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**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HOMECOMING**

## School of Medicine Annual Postgraduate Convention brings alumni and other health professionals to campus

By James Ponder

From the time the estimated 750 visitors began arriving on campus on Thursday, March 1, until the conclusion of the 80th Annual Postgraduate Convention gala on Monday, March 5, the five-day extravaganza of the alumni association of the School of Medicine of Loma Linda University offered a full schedule of stimulating scientific sessions and symposia, festive worship celebrations, and boisterous class reunions.

According to Nicole M. Batten, MA, executive director of the alumni association, many attendees reported a high degree of satisfaction with this year's Annual Postgraduate Convention (APC).

"I received a considerable amount of positive feedback from alumni who said they felt it was a very spiritual weekend with a focus on the mission of Loma Linda University," Ms. Batten notes. "They also said they really enjoyed being able to reconnect with their classmates and the faculty on campus. I believe the two major reasons alumni return to LLU are to see old friends and for the spiritual emphasis on campus."

The first event of the 80th APC was the 24th Annual Cardiology Symposium, which kicked off the APC on Thursday morning in the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center. Titled "Future is Now! Cardiology in 2012," the daylong symposium featured presentations from 18 prominent cardiologists.

That afternoon, a bioethics symposium drew a crowd to the Damazo Amphitheatre in the Centennial Complex to hear six physicians address a variety of timely topics related to medical ethics.

After a devotional on Friday morning, Gilbert W. Burnham, MD, PhD, professor of international health at The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland, and member of the class of 1989, delivered the Jack W. Provonsha Lecture at the opening plenary session in the Damazo Amphitheatre. Titled "International Health and Human Rights," Dr. Burnham's presentation focused on the foundations of medical morality in an era of rapid change and increasing pluralism. As a physician-clergyman, Dr. Burnham is known for his work in emergency preparedness and response, humanitarian needs assessment, and program planning and execution to meet the needs of vulnerable populations. He has worked extensively in Afghanistan, Africa, Asia, and Europe.

In addition to Dr. Burnham, this year's APC speakers included a number of notable individuals:

- Rebecca J. Patchin, MD, immediate past chair of the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association, delivered the Walter E. Macpherson Memorial Lecture. Titled "How Sure is the Future of Our Health Care Reform?" Dr. Patchin's presentation reflected her career-spanning interest in medical issues from a legislative perspective. A member of



With a grin, Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University, prepares to cut the ribbon at the March 3 dedication services for the new Founders Plaza. With him are (from left) Ernest Zane, MD; Patti Catalano; Dr. Hart; Richard Catalano, MD; E. Edward Zinke, MDiv; and Ann Zinke. Although construction on the project was not completed at the time, the ceremony was held on that day so attendees at the 80th Annual Postgraduate Convention could be present. Not pictured are Rose and William Swatek, MD; Anita and Mark Schultz; and representatives of the James F. Barnard Memorial Endowment.

the class of 1989 at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, she currently serves as an assistant professor of anesthesiology at the school. She also served as chair of the Council on Legislation for the California Medical Association for seven years;

- Richard H. Carmona, MD, MPH, presented the Percy T. Magan Memorial Lecture on "The Future of Health Care—the Role of Preventive and Integrative Medicine." Appointed by former President George W. Bush as the seventeenth surgeon general of the United States in 2002, Dr. Carmona is widely acknowledged as one of the leaders in the fields of preventive and integrative medicine. In addition to his responsibilities as a professor at Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health at the University of Arizona, he serves Canyon Ranch Resort and Spa Company as vice chair;
- Richard L. Lindstrom, MD, founder and attending surgeon of Minnesota Eye Consultants, and adjunct professor emeritus at the University of Minnesota department of ophthalmology, delivered the George Kambara Memorial Lecture on "Corneal Surgery for the Correction of Presbyopia." Widely recognized as a researcher, teacher, inventor, writer, lecturer, physician, and surgeon, Dr. Lindstrom spent two years as the Harold G. Scheie Research Chair at the University of Minnesota before transitioning

to private practice in 1989. He is an international authority on corneal, cataract, refractive, and laser surgery;

- Myrle Rountree Petty, JD, administrative law judge with the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Worker's Compensation, presented the Harold B. Boyd Memorial Lecture on "Developing Substantial Medical Evidence for Medical/Legal Reports." A 1991 graduate of Western State University College of Law, Judge Petty is widely recognized as an expert on worker's compensation issues. Prior to joining the San Bernardino District Office of the Division of Worker's Compensation, she served for three years in the Riverside District Office, and three-and-a-half years in the Oakland District Office; and
- Timothy J. Marten, MD, addressed the Thomas J. Zirkle Plastic Surgery Symposium on the topic of "Advanced Aesthetic Surgery." Dr. Marten, a diplomat of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, is director of the Marten Clinic of Plastic Surgery in San Francisco. An internationally recognized authority on surgery as a means of improving and rejuvenating the face, Dr. Marten has made more than 400 scientific presentations on aesthetic plastic surgery. He has also published numerous scientific articles and contributed several textbook chapters on facelift surgery and related topics.

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The rendering above illustrates what the Founders Plaza will look like upon its completion in the coming weeks.



