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LONG-TERM COMMITMENT

New program trains Haitians to heal their injured

By Heather Reifsnyder

Severe hurts and injuries require more than stitches, crutches, or slings; real healing necessitates rehabilitation. But for many Haitians wounded during the 2010 earthquake, this service has not been available. The LLU School of Allied Health Professions is resolving that.

The school will begin a rehabilitation technician certification program in Haiti on June 18 at Universite Adventiste d’Haiti, located in the Port-au-Prince suburb of Carrefour. The Loma Linda program will graduate approximately 16 rehabilitation technicians per year.

They will be needed. Currently, low numbers of occupational and physical therapists work in French-speaking Haiti, and many of those who do are temporary foreign volunteers. (There are 23 Haitian physical therapists helping in their own country, but no Haitian occupational therapists.) This is for a country that, even before the earthquake, had an estimated 10 percent of its population disabled.

That percentage has only grown since then.

Many people received limb amputations as a result of the earthquake. Countless others suffered spinal cord injuries, bone fractures, paralysis, peripheral nerve damage, or mental trauma. To date, many have had to rely on foreign workers for rehabilitation services.

“Volunteers are starting to dwindle as memories of the earthquake fade,” says Heather Thomas, PhD, co-director of the rehabilitation certificate and associate professor of occupational therapy.

“People are now dealing with other disasters in other parts of the world. What’s going to happen to all these people who need rehab services?” she asks.

Emily Rivas, DPT, can attest to the need for trained Haitian technicians, physical therapists, and occupational therapists. Now the rehabilitation coordinator at the neighboring Hopital Adventiste d’Haiti, this physical therapy alumna first visited Haiti about five months after the earthquake. She couldn’t forget what she saw.

“I came here and realized how great the need was, knew that I had the skills and abilities to



Emily Rivas, DPT, met this little girl during her first visit to Haiti in June 2010. The child had been in the hospital for several months with osteomyelitis of her femur, which had been fractured in the earthquake. Dr. Rivas felt herself pulled back to Haiti full time and will supervise clinical training for the new LLU rehabilitation certificate program.

help fill that need, and was compelled to return,” says Dr. Rivas, who began her full-time position in Haiti during the summer of 2011. “No matter how I tried to forget about it, I kept being reminded of the need in Haiti.”

The hospital will serve as the clinical training site for the rehabilitation program, with Dr. Rivas supervising. The hospital is part of the

LLU-based nonprofit Adventist Health International, which partners with health care services in developing countries.

The rehabilitation technology program will be the second to operate in Haiti. Loma Linda University will administer the program for the first five to seven years. During this time, courses will be taught by Loma Linda faculty, as well as alumni and community volunteers, in rotations of one to two weeks at a time. Eventually, Universite Adventiste d’Haiti will take ownership of the program.

Loma Linda University, through its Global Health Institute, has involved itself heavily in efforts to help Haitians rebuild their lives. The institute sent medical professionals to assist at Hopital Adventiste d’Haiti within days of the quake and has continued to help provide volunteer clinicians and support personnel.

Dr. Thomas and Everett Lohman III, DSc, professor of physical therapy, were just two of the many who have traveled to Haiti since the earthquake.

“We both recognized the poverty of rehabilitation services in Haiti as contrasted to the almost insurmountable number of individuals with disability,” Dr. Lohman says.

Their observations served as the impetus for developing this new certification program in Haiti, which they will direct together.

“What we hope is that more Haitians will be rehabilitated,” says Dr. Thomas. “But we’re also hoping that this will instill the idea that further

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IMPACT OF OUTREACH

Cameroon experience shapes nutrition students

By Heather Reifsnyder

In her fight to improve health through nutrition, Sharyn Moss has something very big on her side: everyone loves to talk about food. This message hit home with her during her recent field experience in Cameroon.

“There is an instant connection with people when you show interest in what, how, when, and why they eat,” says Ms. Moss. “Food transcends cultures, languages, ages, and provides a way to speak with people about things that matter.”

Working toward a master of public health degree in nutrition, Ms. Moss chose to complete half her field practicum in Cameroon where fellow student, Kate Reinsma, MS, is doing her doctoral research on the efficacy of an audio program and discussion guide in encouraging women to exclusively breast-feed their newborns for at least six months.

Ms. Moss helped with data analysis and audio recording for the project. She also presented

local nutrition education courses, researched nutrition’s role in local disorders and diseases, and analyzed the value of common local foods.

Mothers everywhere are interested in learning how to increase their children’s chances for a

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Students Sharyn Moss, left, and Kate Reinsma study nutrition in Cameroon at its source—the field.

PEOPLE

Senior vice president for human resources named for Loma Linda University educational and health care entities

By Larry Kidder

The former chair of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has been named the new senior vice president for human resources for Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center.

Cari M. Dominguez, PhD, MA, has accepted the role as chief talent and diversity officer for all Loma Linda University entities. She has been serving as a consultant to Loma Linda University since May 2011. Her new duties began January 1, 2012.

“My role is to create a cohesive, overarching human resources strategy that will bring together all of the Loma Linda entities under one operational framework,” says Dr. Dominguez. “We need to find the right people for the right jobs in the right places.”

Once the right people are in the right places, Dr. Dominguez also sees her role as guiding those individuals in their professional development and training in leadership.

“Our workforce must be competent, compas-

sionate, and diverse,” she explains. “We must have a cohesive structure that creates uniformity while supporting uniqueness among entities and individuals.”

More specific to the educational side, Dr. Dominguez has been assigned the task of shaping the faculty and administration of Loma Linda University to more closely resemble the diversity of the student body. “It is important for all of our students to have faculty mentors to whom they can relate,” she points out.

