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LLUHS employee recognition banquet takes on Olympic and Chinese themes

BY LARRY KIDDER, MA

More than 80 Loma Linda University Health Services (LLUHS) employees being recognized for their years of institutional service were treated to an evening in China, complete with fine cuisine, Olympic- and Chinese-themed decorations, and plenty of accolades.

The banquet, titled "Capturing Moments," took place on Wednesday evening, October 8, in the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center.

Les Pollard, PhD, DMin, MBA, Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center vice president for diversity, served as master of ceremonies for the event.

Also on hand were Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of LLUAHSC and chair of the LLUHS board; Kevin Lang, MBA, LLUAHSC chief financial officer

and president of LLUHS; Mark Hubbard, MBA, LLUAHSC senior vice president for human resources and risk management and executive vice president of LLUHS; and Robert Frost, MBA, director of LLU Foundation and LLUHS chief financial officer.

LLUHS employees honored for 40, 35, 30, and 25 years of service include: Daniel Moreno (40 years), Dianne Nelson and Connie Wagner (35 years); Sandra Burton, Jerry Daly, Lloyd Fisher, Lance Ives, Barbara Kuerzinger, and Sharon Mansfield (30 years); and

Kelly Herr-Roadruck and Faith Hughes (25 years).

Employees honored for 20 years include: Jeanna Castillo, Willard Ceccarelli, Judy Chingco, Harold Curtis, Susan Davey, Douglas Dick, Dianne Lohff, and Nathan Mitts, Lidia Popa, Carlos Prado, Aida Salinas, and Rebecca Zagala.

Those honored for 15 years of service include: Donna Gurule, Thomas Ishino, Gerald Johnson, Stephanie Mittelbuscher, Wanda Nazario, Patrice Pettis, Obed Rutebuka, Doris Segovia, Kathleen Wilson, and Holly Yonemoto.

Honorees for 10 years include: Gloria Archuleta, Donald Bretsch, Lynda Bridges, Raul Castillo, Mark Donner, Stephen Janssen, David Kinsey, Debra MacIntyre, Amanda Maddox, Radha Mathews, Brad McKibben, Domingo Melenciano, Melinda Sewer Muganzo, Jennifer Rowland, Bertha Sandoval,

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Daniel Moreno receives a gold watch along with his service pin for his 40 years of service from Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of LLU.

HALL holds annual scholarship banquet

BY RICHARD WEISMEYER

A School of Nursing graduate was named alumni of the year by the Hispanic Alumni of Loma Linda University (HALL) at their 12th annual scholarship banquet held October 12, 2008, in Wong Kerlee International Conference Center.

Joseph Rodriguez, founder of the gang reduction intervention team, was honored during the banquet.

Mr. Rodriguez was born in Los Angeles, where both of his parents were actively involved in some of the oldest street gangs in East Los Angeles.

At the age of 13, Mr. Rodriguez became a gang member who was willing to do almost anything that was illegal and dangerous.

As a young gangster, he spent 11 months in juvenile hall fighting several armed robbery charges. At

the age of 14, he accepted an 18-month sentence and probation for one year.

"This was a beginning of a vicious cycle that would not stop until I was 29 years old," Mr. Rodriguez says.

"For more than 15 years I sat in one institution or another, thinking that this was the way of life. Then one day, I had an opportunity that allowed me to open my eyes and see clarity.

"Sitting in a maximum security state prison, I realized I really had nothing to live for except pain and misery. I decided to change teams. I called on the God that I hadn't talked to since I was a kid.

"I said, 'I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've done and I ask for your forgiveness, I repent.'"

Since that day, Mr. Rodriguez's life has never been the same. He has been free from prisons, gangs, and drugs for more than 15 years.

He received a certificate of rehabilitation from the California Superior Court that allowed him to

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Juan Carlos Belliard, PhD, assistant vice chancellor for community partnerships and diversity, introduces School of Nursing student Marlene Jimenez. Ms. Jimenez is the first "graduate" of the University's Si Se Puede program to enter one of the University's eight schools.

Eleanor Clift to speak on campus October 29

BY RICHARD WEISMEYER

Contributing editor to *Newsweek* magazine, and regular panelist on the syndicated talk show "The McLaughlin Group," Eleanor Clift will be the guest speaker at the first Loma Linda University School of Nursing class of 1967 endowed lectureship series. Continuing education credit will be available for nurses who attend the lecture. Admission is free to the event.

Speaking on "Two Weeks of Life: The Intersection of Medicine and Morality," Ms. Clift will focus on two singular weeks in her own life and in the nation's history.

She will be speaking in the Loma Linda University Church of Seventh-day Adventists on Wednesday evening, October 29, at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Clift will be available following the lecture to sign her book *Two Weeks of Life*. The

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A Walk to Remember commemorates tragedy, promotes healing

BY JAMES PONDER

None of the 175 individuals participating in "A Walk to Remember" on the mall in front of Loma Linda University Church the afternoon of October 5, 2008, really want to be there.