## NEW CEO FOR MURIETTA CAMPUS

## Board of Trustees names Richard Rawson new CEO for Murrieta campus

By Dustin R. Jones

During its February 28 meeting, the Board of Trustees named Richard L. Rawson, MBA, chief executive officer at Loma Linda University Medical Center–Murrieta. Mr. Rawson will also carry the role of senior vice president for strategic planning for Loma Linda University | Health System. Mr. Rawson will begin his new positions on April 2, 2012.

With more than 28 years of health care experience—most of it gained in Adventist Health hospitals—Mr. Rawson previously served as the corporate vice president, Central California, for Adventist Health.

In addition to his regional responsibilities, he

served as CEO of Adventist Health/Home Care Services, which provides support and oversight for Adventist Health's 14 home care agencies and six hospices, as well as private duty and home medical equipment operations across the enterprise.

Mr. Rawson was president and CEO of Adventist Health/Central Valley Network, which comprises four hospital campuses, 23 rural health clinics, and more than 20 other service locations in the central San Joaquin Valley.

This network of services saw dramatic growth during Mr. Rawson's seven-year tenure as CEO, including construction of the 142-bed Adventist Medical Center–Hanford, the acquisition of Adventist Medical Center–Reedley,

and the addition of 16 clinics to serve rural communities.

His previous experience includes service as president and CEO of Selma Community Hospital and chief financial officer/senior vice president of finance and managed care for two Hanford hospitals, where he was responsible for managed care, physician, and real estate contracts. Mr. Rawson has also held a variety of administrative and financial positions throughout Northern and Central California. He serves as chair of the board for the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California and is a member of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees for the California Hospital Association.

Mr. Rawson holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from LLU and a master's of business administration degree from California State University, Bakersfield. He and his wife, Sandee, have one grown daughter, Shauna.



Richard Rawson, MBA

## HONORARY PROFESSORSHIP

## LLU researcher surprised with honorary professorship in Peru

By Heather Reifsnyder

Universidad Peruana Unión bestowed an honor upon Joan Sabaté, MD, DrPH—professor of nutrition, epidemiology, and medicine at LLU—that has only previously been conferred upon one other person—former Peruvian president Alan García Pérez.

Dr. Sabaté, chair of the LLU School of Public Health department of nutrition, was named honorary professor in the Peruvian university's Faculty of Health Sciences—similar to receiving an honorary doctorate in the United States. The honor, bestowed during a November 2011 research congress among Seventh-day Adventist institutions in Latin America, was a complete surprise.

Dr. Sabaté gave a keynote address at the congress, titled "Vegetarian Nutrition: Back to the Future." He discussed how the long-standing views of the Adventist Church on the benefits of being vegetarian are becoming

more and more recognized by the scientific community.

"As Adventists, we have long studied this. Now the research has an even brighter future," he says. "It's becoming popular to be vegetarian."

For his research on this topic, Dr. Sabaté was given the honorary professorship during the congress' closing ceremony.

"It was out of the blue," he remembers. "My wife was there, and she said the shock showed on my face. It's nice that people recognize my contributions in the area of nutrition and public health. I'm happy that the research I have done is not only read in this country, but even in Latin America."

During his more than two decades at Loma Linda University, Dr. Sabaté has researched the benefits of vegetarian foods. His work on the favorable health effects of eating nuts has made international headlines ever since 1993, when



Joan Sabaté, MD, DrPH, receives a medallion signaling his honorary professorship at Universidad Peruano Union from Dr. Juan Choque Fernández, president, and Dr. Maximina Contreras Castro, vice president.

he published a landmark study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* about how walnuts lower heart disease risk.

Another LLU faculty member, Leonard Brand, PhD, chair of the department of earth and biological sciences, also presented during

the research congress in Peru. His address was titled "Worldviews, Biblical Faith, and Geological Research." This was based on the experience of Dr. Brand and several colleagues in research on fossil whales near the Peruvian coast.

Between 1999 and 2011 they studied the fossilization process that produced a deposit of hundreds of well-preserved whales, which are now exposed in the Atacama desert. This research team included several individuals from Universidad Peruano Unión.

## HONORARY DOCTORATE

## Lawrence D. Longo, MD, receives honorary doctorate at Tenth World Congress of Perinatal Medicine in Uruguay

By James Ponder

Lawrence D. Longo, MD, director of the Center for Perinatal Biology at Loma Linda University, received a pleasant surprise last November when he traveled to Punta del Este, Uruguay, to address the 10th World Congress of Perinatal Medicine: Dr. Longo was presented with a Doctor Honoris Causa degree from the University of Uruguay at Montevideo.

The degree was awarded to Dr. Longo in acknowledgement of his lifetime research contributions to the fields of perinatology, neonatology, and fetal and neonatal physiology.

"Several of us were invited to speak at the congress," Dr. Longo reports, but he was not aware that planners of the event intended to give them awards. "The other awardees included investigators from the University of

Tokyo, the Free University of Berlin, the University of Madrid, and others. For each of us, they read a lengthy summary of our contribution to life—I don't know where they got all the information about Loma Linda."