Dr. Dominguez has had two presidential appointments to federal public policy-making positions requiring Senate confirmation, which she received unanimously. While serving as chair of the EEOC, she oversaw an agency with a budget of \$325 million and 53 offices throughout the U.S.

In addition, she served as assistant secretary and director of the office of federal contract compliance programs at the U.S. Department of Labor. In those roles, she administered employment laws and regulations that affected millions of U.S. workers.

Her corporate experience has included senior human resource positions at Bank of America.

A former member of the Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center Board of Trustees, Dr. Dominguez has served on numerous not-for-profit boards.

She is a founding member and first board chair of the Olney Adventist Preparatory School in Olney, Maryland, and has received numerous awards and national recognition

for her public policy-making roles.

Hispanic Business Magazine included her as one of the “100 Most Influential Hispanics” in the U.S. She is also a corporate director of the ManpowerGroup and the Calvert SAGE Fund.

Dr. Dominguez received her BA and MA degrees from The American University’s School of International Service, located in Washington, D.C.

She is a fellow of the advanced study program in public management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2003, Loma Linda University conferred upon her the honorary doctor of humanitarian service degree.

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rehab education is needed. Eventually a bachelor’s degree program in OT and PT needs to be developed in Haiti.”

The school needs volunteers to help with course instruction in Haiti. If interested, physical and occupational therapists may contact Everett Lohman or Heather Thomas at <elohman@llu.edu> or <hthomas@llu.edu> respectively.

Dr. Rivas will welcome and orient the visiting instructors. She believes the effort of volunteering to be worthwhile.

Sponsored by Global Health Institute, she is committed to staying in Haiti for at least one year. Though administrative and various other tasks keep her from doing as much direct patient care as she’d like, she knows even these jobs result in better patient care.

“Haiti is a place that most people in the devel-

oped world have forgotten, since it is no longer at the forefront of media attention,” she says. “However, there is a lot of potential for good things to come from such a tragic event. I am just happy that I have the privilege to experience and be a part of it.”

In the future, Loma Linda may also offer a certificate program in orthotics and prosthetics at Universite Adventiste d’Haiti. This is a discipline the School of Allied Health Professions has recently begun offering on its California campus; a new entry-level master of orthotics and prosthetics program began in fall 2011.

“Of all of the medical, nursing, mental health, and allied health professions needed to react to the crisis in Haiti following the devastating earthquake,” Dr. Lohman says, “the only one that was painfully missing from the Loma Linda University arsenal was the orthotic and prosthetic profession. We are thrilled that our first cohort of orthotists and prosthetists from LLU will graduate in June 2014.”



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better existence, Ms. Moss observed. She also discovered that she has something meaningful to share with people about nutrition’s true import.

“The experience encouraged me that what I’m learning does, in fact, have practical application and meaningful implications in the sense that it can change lives,” she says. “Nutrition can help people move from simply surviving to thriving.”

Ms. Moss, who fulfilled the other half of her field practicum with a community development organization in Costa Mesa, California, will graduate this June. She hopes to find work in either a clinical or nonprofit setting. She is also interested in teaching community nutrition classes.

However, Ms. Moss has not finalized her ultimate career plans as of yet.

“I want to make an impact in so many ways,” she says. “I want to help equip mothers with the

tools and knowledge to properly feed their children. I want to empower people to take charge of their own health by simply changing what’s on their plate. I want to help people thrive, whether they are here in my neighborhood or across the ocean in a small village in Africa.”

Ms. Reinsma will soon complete her field research and return to the United States in February to interpret her data and write her dissertation. She plans to graduate in June and would like to teach international development and nutrition, as well as continue doing research in Cameroon.

The country is near to her heart. This is actually her second extended stay in Cameroon, having spent two years there as a Peace Corps volunteer.

“It was while I was in Cameroon that I discovered my passion for public health and decided to pursue a doctorate in public health nutrition,” says Ms. Reinsma.

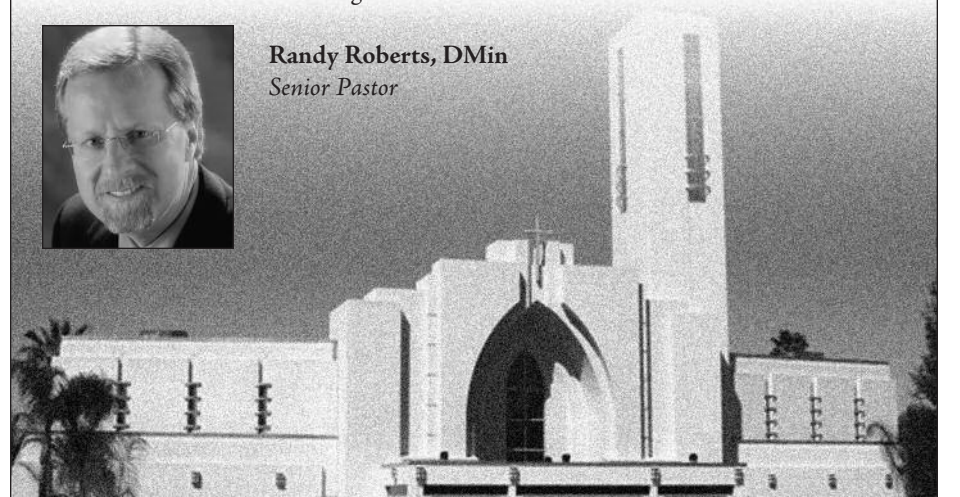
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PEOPLE

Lyndon Edwards appointed new vice president for LLUMC-East Campus

By James Ponder

Lyndon Edwards, MBA, MHS, has been appointed vice president for Loma Linda University Medical Center-East Campus Hospital, effective January 30, 2012.