The walkers, who will soon march a mile around the campus, are victims of a horrifying nightmare: they're the parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, or friends of a baby who has died. Every year more than a million pregnancies end in miscarriages, stillbirths, or the death of a newborn infant in the United States. It's hard to imagine the tragedy these families must feel.

"The death of a baby is an



Members of "the club that no one wants to join" begin their mile-long walk around the campus of Loma Linda University.

immeasurable loss," observes Kathy McMillan, who coordinates the Medical Center's four bereavement programs. "Not only

do the families lose their little one, but they lose all the hopes and dreams they had for that child. So many times, others think it's a

minor loss because it was 'just a baby.' It's so important that we provide a place to name those babies and recognize that they blessed this earth, even if for a very short time."

One of the purposes of the walk is to promote camaraderie and help participants realize they are not alone. "The strength the parents gain from being with others who have walked a similar journey is incredible," Ms. McMillan observes.

At the memory service inside the big white tent on the campus mall, Janel Isaef, RN, MS, chief patient care director for Loma Linda University Children's

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Yolanda Segura, Samir Sircar, Gary Villanueva, and Guillermo Villegas.

The 5-year honorees include: Leslie Bevis, Jeffery Carter, Mary Ann Carter, Bernabe Davila, Gwendolyn Dawson, Victoria Dulin, Brandy Farley, Jason Gallo, David Galvan, Ruth Harr, Victor Hurtado, Kenya Johnson, Christopher Kana, Theresia Malingkas, Alison, Melhouse, Nicole Miller, Paulo Morais, Michelle Morgan, Jamieson Morris, Angelic Navarro, Gregory Nelson, Austin Parker, Frances Parkinson, Connie Phillips, Anita Polit, Iris Ram, Michael Smith, Jennifer Stahlnecker, Patricia Thio, Mesega Thomas, Libu Varghese, and Marcus Wiley.

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book will be available for sale at \$18 (retail price is \$26) following the lecture.

Spending every night with her quietly fading husband, Tom Brazaitis, a renowned journalist based in Washington, D.C., who was dying from cancer, Ms. Clift spent her days writing about and discussing on national television the debate over Terri Schiavo's fate, the woman who was dying in a Florida nursing home.

In her talk, Ms. Clift will explore questions surrounding death from a very personal angle. She will deal with questions such as "How should we handle the decisions made necessary by a loved one's death?" and "What do we do when that person has not spoken about these issues—and sometimes cannot?"

Ms. Clift currently writes a column in *Newsweek* on the Washington power structure, the influence of women in politics, and a variety of topical issues.

She is also assigned to follow the jockeying over policy and politics in the Democratic-controlled



Diane Nelson and Connie Wagner (third and fourth from left) are flanked by Kevin Lang, Dr. Hart, Mark Hubbard, and Robert Frost. They were honored for their 35 years of service.



Kelly Herr-Roadruck and Faith Hughes (third and fourth from left) have completed 25 years of service.



Employees with 10 years of service pose with LLUHS leadership.

Congress, and now is following the 2008 presidential race. She writes a weekly column on *Newsweek.com* titled "Capitol Letter," where she analyzes the political news of the week.

Formerly *Newsweek* White House correspondent, Ms. Clift also served as congressional and political correspondent for a number of years.

In 1985, Ms. Clift briefly left

Newsweek to serve as White House correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times*. She returned to *Newsweek* the following year to cover the Iran-Contra scandal, which tarnished the Ronald Reagan White House.

In addition to being a regular panelist on the PBS program "The McLaughlin Group," Ms. Clift has appeared playing herself in several films including *Independence Day*.
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Individuals honored for 30 years of service are flanked by the LLUHS leadership.



Employees serving the institution for 20 years are pictured above, flanked by LLUHS leadership.

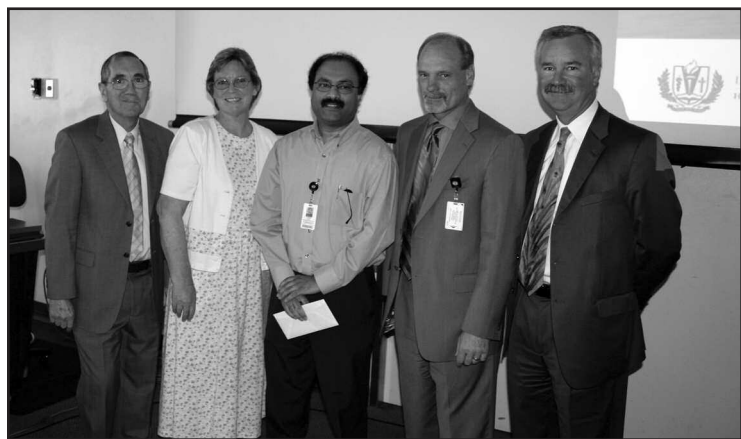


Those with service records to the institution for 15 years pose for the camera, along with LLUHS leadership.



The largest group has served the institution for five years. Here they gather with LLUHS leadership for a photo.