His characteristic modesty impels Dr. Longo to deflect praise away from his own accomplishments: "What's important," he insists, "is that they had all these wonderful things to say about our center and what Loma Linda has done."

Steven M. Yellon, PhD, a physiologist at the center, cites Dr. Longo's mentoring of Uruguayan perinatologist Justo Alonso, MD, who served as president of the organizing committee for the event, as evidence for his claim that Dr. Longo deserves all the accolades he receives, and then some.

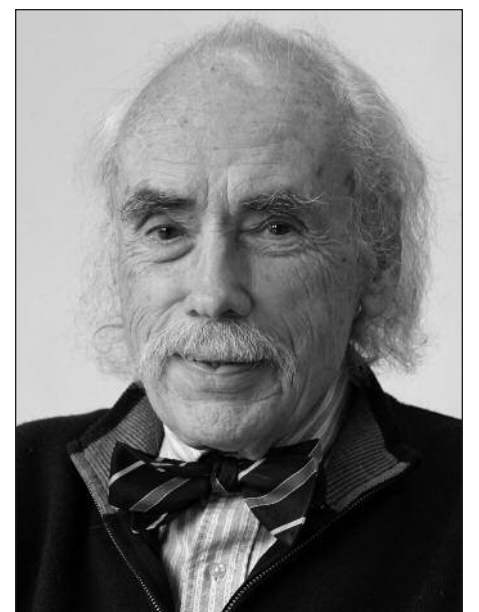
"He had such a phenomenal trip!" Dr. Yellon

says. "They treated him like royalty down there; like a senior investigator with a long and valuable career, especially in the way he has trained so many researchers here. Dr. Alonso is just one of many people Dr. Longo has mentored. Dr. Alonso has established a program in Uruguay. One could argue that it's the most successful OB/GYN program in the country. That's where Dr. Longo's impact on the field of OB/GYN accentuates the mission of LLU."

Dr. Longo was quite impressed with the scope of the congress.

"It was a much larger meeting than I would have imagined," he observes. "There were between 2,300 and 2,500 people in attendance, mostly clinical obstetricians and perinatologists who deal with high-risk pregnancy. I was struck with the tremendous number of attendees working

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Lawrence D. Longo, MD

OUTREACH TO HAITI

Dentistry student serves in Haiti

By Janna M. Vassantachart

Seeing her country splashed across news headlines, Doris Doleyres, DDS, felt called to return home to help her people, victims of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that shook Haiti in January 2010. A student in the Loma Linda University international dentist program, Dr. Doleyres devoted 14 days of her Christmas break to volunteer in Haiti. She assisted two programs: New Life 4 Haiti and Word & Action, Inc.

Dr. Doleyres was born and raised in Haiti. She chose dentistry because she saw the impact she

could have on other people's lives. She received her degree from the only dental school in Haiti. In 2006, she moved to Miami, Florida, and eventually to Loma Linda in 2010 to get her license to work in the United States.

Although she will work in the United States, Dr. Doleyres wants to visit Haiti as much as she can to see her parents and serve her people. "Haiti is home. I will never hesitate for one second to go there for any reason, especially for missionary work," she says.

Last Christmas, Dr. Doleyres originally planned to go on a mission trip with the School of

Dentistry to Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti in Port-au-Prince, the capital. The trip was cancelled, so she went on her own.

On her trip, Dr. Doleyres' greatest challenge was the lack of dental equipment. Although she would have loved to use her dental skills, she was willing to help in other ways. "There is so much to be done," she says. "I try to fill the gaps."

Through New Life 4 Haiti, Dr. Doleyres volunteered at Nouvelle Ecole d'Haiti, an orphan school that provides free education. The founder and president of the program, Evenel Mervilus, EdD, says he began the orphanage project to help the children who lost their parents in the 2010 earthquake.

"In the current school year, we will be able to accommodate 400 orphans and other kids in the community," says Dr. Mervilus. The school also offers adult cuisine and Bible study classes.

With the Word & Action program, Dr. Doleyres educated the people on child abuse. Word & Action is a non-profit organization located in the northern part of Haiti. The program aims to prevent or decrease child sexual abuse and all other types of child abuse in the community.



Doris Doleyres, DDS

Although she has returned to Loma Linda, Dr. Doleyres is continuing to serve her country by collecting funds and equipment for the Haiti dental school.

"Every time I get an opportunity for mission work, I feel humbled and privileged to make a difference in the life of others," says Dr. Doleyres.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Pharmacy professor invited to serve on National Cancer Institute taskforce

By Stephen Vodhanel

Siu-Fun Wong, PharmD, has been invited to co-chair the Drug Development Task Force, part of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Symptom Managements and Health-Related Quality of Life Steering Committee.

According to NCI, Dr. Wong will lead the taskforce with Joanna Brell, MD, from NCI, to identify and evaluate novel or approved agents that have potential to provide effective interventions for treatment-induced toxicities and disease-related symptoms.

The goals of the taskforce are: to increase availability of biologically plausible, pharmacologic intervention for clinical trial assessments in the Clinical Community Oncology Program (CCOP) network; and to provide resources and expertise to facilitate the drug development process.