Prior to his appointment at East Campus, Mr. Edwards was associate administrator at Shands Vista and Shands Rehab hospitals, which are affiliates of the University of Florida Health System in Gainesville.

According to Daniel Fontoura, MPPM, senior vice president and administrator of university hospital, the process of finding and hiring the right person for the job was multifaceted and complex.

"We retained the services of Integrated Healthcare Strategies (IHS), an executive recruitment firm, to conduct a nationwide search," Mr. Fontoura explains. "They distributed the information of what we were looking for to a variety of individuals, and came back to us with a list of eight to 10 candidates.



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"We also formed an in-house search committee," Mr. Fontoura adds. "That group generated another 10 to 15 names which we submitted to IHS. They contacted each of these folk to get a reasonable feel of their fitness for the position."

Not only did IHS interview each candidate, but it also ran reference checks, conducted reference interviews, and tested each applicant's leadership potential.

When the lengthy process was complete, IHS presented a list of three highly qualified individuals to the medical center for consideration.

"We submitted those candidates to the Care Picks process," Mr. Fontoura says. "That meant they were each interviewed by Zareh Sarrafian, myself, and human resource management as a way to better understand each candidate. We used behaviorally based interviewing to assess their leadership aptitude, experience, and behavior. After that, we as a committee caucused and had a rich and extensive dialogue about the three."

When the caucusing came to an end, one name emerged as the clear winner: Lyndon Edwards.

That didn't mean, however, that Mr. Edwards would be offered the job. Because the position is so crucially important to the overall success of East Campus, his name was submitted to the Gallup Leadership Institute for a leadership assessment interview.

"A very strong profile emerged from that interview," Mr. Fontoura observes. "After that, we extended him an offer of employment as a corporate officer at LLU Medical Center. He accepted, and we're delighted that he is scheduled to start with us on January 30, 2012."

Mr. Edwards was first associated with the Shands at the University of Florida Health System in 1997 when he joined that organization as an administrative resident. He rose through the ranks, serving in a variety of capacities until being assigned his current position in

2008. He received his MBA and MHS degrees from the University of Florida in 1998.

Mr. Edwards is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He has served a number of organizations including the University of Florida Health Services Administration Alumni Board of Directors, North Central Florida Healthcare Executives, United Way, and Children's Miracle Network. In addition, he has served the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church of Gainesville as head elder, and Shelter from the Storm Ministries, a transitional living program for ex-convicts, as a volunteer.

Mr. Edwards says that he and his family are looking forward to relocating to the Inland Empire.

"I developed a strong feeling that this is where God wanted me to be," he reports. "My family and I feel truly blessed to have this opportunity to work and live in such a special place. I hope to continue the tremendous work that is

currently going on at the East Campus and the commitment to providing excellent care and service to our patients."

Mr. Fontoura looks forward to Mr. Edwards' arrival on campus.

"We are very pleased to have Mr. Edwards as our new administrator at Loma Linda University Medical Center East Campus," Mr. Fontoura notes. "He brings tremendous experience, skills, and energy that East Campus will benefit from as it continues to expand its ministry. Its unique campus setting and patient-focused care ensure that it will continue to distinguish itself as an important part of the LLUMC portfolio."

Mr. Edwards concludes on a positive note. "I look forward," he says, "to working with our employees, our staff, our physicians, the other system leaders, and our community to continue to grow and enrich the services provided on the East Campus. I'm excited that East Campus

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ALUMNI

LLU alumnus receives Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers

By Larry Kidder

A Loma Linda University School of Medicine alumnus was recently among 94 researchers nationwide to receive the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, according to the Office of Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health, centered in Bethesda, Maryland.

This award is the highest honor given by the U.S. government to independent researchers in science and engineering who are beginning their research careers.

James M. Gulley earned his MD and PhD degrees from Loma Linda University School of Medicine, graduating in 1995.

He currently serves as senior investigator and director of the Center for Cancer Research at the National Cancer Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Gulley has been involved in designing and carrying out a number of clinical trials to treat prostate and other types of cancer at the National Cancer Institute since 1999. He has authored more than 100 articles, reviews, and

chapters on immunotherapy and cancer treatments, and he has made presentations at national and international meetings.

In February 1996, the National Science and Technology Council was commissioned by President Bill Clinton to create an awards program to honor and support extraordinary achievements of young professionals at the outset of their independent research careers in the fields of science and technology.

The awards are intended to recognize and nurture some of the finest scientists and engineers who, while early in their research careers, show exceptional potential for leadership at the frontiers of scientific knowledge during the 21st century.

The White House, following recommendations from participating agencies, confers the awards annually. Each award spans five years. Selection criteria and processes are dependent upon individual agencies.

Dr. Gulley is a member of the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he serves as an elder and chair of the stewardship committee. He and his wife, Tenise, have two children.



James Gulley, MD, PhD (third from left), a 1995 graduate of LLU School of Medicine, was among 94 to receive the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. He is pictured with (from left) Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health; Kathleen Sibelius, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services; and (right) John P. Holdren, director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

School of Medicine

Dedication Service for medical students

School of Medicine freshmen dedication services will be held on Friday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Loma Linda University Church of Seventh-day Adventists. Guest speaker for the event will be Randall Roberts, DMin, senior pastor of the LLU Church.

The dedication service is part of Family Day sponsored by the School of Medicine. Each year, first-year medical students have a chance to bring their parents to class. Family Day provides parents, many of whom have been supporting their daughters and sons through medical school financially and emotionally, with the opportunity to show their support in person. Throughout the day, parents and students share classroom experiences.

All interested individuals are invited to attend the Friday evening service.

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

School of Public Health reenergizes its research strategy

By Heather Reifsnnyder

The Loma Linda University School of Public Health is restructuring its research approach in order to increase new findings that improve people's lives—particularly in areas where the school offers something unique to the scientific community due to Loma Linda University's historical emphasis on the impact lifestyle can have on health.

