiation oncology at White Memorial, perform a procedure.

“There was something special about the school, the area, and the people,” he recalls. “That night, I decided I would stay at the White. That decision kept me from making the biggest mistake of my life!”

After becoming chief resident, Ike discovered a passion for teaching. “If you'll pardon me,” he smiles, “I was good at it.”

Ike took the American Board of Radiology exams the last year of his residency. Although 30 percent of those taking the test failed, Ike passed with flying colors.

When the clinical program moved from Los Angeles to Loma Linda, Ike was appointed program director for the White Memorial radiology residency. His duties involved lecturing at

Loma Linda every Thursday, and for the next eight years, students voted him “Teacher of the Year.”

Professionally, Ike was busy training nine residents, 20 to 30 externs from LLU and USC, preparing fellows and graduates for their boards, and mentoring visiting students from Canada, Germany, Ireland, and Saudi Arabia.

Relationally, however, Ike was lonely. At 42, he was single and caring for an elderly aunt with multiple medical conditions.

On October 28, 1968—exactly 10 years after he arrived at White Memorial—he met Muriel Lee Allen at a wedding.

“Somewhere along the line,” he reveals, “she became the woman to whom I could not say goodbye.”

Just as romance was beginning to bloom, a former student invited Ike to Thailand to modernize the radiology department at Bangkok Adventist Hospital.

“It was tough,” he admits. “I had just met my bride-to-be, but something made me think I had to do this.”

The trip opened Ike's eyes to Adventism's global outreach. “I was mesmerized,” he discloses. Still, he missed Muriel.

Apparently the missing was mutual. On July 30, 1972, Ike and Muriel tied the knot. They are celebrating 40 great years of marriage this summer.

One week in 1983 proved particularly eventful. As if being named chief of staff and chief of diagnostic radiology weren't enough excitement for one week, Muriel collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. Ike spent the night praying. God heard, and Muriel made a complete recovery.

In 1986, Ike was devastated when financial problems at White Memorial forced the closure of Ike's vibrant radiology residency.

“I truly wanted to leave, but I couldn't,” he shares. “I had residents that would require three more years of my time. I would not let them down.”

“Many people thought our program was one of the tops in the country,” he explains.

Because no White Memorial residents

failed their boards during the nine years Ike was in charge, both the American Board of Radiology and American College of Radiology protested the closure, but to no avail.

“I stayed on,” Ike recalls, “but only after they agreed to let every resident who had already started the program complete their studies.”

Looking back, Ike considers his work at White Memorial a missionary endeavor.

“To be on a mission,” he says, “you don't need to be out of the country. All you need is a mission.”

After the program closed, Ike continued teaching at the LLU School of Medicine.

“I was actively associated with the school from 1962 to 1999,” he remembers.

He served on the Alumni Association board from 1983 to 1986, and delivered the keynote address at the 1988 Alumni Postgraduate Convention.

Other honors included:

- Being named professor emeritus at Loma Linda University
- Having the White Memorial Radiology Department renamed The Isaac Sanders Diagnostic Imaging Center
- The creation of The Isaac Sanders Lecture at an annual meeting of The Los Angeles Radiological Society
- Receiving a gold medal from The American College of Radiology for teaching and research.

Ike deflects the credit to others.

“I am particularly proud of my residents,” he says. “They simply gave me the opportunity to validate my life.”

“There has been an army of magnificent people,” he continues, “who paved the path that helped me wend my way through a wonderful career and a similarly wonderful life. Our relationship is truly my second highest honor.”

“The greatest honor I ever received,” he concludes, “was the acceptance of my application by Muriel Lee Allen for the position of being her husband.”

# 2012 Board Member Election

Each year a nominating committee selects new alumni members to fill vacant positions on the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, SMLLU. Due to an oversight, new Board members were not chosen for the 2012-2015 term prior to March as is tradition (typically new Board members are nominated prior to Annual Postgraduate Convention and start their terms in March). We apologize for being late in bringing these names to the alumni body for your approval. The names listed on this page represent six of approximately 30 elected positions on the Board of Directors. In the next issue of the Alumni Journal, we bring additional names nominated for the 2013-2016 term for your

approval. This will bring the Alumni Association completely up-to-date on the Board member positions.

Board members serve staggered terms of three years each so that no more than one third of the Board members roll off each year. Only dues-paying members may serve on the Board. The names and photos of the nominated individuals are being printed here to give the wider membership a chance to approve or disapprove the names. Please send any objections to the names listed here to [alumni@llusmaa.org](mailto:alumni@llusmaa.org) or mail 11245 Anderson Street, Suite 200, Loma Linda, CA 92354. The deadline for response is September 18.