In addition, Dr. Wong has been asked by the executive committee of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to continue serving on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) Review

Committee. Members of the committee are responsible for developing and reviewing NAPLEX, reviewing examination questions, attending and participating in meetings, and writing new test questions.



Siu-Fun Wong, PharmD, receives national appointments.

FOUNDERS PLAZA DEDICATION

Founders Plaza dedication presentation

The following is a transcription of the presentation given by Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University, during the afternoon dedication of the Founders Plaza. The event took place on Saturday, March 3, 2012.

On my usual Sabbath morning walk, I reached the top of Pisgah Peak at about 6:30 this morning. You know it was a beautiful day! I looked out to the east and saw the hills surrounding Palm Springs.

Down below me, Beaumont, Banning, and Hemet. I looked off to the west and to see the Inland Empire, Ontario Airport, Kellogg Hill, and the skyscrapers of Los Angeles. As I paused and looked at that, I said, "There must be at least 10 million people now within the scope of

my vision." And I marvel at the insight and divine wisdom Ellen White had in placing a school in the middle of orange groves at Loma Linda 106 years ago, and saying, "This is the place." My goodness, how could she have foreseen what this place was to become and what is now here?

On the way back down the hill, I paused by my favorite pond and lifted my binoculars to look at the ducks there, and saw the usual coots, also known as mud hens, a number of them. And then I noticed that in among the coots was a pair of wood ducks. Those of you who are birders, you know that the male wood duck has to be one of the most glorious creatures that God has ever created. As I considered the

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in the fields of perinatology, neonatology, and pediatrics. During the congress, the secretary for public health for the country of Uruguay spoke with me at length about what LLU can do to help them."

Because of his age, the octogenarian researcher's daughter Celeste de Tesson accompanied him on the trip. His other daughter, Elisabeth Longo, enabled him to go by providing care for Dr. Longo's wife, Betty Jeanne, while he was away.

The Uruguayan address was the first of two speeches Dr. Longo delivered in South America on the six-day trip. "I gave the second talk in Spanish," he notes. "I'm not fluent, but I'm a big believer in Rosetta Stone. Years ago, I was a NATO professor at one of the universities in Italy, and Rosetta Stone saved my life."

Prior to the meeting in Uruguay, Dr. Longo

and Celeste toured the great Iguazu Falls.

They also visited Brazil and Argentina where his firsthand observations confirm what economists have been saying about the lower half of the Western Hemisphere for quite some time.

"Everywhere we went," he says, "from Montevideo to Punta del Este to Rio de Janeiro, South America is booming!"

When asked about the most memorable aspect of the trip, Dr. Longo said he was impressed with the desire of everyone to improve the state of medicine in South America.

"To see their interest in and commitment to contemporary medicine," he replies, "that they're aware of what's going on here and in the rest of the world, and that they're on the move to achieve the highest levels and best practices of the professions—that's what I appreciated the most."

"It's fabulous that he was given this honorary doctorate, and that he took the stage with so many very important people," Dr. Yellon adds. "He views himself as just a messenger in service."

Dr. Longo's humility is driven by his recognition that it's important for researchers to maintain their focus on the goal of service.

"All of this is to improve care for mothers and children, that's the bottom line," he says. "It includes decreasing mortality for mothers and babies, and lessening mortality for young children. Right now, they want applied science that will help them deliver a higher class of medical care. They're trying to improve mankind, personkind."

The 2011 session represents the third time Dr. Longo was asked to make a presentation to this international congress.

"They meet every two years," he notes. "Twenty

years ago, I gave an address at the first congress in Tokyo. It's a very good forum."

When asked what he thinks about research as a career, Dr. Longo says that, as an ardent creationist, he enjoys exploring the wonders of the human body and seeing the evidence of creative genius.

"All of life is so complex with multiple, multiple layers of complexity," he observes. "There has to be some kind of celestial design committee."

He pauses a moment before concluding on a confessional note.

"Rather than feeling like I'm working hard, I feel like a kid who gets paid to go fishing," he grins. "This is what I love to do!"

The 11th World Congress of Perinatal Medicine is scheduled for June 2013 in Moscow, Russia.

More information is available online through the website of the parent organization, the World Association of Perinatal Medicine, at <www.wapm.info/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx>.



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According to Ms. Batten, unprecedented numbers of Loma Linda University School of Medicine students responded to the call for entries for the scientific poster session. "The scientific posters were on view from Thursday to Monday," she notes. "Altogether, 120 students entered posters. That's the highest number ever. We were just shocked!"

Other highlights of the APC weekend included:

- Morning devotionals with Chaplain Saul Barcelo, from Loma Linda University Children's Hospital;
- Friday evening vespers with renowned vocal artist Wintley A. Phipps and Greg Boyle, known as "the Gandhi of the Gangs of Los Angeles" for his work in helping gang members find work and leave the destructive life of street gangs behind;
- The Sabbath school program, which featured members of the anniversary class of 1987;
- The Church at Worship, which included a sermon by Randy Roberts, DMin, senior

pastor, along with participation by members of the anniversary classes of 1962 and 1987;

- The Annual AIMS (Adventist International Medical Society) Meeting and Mission Symposium, which included reports on the new AIMS project for supporting overseas medical and dental work and a report from the General Conference on missions;
- Ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremonies for the new Monument Sign on the lower campus quadrangle and the Founder's Plaza, located between Magan Hall and the Del E. Webb Memorial Library;
- The LLUSM National Auxiliary Mission Vespers, which was held Saturday evening in the Loma Linda University Church; and
- The Saturday night musical program featuring the 140-voice Masters of Harmony, Southern California's premier men's chorus, and 16-year-old violin virtuoso Milden Lai Pang.