"I am personally very excited for what I'm sure will be a new era in research for our school," says Dean Tricia Pennicook, MD, MPH. "We look forward to redesigning our infrastructure and continuing to develop a strong research agenda that is relevant to society's needs."

A key piece of the strategy is the appointment of Gary Fraser, MD, PhD, to the new position of associate dean for research. For decades, he has been at the forefront of the university's research as principal investigator of the federally funded Adventist Health Studies.

Additionally, Pramil Singh, DrPH, associate professor of epidemiology and global health, is now also director of the school's Center for Health Research. Together, they are designing a new vision for research.

"We have something special to offer the world through our research," says Dr. Fraser, "particularly regarding how lifestyle drives good health. With this new concerted approach, we plan to link our departments better to further maximize our discoveries."

Poor diet, smoking, and pollution pose major public health challenges locally and globally, according to Dr. Singh. "The School of Public Health has notable strengths in addressing these challenges and the Center for Health Research will be working to develop this type of research at the school," he says.

Wesley James, MPH, MA, will also join the team as assistant director of the Center for Health Research. Previously, he was a senior research analyst with the university's office of research affairs. In his new role, he will support the school's investigators in project proposals and management.

"In the first one to three years, I want to increase the number of proposals that are awarded funding," he says. "My long-term vision is to expand and strengthen the network of global researchers, as well as develop the School of Public Health to be a resource center for those engaged in health ministry around the world."

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plays an important role in the strategic vision for LLU Medical Center and LLU Adventist Health Sciences Center.

"We are faced with many challenges in a very complex and constantly changing health care environment that make our work difficult, but I believe that with God's help, all things are possible. I'm anxious to get started."

As it moves toward the future, the School of Public Health is also undertaking several other staff changes to further propel its work.

First, alumna Huma Shah, DrPH, is joining the department of health policy and management as assistant professor.

"After 15 years of practical experience, I felt I had some platform to give back to the students and apply theoretical frameworks to real-life examples, providing for a more enriching classroom experience," Dr. Shah says. "I am looking forward to being a part of the student's experience where ideas are discovered and nurtured."

Currently, she is director of research for Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center. She will retain those duties, which she hopes will both advance her own research and provide

students an opportunity to get involved.

Tracy-Ann Dawes, EdS, and Molly Dougherty will fill two newly created positions. Ms. Dougherty, who has been serving as a research assistant, will now focus her full energy on something she has helped with unofficially for years—student writing skills.

"If we can write and communicate with the public clearly, with a minimum of jargon, it will

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Allied health staff spread holiday cheer through giving tree

By Heather Reifsnnyder

About 120 kids had Christmas gifts to open this year thanks to the School of Allied Health Professions. For the eighth year in a row, staff and faculty did a little extra holiday shopping to make sure other families besides their own could have a good Christmas.

"The whole idea is to make the kids happy," says Shirley Sing, admissions secretary. "The fun part is hoping that they will enjoy the gifts as much as you did going out and choosing them."

The school partners with the Salvation Army of San Bernardino in its effort to bring a merry Christmas to economically disadvantaged families. It's been a tradition since 2004, when Kathy Poss joined the school as an administrative assistant in admissions.

As a former Girl Scouts mother, Ms. Poss had led her troop in giving to Salvation Army kids at Christmastime for years. She had also done it with friends.

When she joined the School of Allied Health Professions, she felt it was something the school

should get involved in, too. They told her to take the lead.

"It's worked really well," says Ms. Poss. "The first year we took one family, then two, then three, then four. What we were finding is that we were giving a few kids several hundred dollars worth of toys."

So a few years ago, the Salvation Army asked the school to start doing a giving tree to reach even more kids.

They set up a Christmas tree with wish lists from individual children. A faculty or staff member selects one child—or more—and shops for the gift or gifts.

"We have people that will come and take four or five or six names off the tree," Ms. Poss says. "Some new participants come back and say, 'That was so fun; give me another name.'"

Other people don't have time to shop but donate cash. In those instances, Ms. Poss and Ms. Sing hit four or five stores in the hunt for just the right gifts.



Only about half the toys collected for the Salvation Army would fit in this photograph. With the gifts are admissions staff who helped make the project happen: (from left) Debbie Becker, Kathy Poss, Shirley Sing (kneeling), and Dana McCree. Not available for the photo were Emmalein Dharmaraj and Helen Martinez, MA, assistant dean of admissions and records.

"It is so fun to think that the kid would like an item, whether it's a fire engine, book, doll, or whatever," explains Ms. Sing. "It is so fun."

Other faculty and staff members must feel the same way, because Ms. Poss estimates participation at about 90 percent. This Christmas season, the school took 100 children's names and ended up having enough money for an extra 20 toys.

That makes Craig Jackson, JD, MSW, dean, feel proud.

"Community outreach is a hallmark of our university and the School of Allied Health Professions," he says. "It is gratifying that our staff and faculty share a portion of our blessings with others. We want to model our values to our students and meet the needs of our community."

PHILANTHROPY

Why giving back just makes sense to the Wiessemans

By James Ponder

Jeanne Wiesseman has a way with words. As husband George explains why the couple considers giving to Loma Linda University a sensible thing to do, Jeanne caps it off with a colorful observation.

"We can't take it with us when we go!"

The couple met outside a Hermiston, Oregon, bar in 1942. They were students at Walla Walla College (now University) where George was a junior pre-med major from Oregon and Jeanne, an undecided junior from North Dakota.

One night, they went into town to raise money for the needy through the Harvest Ingathering program. The men traveled in one car and the women in another, but to make sure the ladies didn't get in trouble when they went into pool halls and taverns to ask for donations, the men stood guard outside.