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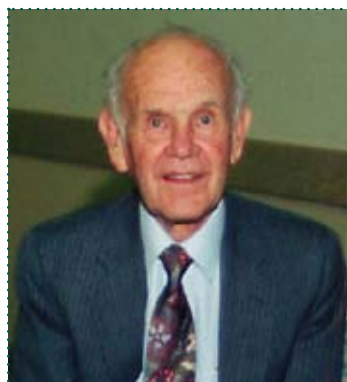


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# In Memoriam

## 1940's



**Gordon Hadley, '44-** Dean Emeritus and Professor in the Department of Pathology and Human Anatomy, passed away on Friday, June 29 at the age of 91. Hadley served as Dean of the School of Medicine of Loma Linda University from 1977-1986. He also served in India, China and Afghanistan, and later returned to Loma Linda University to mentor pathology students. During his career he received numerous awards, including the LLUAHSC Lifetime Service Award, LLUSM Alumnus of the Year Award, LLUSM Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, and San Bernardino County Medical Society Award for Outstanding Contribution to Medicine. The family has requested in lieu of flowers or gifts

that donations be made to the Loma Linda University School of Medicine Deferred Mission Appointment Program. Donations can be made online at [www.llu.edu/giving/dma](http://www.llu.edu/giving/dma) or mailed to the *Alumni Association* at 11245 Anderson Street, Suite 200, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

**Harvey Drury '48** was born in Idaho on October 21, 1922. Drury went to seven different schools until he completed the 8th grade in 1936. He attended Gem State Academy from 1937-1941. He was the Junior and Senior class president and was also the valedictorian of his Senior class. From 1941-1944, he attended and graduated from Walla Walla University. In 1948 Drury graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. On July 1, 1948 he completed his internship at Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver, Colorado. In 1956 he was drafted into the Public Health Service and was sent to El Reno, Oklahoma working at the federal penitentiary as the head medical officer. In 1958 he again served the people of Troy and surrounding towns for 41 years until his retirement. Drury was an active member of the Troy

Seventh-day Adventist church. The family suggest in lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Troy Fire and Ambulance Department and Deary Adventist Community Center.

## 1950's



**Genevieve E. McWilliams '50** passed away on 28th March 2012 in Paradise, California. She was born in 1919 in College View, Nebraska. She graduated from Union College Academy in 1937 and from Union College in 1944 majoring in Chemistry and Biology. She was also trained and worked as a medical lab technician. She graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists in Jan 1950. She interned at Loma Linda. She felt a strong calling to serve women in parts of the world where they were precluded from getting adequate medical care. In

1953, she left the US for the Giffard Memorial Hospital in Nuzvid, India. She served at GMH until her retirement in 1985, returning to the US to complete an OB/Gyn residency in 1963 at the White Memorial Hospital. In 1989, she was happily surprised to be named an honored alumna of LLSM.

**Oliver D Anderson '51** retired in 2007 after 53 years of medical practice and community service in the Miami area. He touched many lives through his medical practice and his leadership in the Adventist community. Oliver passed away on December 9, 2011 surrounded by his family. He leaves behind his wife, Naomi, sons, David and Wayne, daughter-in-laws, Isabel and Denise and three grandchildren, Jonathan, Christopher, and Melissa. Oliver will rest in the Lord until He returns.



**Merlin Thomas '57**, was known as always saying

“let’s work up a plan then we work the plan.” He loved the LLU School of Medicine Alumni Association and, along with calls of encouragement, he personally got about 500 life memberships in the sixties and he defended this money from being used for regular operating expenses or deficits. He supported the change from “Life” to “Perpetual” membership so that the money stayed as “permanent” endowment for the Alumni Association. He also worked 50 years to get classmates to become perpetual members—finally in 2007, 100% were perpetual members.

## 1970's



**James “Jim” I. McNeill '72** passed away September 26, 2011 at the age of 64 in Richland, Washington. After completing his ophthalmology residency in 1975, McNeill left Loma Linda and became a fellow at the University of Florida, Gainesville, studying corneal and external eye diseases under

corneal specialist Dr. Herbert E. Kaufman. While at the University of Florida, Jim and another fellow, Ken Goldman, developed a scleral ring, the McNeill-Goldman ring, used for transplant surgery. Although Jim never planned to be a professor of medicine, he taught in the Ophthalmology Department of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine for 16 years. At the age of 33, he became chairman of the Ophthalmology Department, a position he held for 10 years. In 1977 he was instrumental in starting the Inland Eye Bank, partly from a need for self-preservation. Eventually the Eye Bank grew into the Eye and Tissue Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. He was board chair and President of the Loma Linda Eye Foundation for the Preservation of Sight until 1993. In 1993 he was invited to join Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute in Kennewick, WA. He continued as a surgeon there until April of 2011 when he was diagnosed with mesothelioma. He is survived by Peggy, his wife of 43 years; son James (Mendi) and granddaughters Rose and Esther of Bellevue, WA; son Nathan, of Gainesville, FL; son Seth (Corraine), of Gainesville, FL; son David (Shaunda), of Durham, NC; sister Judy Coe, of South Windsor, CT; brother Don McNeill, of Clarksville, MD; sister Jeanine McNeill (LLU School of Medicine '83), of Riverside, CA.