The concluding event of the weekend was the 80th Annual Postgraduate Convention gala, which was held Monday evening, March 5, in

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Wilbur Alexander, PhD, ethicist, and Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of the university, enjoy a lighthearted moment during the Founders Plaza dedication as a result of Dr. Hart's introduction of him as "our resident saint." Moments later, Dr. Alexander offered the invocation for the service.



Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University, and B. Lyn Behrens, MBBS, emeritus president, share recollections of earlier days when plans for the new Founders Plaza were first discussed.



Ribbons and bows fall to the lawn during dedication ceremonies for the new monument sign located near the corner of Anderson and Stewart streets in Loma Linda. The event took place the afternoon of Saturday, May 3, during the 80th Annual Postgraduate Convention of the alumni association of the School of Medicine at Loma Linda University. Participating are (from left) Tricia Y. Penniecook, MD, MPH, dean of the School of Public Health; Craig Jackson, JD, MSW, dean of the School of Allied Health Professions; Marilyn Herrmann, PhD, dean of the School of Nursing; Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University; Billy Hughes, PhD, dean of the School of Pharmacy; Fred Schumann, MD, a representative of the School of Medicine class of 1970; and Frank Damazo, MD, a representative of the School of Medicine class of 1948. The four schools and two classes supported the design and construction of the sign.



Richard A. Schaefer, campus historian of Loma Linda University, reads the text of several commemorative plaques designed to celebrate key events in the university's history during dedication ceremonies for the new Founders Plaza located between Magan Hall and the Del E. Webb Memorial Library. The plaques conclude with Ellen White's memorable statement, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."



Frank Damazo, MD, addresses the crowd at a special ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony for the new monument sign on Saturday, March 3. To his right is Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of LLU. Dr. Damazo is a member of the class of 1948. Along with the School of Medicine class of 1970 and the deans of the LLU Schools of Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Allied Health Professions, the School of Medicine class of 1948 provided financial support that enabled the design and construction of the new sign.



Moments after cutting the ribbon for the new Founders Plaza at Loma Linda University, some of the people whose generosity enabled the design and construction of the plaza gather to commemorate the event, including (from left) Rose and William Swatek, MD, Ernest Zane, MD, Richard Catalano, MD, Kay Jesse, Patti Catalano, Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, E. Edward Zinke, MDiv, Ann Zinke, Anita Schultz, and Mark Schultz. Dr. Zane represented the class of 1956; Dr. and Mrs. Catalano and Mrs. Jesse represent the University Councilors. Not pictured are representatives of the James F. Barnard Memorial Endowment.



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the Empire Ballroom of the Doubletree Hotel Ontario Airport. Honored alumni included Janesta Janzen, George H. Petti Jr., Weldon D. Schumacher, and David G. Small from the Golden Anniversary class of 1962, as well as Pierce J. Moore Jr. from the class of 1944-B, and Larry L. Thomas from the class of 1974.

Hubert Watkins, a member of the class of 1962, received the Iner Sheld-Ritchie Presidential Award at the Gala, and Loma Linda University President Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, was honored as the 2012 Alumnus of the Year for his contributions to missions throughout his career in addition to his innovative leadership at the university.



Nicole M. Batten, MA (right), executive director of the Alumni Association of the School of Medicine at Loma Linda University, applauds while Gary R. Barker, MD, president of the association, welcomes guests to the 80th Annual Postgraduate Convention Gala at the Doubletree Hotel Ontario Airport.

Ms. Batten says she enjoyed talking with alumni throughout the weekend. "I enjoyed hearing their stories of how much they accomplished over the years, as well as learning about the lives they touched, and how much Loma Linda means to them," she shares.

When asked to characterize the first APC under her direction, Ms. Batten says she's pleased at how well everything worked.

"I think it was a solid success," she reflects. "People came away feeling that they were personally blessed by both the scientific programming and the spiritual emphasis, which tugged on their heartstrings. They walked away feeling good about the weekend and about their school."



Hubert Watkins, MD, a member of the class of 1962, thanks the alumni association of the School of Medicine at Loma Linda University for presenting him the 2012 Iner Sheld-Ritchie Presidential Award. Dr. Watkins also accepted the Honored Alumnus award for his friend and fellow classmate, Weldon D. Schumacher, MD, who was unable to attend.



With the exuberance of rowdy schoolmates, seven former presidents of the alumni association of the School of Medicine of Loma Linda University celebrate the successful culmination of the 80th Annual Postgraduate Convention. The event was held on Monday, March 5, at the Doubletree Hotel Ontario Airport. They are (from left) Robert Soderblom, Clifford Walters, Winston Richards, and Roger Seheult, (bottom row, from left) Marilyn Herber, Janesta Janzen, and Donna Carlson.