"George was my protector," Jeanne remembers.

"I'd never seen her before," he grins.

"The rest," Jeanne says with a mischievous twinkle, "is history!"

"Our honeymoon was the trip to Loma Linda in 1943," George shares.

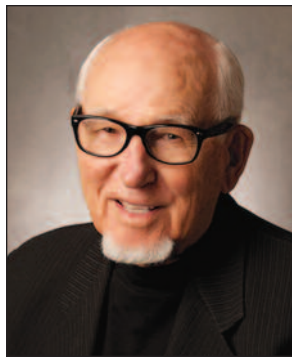
"We got here one day late for him to start anatomy class," Jeanne adds.

When they arrived, the newlyweds moved into the Annex, one of the oldest buildings on campus. While George dove headfirst into medical school, Jeanne went to work for Samuel Crooks, MD, who chaired the anatomy department.

"His wife was the famous Hulda Crooks," Jeanne says, "the lady who climbed Mt. Whitney so many times she became known as Grandma Whitney. George and I went with her three or four times, including her last ascent at age 91."

After George finished medical school and completed his internship at Los Angeles County General Hospital in 1948, the couple moved to Elsa, Texas, in the lower Rio Grande Valley near Harlingen.

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Innerweave: New beginnings

By Wil Alexander, PhD

New beginnings at the beginning of a New Year usually include resolves toward the spiritual in life. Gerald May offers interesting, inspiring, and hopeful words:

"Authentic spiritual practice is nothing other than consecration in action. It is feeling your deepest desire, claiming it as a freshly born (New Year's) hope, offering it to God, and consciously living it as fully as you can. At its best, practice is the active seeking of heart-freedom, to ache and to sing, to suffer and to play.

"Practice includes everything you do in life that has a consecrated intent. It is practice to seek a loving, waking presence in your work, to try to be open, to hope, not to forget the divine presence through all of your action and stillness.

"Practice is a participative, prayerful hope—hope to which you are committed, hope for which you have given yourself ... toward sensing and responding to the Gift of Love, remembering the divine presence as you move through the activities of each day, realizing—making real—the truth of Love's pervasiveness in all you are and do."

From May's book *The Awakened Heart*

Yours in faith, love, and hope ...



Standing in front of a photo of their beloved Mt. Whitney, George and Jeanne Wiesseman celebrate 70 years of marriage. The couple climbed the mountain 12 times, most recently to celebrate their 50th anniversary in 1993. Son Gary was 4 or 5 when he went along on their first ascent. "We told him he would get a bicycle if he made it all the way," Jeanne says. "He was disappointed when the bicycle wasn't waiting at the top. He got one, of course, when we came back down."

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"I worked there with Joe DeWitt in general practice," George recalls. "Dr. Joseph DeWitt from the class of 1932."

A year later, they returned to California for a year of postgraduate surgery and an MS in surgery, followed by a residency in orthopedic surgery at White Memorial Hospital (now Medical Center). "The last year of my residency was at Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles," George adds. For her part, Jeanne completed the first of five degrees she would receive from Loma Linda University—a bachelor of science in medical technology.

At this point, keeping up with the Wiessemans becomes an exercise in ubiquity.

"The Army sent us to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where I was a captain in the Army Medical Corps," George says.

After Texas, they transferred to the 3rd Army hospital at Ft. Benning, Georgia, where George served as an orthopedic surgeon until discharge in 1955. Then they returned to the Inland Empire where he went into practice with Claran Jesse, MD, at the old Loma Linda Sanitarium on the hill.

"Our office was on the northwest side of the building," he remembers. "We were there from 1955 to 1960, and during that time we purchased our first house on Ash Street in Redlands."

Jeanne went back to school again, earning a master's in biochemistry at LLU. Then she picked up a DrPH and an MPH from the school of public health. In 1960, she accepted an invitation to teach at the school of medical technology at Bangkok Adventist Hospital, in Thailand.

"They found a job for me so they could get Jeanne," George laughs. He practiced orthopedic surgery at the hospital for nine years, serving as medical director part of that time. He cites their stay in Thailand as the best years of their lives.

In 1969, the couple returned to California. George practiced orthopedic surgery for two years at Riverside County Hospital and four years at San Bernardino County Hospital.

In 1975, they accepted a call to Saigon Adventist Hospital. True to form, when asked what they did in Vietnam, Jeanne replies in her usual high-handed style.

"We evacuated," she says. "We went there in February of 1975 and left in April."

At the fall of Saigon, the Wiessemans returned to Loma Linda. This time, George went to work as an orthopedic surgeon at LLU Medical Center and as an associate professor in the LLU School of Medicine. He took over as interim chair of orthopedic surgery from 1979 to 1984, and chair in 1985. He held the position until 1987.

Meanwhile, Jeanne decided that a bachelor's degree, two master's degrees, and a doctorate weren't enough. So she picked up her fifth and final degree, an MS in marriage and family counseling, in 1980.

"I think I went to school to avoid working," she confides.

At age 66, George retired from full-time practice in 1987. Not wanting to "just sit around all day," he went to work part-time for Arrowhead Evaluation Service, Riverside General Hospital, and San Bernardino County Hospital.

In 1999, while still working, he volunteered at the SAC Norton Clinic in San Bernardino.

At 81, George called it quits the second time in 2003. Sort of: in 2007, he joined Adventist Community Team Service in Loma Linda as a driver. He's 90 now, but still volunteers there one day a week.

In their spare time, George and Jeanne stay in touch with their kids and grandkids, raise citrus in the backyard, attend weekly services at Loma Linda University Church, and get together with friends.

"We've had so many blessings," Jeanne reflects. "I thank the Lord all the time!"