# AMEN Conference Inspires Alumni

by Edwin H. Krick, '61, MD, MPH



EDWIN H. KRICK, '61

Ever since attending the annual Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) Conference at Hilton Head last October, I have wanted to share with our alumni the inspiration of that weekend. I attended as president of AIMS (the missions arm of our Alumni Association) and was interviewed Friday evening to help explain how our organizations could interact to enhance the success of both.

The three-day conference (held odd years on the East Coast and even years on the west) highlights for physicians, dentists and other members of the medical team, practical ways of achieving "complete restoration of mankind – physically, mentally, socially and spiritually." Essentially they share the LLU goal "To Make Man Whole"! This 7th annual meeting, entitled "Centers of Influence" provided numerous examples of successful office witness through CME classes, breakout sessions, personal testimonies and display booths. Shared stories around the tables at mealtime helped us learn how to apply the "restoration principles".

Tim Howe, '82 internist from Maine, told the story of an 83 yo lady with severe claudication, diabetes and

hypertension who chose a whole food plant based diet ("disease reversal diet") over surgery. She returned in 2 months able to walk 3 miles without pain, off diabetic medicine and taking only half her other medication.

AMEN also publishes a journal called the *Medical Evangelist* in which Jonathon Thorp, medical student, told of caring for a depressed patient who was questioning where God was in all his problems. Jon reported: After an extensive conversation, with hesitation, I invited him to pray. Partway through my prayer I paused and asked him if he wanted to speak with God. He did, and rededicated his life to Jesus Christ. We finished, opened our eyes and with tears streaming down his face he said, "Doctor, last night I was considering suicide. I cried out to God and said, 'If you are really there, have someone pray with me tomorrow.' Little did I know that it would be my student doctor that would be the one that would be sent to answer that prayer!"

The next AMEN conference is October 25 – 28, 2012 (Thursday evening to Sunday morning) at Paradise Point Resort in San Diego. I would encourage you to attend. You can register online at [www.amensda.org](http://www.amensda.org) or call 423-826-4025 for more information.

I believe the Lord has great plans for the AMEN organization as we allow Him to use us as "Centers of Influence" to point our patients to the Great Physician, Jesus Christ.

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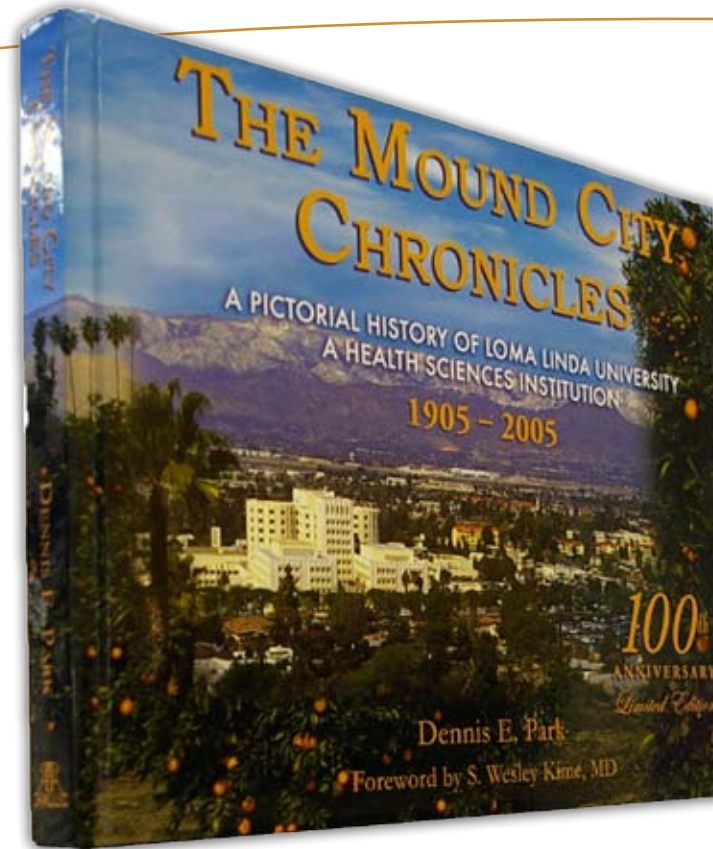
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