H. Roger Hadley, MD, dean of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, commends Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH (right), president of Loma Linda University, for his dedication to mission service as well as his innovative leadership of the university, as Gary R. Barker, MD, president of the alumni association, looks on. Dr. Hart was called onstage to receive the 2012 Alumnus of the Year award at the conclusion of the 80th Annual Postgraduate Convention Gala.

Clinic With A Heart serves 279 Inland Empire residents with free dental care ...

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with 474 other volunteers—a Clinic With A Heart record.



Bundled up against the chilly morning, Inland Empire patients await treatment.

The 477 volunteers of the school's 22nd Clinic With A Heart comprised:

- 45 LLU faculty
- 13 LLU residents
- 66 LLU staff
- 40 Fourth-year dental students
- 48 Third-year dental students
- 29 Second-year dental students
- 45 First-year dental students
- 30 Junior dental hygiene students
- 39 Senior dental hygiene students
- 11 Chaffey College dental assisting students
- 30 Baldy View Regional occupational program dental assisting students
- 11 Riverside City College dental assisting/hygiene students
- 8 LLU School of Nursing students
- 33 International dentist program students
- 29 Visiting volunteers

The efficiently run event provided a record total \$45,455 in dental services.

Procter & Gamble Company's subsidiaries, Crest and Oral-B, continue to support Clinic With A Heart through their dental science liaison manager Desi Nuckolls, funding the 500

custom T-shirts ordered from "Special Ts" for the volunteers, as well as by contributing \$1,000 for the needy kids fund, and \$250 for toothbrushes and toothpaste.



Three Clinic With A Heart volunteers treat a patient. Edward Ko, DDS, MS (right, standing), associate professor, department of restorative dentistry, supervises Joy Richardson (center, dentistry class of 2013), assisted by an unidentified student volunteer.



## HANDS-ON LEARNING

## Nichol Hall vegetable garden connects students with food

By Heather Reifsnyder

A gardening movement has taken root among the Schools of Allied Health Professions and Public Health at Loma Linda University. About three dozen students have become avid workers of the soil since this school year began.

Their vegetable garden, called Nichol Hall Sprouts, sits on the hill as witness to the idea that having a physical connection to the food one eats can lead to healthier nutrition.

The intention of the garden, according to faculty sponsor Eddy Jara, DrPH, is first to increase student enthusiasm and skill to grow their own food. "The longer-term goal is for the enthusiasm for locally grown foods to spread in the community," he says.

Anny Ha agrees. One of the garden's student leaders, she says the spread of knowledge is key. "The students themselves can grow their own food at home and also teach other people how to make food even more accessible in their own homes," she explains.

Student gardener Askari Addison became involved because, as a future epidemiologist, he had recently begun to learn about the importance of nutrition to large-scale health.

He explains, "I was interested in learning how practical, small-scale local farming could be instituted into an urban setting to help provide healthy food for impoverished communities without easy access to whole vegetables."

Many of the students involved are studying to be dietitians. In their careers, they can teach others the skills they are learning. But the benefits in students' personal lives can be notable as well.

For one thing, the garden is building a sense of community between the two schools that share Nichol Hall. It also serves to extend learning beyond just coursework.

"We've had so many amazing conversations about health that didn't take place sitting in a classroom," Ms. Ha says.

Additionally, it connects the students to their own selves.

"I feel that as we're growing these vegetables, we're learning to take better care of ourselves," says Ms. Ha. "It's a nice way to build a stronger foundation from within."

Mr. Addison agrees. "Gardening requires physical labor, mental preparation, and quiet time. It allows one, if he or she chooses, to remember the Creator who instituted all these things," he says.



The new Sprouts Garden located at Nichol Hall gives students a community garden to learn how to build sustainable landscapes.

The garden began during the 2010-11 school year. All the plots were shared, and the students involved would come together for workdays. After harvests they would cook and share the produce they had grown together.

This school year, the garden is operating in a way that gives students more individual ownership and works much like a community garden. The students divide into teams, each of which has its own plot to care for.

"This is going to be the beginning," Ms. Ha says. "We are working to expand the garden space."

As part of the garden program, several events have been held for individuals interested in sustainable gardening. The first event, held February 10, featured Janet Hartin Bush, a nationally recognized expert on sustainable landscape practices.

Another event was held March 2. This event taught attendees how to harvest and cook together, and plant new seeds for the spring.

Those interested in learning more about the program can contact <kalegarden@gmail.com>.

## Founders Plaza dedication presentation ...

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beauty of the wood ducks, I thought, "You know, that is a symbol." Then I paused and said, "So is Loma Linda! God has made a beautiful place."

Yes, but God also made the mud hens, and He put us all in the same pond together. And whether we are a mud hen or a wood duck, indeed, God has asked us to be together.

As Father Greg said to us last night in the program, "Loma Linda is not just a place to come to, it is a place to go from." And this place has told that story for so many years through the thousands of graduates who have gone all over the world, the hundreds of institutions they have started, the millions of patients they

have treated. Only eternity will tell the full impact this place has had.