That positive outlook underlies their commitment to planned giving through Loma Linda University's office of philanthropy.

"We choose to give to Loma Linda University because we're more comfortable with what LLU is doing than we are with some organizations we could donate to," George observes. "There's been tremendous growth since we've been here, but right up to the present, LLU has stayed true to the original mission."

"Lyn Behrens and Dick Hart have kept the focus on missions," Jeanne agrees. "We feel



Romance was in the air in the spring of 1943 when the future Jeanne Wiesseman adjusted the bed of an Anniversary Speed Graphic Camera while fiancé George looked on with a smile. The couple was working on an assignment for a photography class they took together at Walla Walla College. They married later that year. Like Jeanne's saddle oxfords and bobby socks, styles come and go, but for the last 70 years, the couple has been enjoying each other's company and having fun together.

that's tremendously important!"

"Over the years, we've made several gifts to LLU," George continues, citing the bargain sale of a house the couple built across the street from their present home.

"That's right," Jeanne agrees. "Then we added a charitable gift annuity in our daughter's name. That will give her some income at a time of need. We also have one or two other annuities in our names."

"The most recent thing we did," George adds, "was set up an annuity trust when we sold our condo. If we're going to give, we're going to give to something that will make a positive contribution in this troubled world."

"I remember when Bill and Rose Swatek first came out here several years ago," she shares. "They came over here and talked with us about

giving. We told them the trust officers at LLU do a great job."

Jeanne smiles for a moment before concluding with another colorful expression. "Rose and I were in high school together during the Great Depression," she says.

"Of course, we were both as poor as Job's turkeys in those days ..."

A charitable gift annuity is an agreement with the charity where the donor makes a gift and receives the right to annuity payments for their lifetime based on the value of the gift. Current annuity payout rates are based on age and range from 4.7 to 9.0 percent.

To see how a charitable gift annuity could benefit you, please contact the office of planned giving at (909) 558-4553 or e-mail <bsander@llu.edu> for more information.

PEOPLE

Pharmacy professor elected fellow of American Heart Association

By Steve Vodhanel

Javad Tafreshi, PharmD, acting chair and professor of pharmacotherapy and outcomes science, School of Pharmacy, and professor of medicine, School of Medicine, has been elected as a fellow of the American Heart Association.

This recognition, signified with the FAHA abbreviation, is an important recognition of professional accomplishments and leadership.

The American Heart Association (AHA) recognizes outstanding and sustained scientific contributions in basic cardiovascular sciences, as well as volunteer leadership and service to AHA. The fellowship is open to scientists and physicians with a major and productive interest in cardiovascular basic sciences.

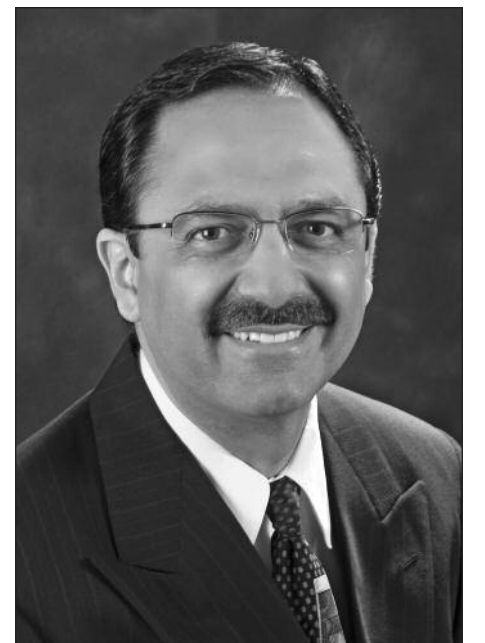
The criteria are established by the basic cardiovascular sciences leadership committee in concert with the AHA's science advisory and coordinating committee. Candidates must be able meet each of the following criteria:

- Be able to demonstrate accomplishment of meritorious research in any aspect of basic cardiovascular sciences.
- Be able to show manifestation of continued interest and intention to remain active in any aspect of basic cardiovascular sciences.
- Have served in a faculty or investigative position for two or more years after completing research training.
- Have published three or more first-author, peer-reviewed papers addressing fundamental scientific questions.
- Hold membership or fellowship in other research or professional organizations.
- Domestic candidates must show evidence of significant and current volunteer involvement and service to the AHA. Significant and current service to the AHA can be demonstrated through leadership and involvement in

national, council, affiliate and/or local activities, including but not limited to active participation on committees, boards and task forces; development and fundraising (HeartWalk, galas, etc.); advocacy efforts; professional and lay education programs including writing groups, abstract grading, speakers bureau; and research grant peer review.

- International candidates must show evidence of significant and current volunteer involvement and service in similar organizations/associations in their respective country/state or through other avenues of community involvement as long as these activities are well documented and perceived as equivalent to those in the United States.

As the American Heart Association welcomes Dr. Tafreshi as a fellow into one of the world's most eminent organizations of cardiovascular and stroke professional organizations, the entire School of Pharmacy congratulates him on this important professional accomplishment.



Javad Tafreshi, PharmD, FAHA

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PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

Public health students instruct community on nutrition and obesity

By Katelyn Lowery

Three student health educators from Loma Linda University School of Public Health are conducting health awareness workshops in the San Bernardino community. They focus on the unmet health-related needs of low-income minority individuals and families, particularly low-income African-American and Latino populations.

The students are designing and conducting the workshops for the Arrowhead United Way Community Health Awareness Program.

They are Kasey McCoig, who is studying for an MPH in global health; Kelli Hobby, MPH nutrition student; and Helen Young, another MPH student in global health.

The students hope to encourage healthy behaviors regarding nutrition and obesity. The workshops cover topics including preventive

behaviors, the risks of unhealthy behaviors, and reversing unhealthy behaviors.

The School of Public Health's Peace Corps program has been working with Arrowhead United Way on this project for more than two years.

Ms. Young is a Peace Corps Paul D. Coverdell Fellow. A returned Peace Corps volunteer who served in Paraguay and Jamaica, she is now fulfilling a Peace Corps internship through her contribution to the workshops.

Ms. McCoig is a Peace Corps Masters International candidate who plans to serve in the corps for her global health field practicum.

Loma Linda University School of Public Health has partnered with Peace Corps Masters International and Coverdell Fellows Programs since 2005 to benefit returned Peace Corps volunteers and students who

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take down walls that we didn't even know existed," she explains.

Ms. Dawes, whose graduate degree is in school psychology, now joins the School of Public Health to serve as a central support resource for the school's six departments

regarding field practicums.

"I hope to introduce students to a variety of additional placements both nationally and internationally," she says. "The right internship, and the right match between student and organization, can be a stepping stone to a great public health career."

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children." Jim is on staff at LLUMC as a pediatric ER attending physician.

Karen was a chemist working at a nearby university researching drugs that fight cancer when the diagnosis was made. She appreciates the research supported by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians' gift to Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Because of ongoing cancer research, "The standard of care for patients with cancer is changing daily," she says. Many types of cancer, including Karen's, are now treated as chronic illnesses that can be managed; Karen is now in the maintenance phase of her treatment. "My experience,"

she says, "has taught me to cherish every day and to live life to its fullest. For me this means enjoying taking care of my children, family trips, and volunteering at my girls' school. I am grateful to San Manuel for their gift, which is helping me and many others."

For Mark Reeves, MD, PhD, director of the center, San Manuel's impact cannot be overstated. "It supports the development of personal, targeted cancer therapies in the Biospecimen Laboratory," he says, "and the translation of these therapies into patient care in the Oncology Center. The support from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for the Loma Linda University Cancer Center is truly transformative."

wish to fulfill their field practicum with Peace Corps service.

Arrowhead United Way is a volunteer-driven organization that actively supports health and human services by focusing on youth services, family services, and basic needs. These services

address the underlying causes of community issues and create lasting change.

The organization was established more than 118 years ago and is led by prominent respected community leaders; it is one of the oldest United Ways in the country.

EMPLOYEE AWARENESS

Classes introduce students and employees to Adventist beliefs

By James Ponder

Three new classes aim to provide students and employees of Loma Linda University and Loma Linda University Medical Center with a foundation for understanding the beliefs and teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The classes offered by the LLU School of Religion provide three units of academic credit, while the class offered by the LLU Medical Center does not.

Titled "Seventh-day Adventist History" and "The Saga of Adventists and Health Care: Cornflakes, Baby Fae, and the Healing of the Nations," the School of Religion courses are designed to provide an introduction to Adventist teaching. The Loma Linda University Medical Center class, titled "Who Are Seventh-day Adventists?" is designed to help employees understand the faith tradition that undergirds the Adventist health ministry.

According to Raelene Brower, director of enrollment services for the LLU School of Religion, "The first class explores the values and practices of Adventism with special attention to the life and ministry of Ellen G. White, while the second one presents an overview of notable Adventist contributions to the field of health."

Ms. Brower notes that the Adventist Church operates the largest network of Protestant hospitals in the world, and it is widely known for its advocacy of healthful living through diet and other lifestyle factors.

Kathy McMillan, MA, director of employee spiritual care and wholeness at LLU Medical Center, says the idea for the "Who Are Seventh-day Adventists?" class came from Joanna Shedd, MSc, assistant clinical instructor in the LLU School of Nursing.

"She said she had worked here for 12 years and

didn't really know very much about Adventism," Ms. McMillan reports.

Ms. McMillan took Ms. Shedd's inquiry to Gerald R. Winslow, PhD, vice president of mission and culture at the medical center. Ironically, Dr. Winslow had been thinking of offering a class like this so he was highly supportive.

Once Ms. McMillan got the green light, she flew into action to make the idea a reality.

"We offered the class on September 28 and October 3 of last year," Ms. McMillan says. "We invited local pastors to come and speak each night about specific aspects of Adventism. Specifically, the pastors addressed Adventist history, prophecy, health, the second coming, death, heaven, the new earth, and how to live in a relationship with God."

About 50 people attended the two sessions. Ms. McMillan says they ran the gamut from recently hired employees to people who have worked at the medical center or university for 20 years and wanted to increase their understanding of Adventism.

"They wanted to know about the Adventist teaching on the state of the dead, the Sabbath, diet, and abortion," she reveals. "One participant wanted to know if it was OK for him to order meat when he goes out to eat with an Adventist colleague. We assured him it was fine."

Ms. McMillan says response to the first class was so positive that she anticipates holding the class one or two times per year. To make an inquiry about future sessions, contact Ms. McMillan at (909) 558-4000, extension 48406, or e-mail <kcmcmillan@llu.edu>.

For information about the classes at the School of Religion, contact Ms. Brower at (909) 558-1000, extension 15952, or e-mail her at <rbrower@llu.edu>.

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employment for our nation's workforce," the organization states.

Toward that end, Dr. Luo adds that she hopes Congress will continue to invest in the National Institutes of Health, support legislation that promotes innovation in research, alleviate the regulatory burden on research, and provide incentives to keep promising researchers in this country.

One of the highlights of the trip for Dr. Luo was getting to meet veteran Inland Empire Congressman Jerry Lewis, who recently announced his retirement, and his canine

companion Bruin, whom she describes as warm and friendly.

"Congressman Lewis was very open to our concerns," she reports. "He is aware of the importance of the need for funding for medical research, and promised to do what he can to protect it from the budget-cutters. Now that he's announced his retirement, we hope our next representative will be as supportive as he has been.