So, this afternoon we are privileged to commemorate the first year of Loma Linda's history. The beginning of a great place, a place that is still in progress as you can see.

Loma Linda never stops, and this is one example of that. There will eventually be a set of steps, coming down here, with round pavement in the middle. The scene will actually go up in the middle of this area, and then steps coming on down with lighting, and a sign up above to commemorate the beginning of this university.

I have the privilege of having my office right there. My dad is looking out the window right

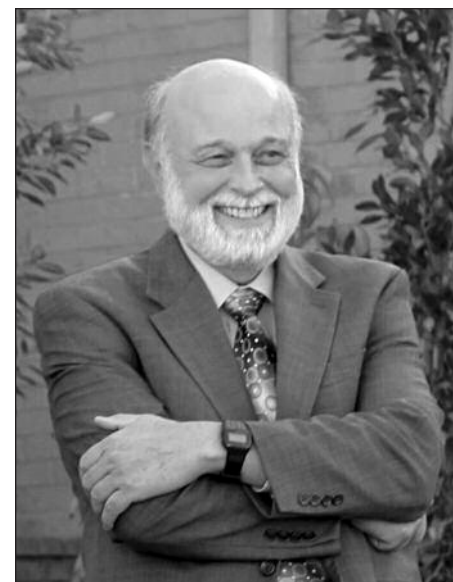
now! So I was able to watch this under construction. I was able to watch people as they went down the Centennial Pathway—just walking along—and all of a sudden they pause, look down, and start shuffling as they read the pavers along the pathway, enjoying the history of Loma Linda. I've often stood there and thought of what would it be like if Ellen White and John Burden were here today.

First of all, I suspect they would be very surprised that we are still on this earth—they truly expected to be in heaven by now. But then, I suspect, Ellen White would probably say, "What hath God wrought?"

Today we honor the vision of a campus she could not have foreseen at that time. All of the buildings, all of the things that are here. As you read on the historical plaque up here, in 1910—just five years before she died, and just five years after Loma Linda started—she came back on campus to dedicate a 750-seat chapel, and her comment was, "You folks have no idea what this place will become if you are faithful. This place, this chapel, is way too small." In 1910!

Indeed, Loma Linda has fulfilled her vision now. Six hospitals, eight schools, 4,500 students, seeing a million patients each year. It has truly become a place of healing; an icon for the world.

And that's because many of you have made it that way. These are the kind of projects that don't happen because of student tuition dollars or patient revenues. These happen because of all the donors—donors who have given liberally to make the pathway and mission globe a reality. Geri, thanks to you and your family for giving to [the mission globe]! The Centennial Complex behind that, and the new monument sign—all because of people who believe in this place.



Dr. Hart

I'm pleased to say that just this past Tuesday our Board of Trustees voted to move ahead with the Stewart Street renovation, so we will be widening that to four lanes with a pedestrian overpass to make the campus continuous for all the thousands of students who go up and down this pathway every day.

That's the place that Ellen White had envisioned—and the place it has become—and as she has so eloquently said, "We have absolutely nothing to fear for the future, except as we forget the way [God has led us in the past]."

When this is finally completed, thousands of students will walk through this pathway reading the history, remembering, looking back, reflecting on those who have shared with God around the mission globe, the story on the pathway, and the story of the beginning.

Indeed, I believe the best way to ensure our future is to remember our past.



Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University (at podium) addresses those attending the dedication service for the new Founders Plaza, which will be completed in a few weeks.



FOR THE CHILDREN

Big Air Kids Fair fills the air over Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital

By James Ponder

In what seems like one fluid, continuous motion, freestyle motocross ace Myles Richmond revs the engine of his hot-rod sky bike, points it toward a black diagonal ramp in front of Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital, and races down the pavement toward the ramp.

As the bike’s front tire breaches the ramp’s upper lip, Myles leans back on the handlebars and gooses the gas, launching a death-defying backflip over the trees.

To the amazement of the 200 LLU Children’s Hospital patients and staff gathered on the lawn to watch the ninth annual Big Air Kids Fair, Myles flings the bike into a 360-degree, mid-air curlicue.

At the top of the frenzied turn, he’s completely upside down over nothing but concrete 35 feet below.

As the crowd contemplates what might happen should Myles and the motorbike—which is positioned, at the moment, directly over him—lose their fight with gravity and plummet to the pavement, he thrusts both legs under the

handlebars in a bravado display of derring-do designed to elicit loud gasps from the crowd.

A nanosecond later, bike and rider return to full upright position, and Myles points the airborne two-wheeler toward its imminent appointment with an oversized landing pad at the far end of the corridor.

As he nails the landing, the spectators erupt in wild applause.

“Ladies and gentlemen,” the announcer says perhaps a moment too late, “give it up for Mr. Myles Richmond!”

While Myles turns the bike around and waves to the crowd, Bryce Hudson, his partner in motorized aerial ballet, speeds towards the ramp and soars into the stratosphere. For the next 10 minutes, the sky riders dazzle and wow the crowd.

All too soon, the show comes to an end and the announcer tells the crowd that the riders—along with fellow motocross superstars Jeremy McGrath, Ronnie Renner, Josh Hansen, Justin Brayton, and Christian Craig—will be heading upstairs to visit the

patients of LLU Children’s Hospital, handing out gifts, and encouraging them to keep going in spite of the obstacles they face.