"If we do not express the need for such fiscal support," she concludes, "and the importance of those considerations repeatedly, politicians may not realize and prioritize those needs."

Reportable crimes

The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires Loma Linda University to publish interim reports on campus crime activities. Listed below are the crimes reported for the month of December 2011:

Type of crime	Number of crimes	Place of crimes
Assaults	3	Behavioral Medicine Center; Medical Center (2)
Burglary	1	Drayson Center
Vehicle burglary	1	Lot S; Lot DC
Grand theft	2	Meridian Complex; off campus
Grand theft auto	4	Medical Center (2); Lot J; Lot A

You can assist the department of security in maintaining a safe and secure environment by notifying security immediately at extension 911 if you see or know about a crime taking place.

RESEARCH FUNDING

LLU researcher visits Capitol Hill to ask for research funding

By James Ponder

Xian Luo, PhD, a clinical research scientist from the department of trauma services at Loma Linda University Medical Center and assistant research professor at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, recently traveled to Capitol Hill as part of a 16-member delegation sponsored by the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB). The purpose of the trip was to remind lawmakers of the importance of continued funding for scientific research.



From left, Kathleen Collins, PhD, Xian Luo, PhD, and Malcolm Snead, PhD, meet in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. during a recent trip to remind congressional leaders of the importance of continued funding for scientific and medical research. Dr. Collins is a researcher from the University of California at Berkeley, Dr. Luo is a research scientist at Loma Linda University Medical Center and assistant research professor at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and Dr. Snead is from the University of Southern California.

Altogether the delegation visited the offices of more than 40 congressional representatives during the three-day excursion.

Dr. Luo—whose research focus is on cellular and molecular mechanisms of radio-therapy-induced normal tissue reactions—was assigned to a four-member team which, in addition to herself, included researchers Malcolm Snead, PhD, from the University of Southern California; Kathleen Collins, PhD, from the University of California at Berkeley; and William Merrick, PhD, from Case Western Reserve University.

The team visited the offices of:

- U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio)
- U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-California)
- U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio)
- U.S. Representative Barbara Lee (D-California)
- U.S. Representative Jerry Lewis (R-California)
- U.S. Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-California), and
- U.S. Representative Marcia Fudge (D-Ohio).

Dr. Luo and her team met face-to-face with Representatives Lee, Lewis, and Roybal-Allard, and talked with staff members of the other representatives.

“They all seemed receptive to our ideas,” she notes. “Congresswoman Roybal-Allard said she feels frustrated that so many programs have to be cut due to budgetary concerns, but all of them said they will do everything they can to support research funding during the budget negotiations.”

The experience helped Dr. Luo realize that scientists need to reach out to politicians to remind them of the vitally important role research plays in bringing life-saving treatments to light.

“Believe it or not,” she says, “our real-life stories are important for making progress with discovery in scientific research, especially when NIH funding is being cut.”



Loma Linda University Medical Center research scientist Xian Luo, PhD, demonstrates the kind of dogged determination necessary to educate congressional leaders on the importance of continued funding for medical research. Here she consults with U.S. Representative Jerry Lewis (R-California) and his canine staffer Bruin at their office in Washington, D.C.

Angela Hopp, interim editor of *ASBMB Today*, says the need to remind legislators not to curtail research is crucial in this age when budgetary pressures threaten to destabilize important health programs and priorities.

The ASBMB says many lawmakers appear willing to make deep cuts to science as witnessed by the House Appropriations Committee recent proposals to reduce funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$190 million, and for the National Science Foundation by \$162 million.

Dr. Luo and her colleagues argue that this is not a healthy trend. They note that NIH-funded research has successfully reduced mortality and morbidity rates for many once acute and lethal conditions, and that research continues to make progress against heart disease, cancer, and stroke, the three leading causes of death in the United States, as well as AIDS, Alzheimer’s, and diabetes.

The ASBMB, which is a 12,000-member

nonprofit scientific and educational organization, says cutting research funding could also have dire consequences for the American economy.

To buttress that claim, the group points out that the biopharmaceutical industry employs 685,000 American workers, contributes more than \$294 billion to the gross domestic product, and exports \$29 billion in products worldwide. In addition, the medical technology industry sustains 423,000 American jobs, provides \$24.6 billion in payroll, and produces \$136 billion in domestic sales.

The group adds that federal funding for research supports private, university, and federal laboratory research, and it provides for more than 60 percent of all research and development work performed at colleges and universities.

“Investment in research will modernize our nation’s research laboratories and facilities, spur innovation, and provide an immediate boost in

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PHILANTHROPY

San Manuel \$3 million gift helps transform cancer treatment

By Nancy Yuen

Loma Linda University Medical Center has received \$1 million in grant funding from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians—the second of three installments of their \$3 million commitment in support of cancer care and research provided at the LLUMC Cancer Center.

In recognition of the tribe’s generous gift, the center and laboratory were renamed the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Medical Oncology Center, and San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Biospecimen Laboratory.

According to Ruthita Fike, MA, CEO, LLUMC, the funding supports Loma Linda’s mission to provide whole-person care to cancer

patients. “Among many positive outcomes,” she says, “this donation has made it possible for us to move forward with plans to create a fully integrated and comprehensive cancer program in one physical space. It also provides a testament to San Manuel’s dedication and commitment to this community, a passion shared by LLUMC.”

Karen Moynihan, a wife and mother to three young children, is one of the many patients benefiting from this lifesaving care. Karen came to the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Medical Oncology Center after being diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. “Throughout our experience,” says Karen’s husband, Jim, “we have been assured that we are choosing the best treatment route, both for Karen as a person, and for Karen as a wife and mother of young

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