No sooner have Myles and Bryce removed their helmets than they are mobbed by kids eager to get their autographs and attention. Some of the kids are in wheelchairs, others pull portable IV

stands behind them. What they want is to forget, just for a moment, that they’re patients in a hospital instead of just kids having fun.

What the riders do for a living seems wild and dangerous, especially to people unfamiliar with the high-powered world of extreme sports. At the moment, however, it looks downright poetic.



An estimated 200 patients and staff gathered in front of Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital on Friday, February 3, to watch freestyle motocross riders Myles Richmond and Bryce Hudson put on an acrobatic aerial display above the parking lot. The riders delighted the crowd, eliciting gasps on several occasions.



He may be up in the air, but this freestyle motocrosser doesn’t mind showing off a bit for the crowd at the ninth annual Big Air Kids Fair at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital. A split-second later, he climbed back on the bike, pointed it towards the landing ramp on the right, and returned safely to earth.



Upside down and 35 feet above the ground, Myles Richmond appears to pivot on nothing more substantial than the vapor trail of a passing jet. In reality, the momentum gained while pulling back on the handlebars after launching from a steep ramp at 25 miles per hour enables him to execute the show-stopping maneuver with self assurance.



It only looks like Myles Richmond is falling out of the sky. In reality, he’s in the final stages of executing a 360-degree aerial loop on his motorcycle at the ninth annual Big Air Kids Fair for the patients of Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital. Mr. Richmond, who lives in Cherry Valley, is one of a small cadre of elite motorcyclists capable of performing the dazzling stunt.



Moments after completing a flawless back flip in midair, Myles Richmond touches down on the surface of a large landing ramp in the parking lot of Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital. No sooner did he complete the jump than he headed back to the launching ramp to do it again. The crowd erupted in oohs and aahs each time he nailed the landing.



BENEFIT CONCERT

Allied health presents concert to benefit orphanage in Haiti

Contributed report

Larnelle Harris and the Heritage Singers will perform on campus together in a benefit concert on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the Campus Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church. The concert, presented by the Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions, is free and open to the public.

The concert starts at 5:00 p.m. and will be held at 11057 Hill Drive in Loma Linda. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. the night of the concert, and all seating is first come, first served in all sections. Concert attendees are asked to bring glass, plastic, and aluminum recyclables to benefit the Venez Enfants et Vivez Mieux Orphanage in Haiti.

For the past two years, the School of Allied Health Professions has established a school-wide recycling program that directly benefits Haitian orphans.

Newly-inducted into the prestigious Gospel Music Hall of Fame, Larnelle Harris has garnered numerous accolades for his music,

including five Grammy Awards, eleven Dove Awards (three of which were for Male Vocalist of the Year), and a Stellar Award, among other honors. Mr. Harris was one of the first Christian artists to cross racial barriers and build healing bridges with predominantly white churches, which had never had a black singer on their platform. He has garnered 19 No. 1 radio singles and countless top 10 hits, including three top 10 national inspirational singles in the past 12 months alone.

Songs such as “How Excellent Is Thy Name,” “I Miss My Time With You,” “I’ve Just Seen Jesus,” and many others—including his signature song, “Amen,”—are now considered modern classics.

The Heritage Singers are celebrating their 40th year of music ministry. A group of carefully selected vocalists with singing styles ranging from traditional to contemporary Christian, the Heritage Singers have performed throughout the United States and around the world.

More than 250 singers have joined over the

years. Many have gone on to become ministers, teachers, physicians, nurses, dentists, and even disc jockeys. As new singers have joined, God has continued to bless their efforts.

Since the group originated in 1971, it has remained a self-supporting ministry. The Heritage Singers have recorded more than 100 albums and received many awards for outstanding achievement.

The group has toured all of North America and in more than 60 countries internationally, bringing the love of Jesus to thousands through the universal language of music, performing more than 7,000 concerts, and traveling more than a million miles.

For more information on the benefit concert, contact Kisha Norris at <knorris@llu.edu> or (909) 558-7790.

LOCAL OUTREACH

Clinic With A Heart serves 279 Inland Empire residents with free dental care

By Douglas Hackleman

Two-hundred-and-fifty adults and 29 children from the Inland Empire with outstanding oral health care needs received treatment at no cost Sunday, January 22, 2012, at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry’s 22nd annual Clinic With A Heart.

Each of the 279 patients received a cleaning, a filling, or an extraction—and in the process an assessment of what else was needed to restore and maintain their oral health.

Despite the temporary absence of Mary Hartwell, the School of Dentistry’s dental clinics manager, who since 1990 has overseen the annual event, her three administrative assistants, Robin Fierro-Navarro, Miriam Yanez, and Lydia Perez, and the rest of Ms. Hartwell’s regular team, carried on in her absence, along

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Clinic With A Heart volunteer managers Miriam Yanez and Robin Fierro-Navarro display the T-shirts given to each volunteer.



Leif Bakland, DDS, MS, professor, department of endodontics, poses with a community supporter.

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