Research project coordinator receives Good Samaritan Award



Wesley James (center), project coordinator in the office of sponsored research, is congratulated by LLU Health Services administrators (from left) Robert Frost, MBA, chief financial officer; Kevin J. Lang, MBA, president (second from right); and Mark L. Hubbard, executive vice president (right). Pictured with Mr. James is Linda G. Halstead, director, office of sponsored research.

BY RICHARD WEISMAYER

Loma Linda University office of sponsored research project coordinator Wesley James was presented with the Loma Linda University Health Services Good Samaritan award during the quarterly LLU Health Services employee forum held in early September.

Mr. James advises and assists investigators with the preparation of their proposals to meet federal grant submission requirements—often under the intensity of inflexible deadlines—and coordinates these activities with other administrative processes, according to Linda G. Halstead, MA, director of sponsored research.

"In 2007, the National

Institutes of Health mandated that proposals be submitted electronically. This required Mr. James' participation in the configuration of new software and exercising discretion as to which electronic mechanism to use for any given proposal," Ms. Halstead says.

"Mr. James not only anticipated the challenges this would involve, but determined that, to whatever degree possible, the stressful effect on investigators would be minimized.

"The result was that not one investigator failed to submit due to the new environment, and to-be-expected mechanical errors were minimized and addressed in a timely fashion.

"Mr. James continuously models appropriate leadership and effective team collaboration and exemplifies what one might expect of today's Good Samaritan in the workplace," Ms. Halstead concludes.

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SPH students dialogue with African peacemaker

BY HEATHER REIFSNYDER

Two doctoral students in the School of Public Health's global epidemiology program were recently part of a select group to participate in a discussion forum featuring noted Tanzanian peacemaker Salim Ahmed Salim, MIA.

The two students in attendance at the event, held September 24 at California State University, Long Beach, were Sozina Katuli, MPH, and David Adesanya, MD, MPH. Both enjoyed the chance to ask him questions related to health and security on the African continent.

An authority on peace negotiations in Africa, Mr. Salim formerly served as a three-time secretary-general of the



Sozina Katuli, MPH (left), and David Adesanya, MD, MPH (right) meet with Salim Ahmed Salim, MIA.

Organization of African Unity, now known as the African Union. He has also been the African Union special envoy to the trou-

bled Darfur region of Sudan. Additionally, he's held several positions for the United Nations, including the presidency of the

Security Council in 1976.

Ms. Katuli and Dr. Adesanya asked questions about violence against women and children in Darfur, building up Africa's health care workforce, and HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. They say Mr. Salim had a vast wealth of knowledge.

"I was thrilled to get the opportunity to have one-on-one discussion with someone like him," says Ms. Katuli, a native of Tanzania. "I didn't want it to end."

Dr. Adesanya, who is from Nigeria, found himself stirred by the meeting.

"People like him are my source of inspiration," he says. "Life is not about what you get but what you give."



Heidi Serrano, RA student

Radiologist assistant student awarded Siemens Clinical Advancement Scholarship

BY LARRY KIDDER, MA

Heidi Serrano, a second-year radiologist assistant (RA) student in the LLU School of Allied Health Professions, learned in the spring that she would receive the Siemens Clinical Scholarship, awarded by the Education and Research Foundation of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists.

"It is an honor to have students of Heidi's caliber attend our University, and a privilege to have her in the RA program," says Mike Iorio, instructor of radiation technology. "Heidi is proud to be a product of LLU."

The Siemens Clinical Advancement Scholarship Program assists medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals who are seeking to enhance their clinical practice skills and ability to provide excellent patient care.

School of Allied Health Professions celebrates national allied health professions week

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Allied Health Professions Week will be celebrated nationally November 2-8 to honor health care providers working in the more than 200 unique allied health professions.

Allied health practitioners greatly influence health care delivery by supporting, facilitating, and complementing the roles of physicians and other health care specialists. This collaboration, which emphasizes the strengths of all health professions, is enhancing the quality of care in this country and abroad.

Today's health care environment

finds allied health professionals employed in public and private sectors—not only in hospitals but also in clinics, laboratories, nursing homes, mental health facilities, private medical practices, research institutions, public health services, and pharmaceutical companies.

Allied health personnel are also employed in industry where they administer basic health care and emergency first aid to workers, inspect equipment, and assure that safe work practices are followed.

Additionally, these professionals may act as technical advisors and representatives in the manufactur-

ing and marketing of medical equipment and supplies.

"There is a large and limitless world for allied health professionals," remarks Dr. Craig Jackson, JD, MSW, dean of the School of Allied Health Professions. "They are currently infused in almost every aspect of the health care industry."

The School of Allied Health Professions contains a number of allied health careers which fit under these general categories: clinical laboratory science, cardiopulmonary science, health information management, nutrition and dietetics, occupational therapy, physical therapy,

physician assistant sciences, radiation technology, and speech-language pathology and audiology.

"With such a diverse School, we are excited to show everyone what allied health professions are all about and take this time to recognize our uniqueness and integral part of health care," says Dr. Jackson.

Take this opportunity to congratulate and thank allied health professionals in the community who are instrumental in maintaining a high standard of health care and responding to health care needs.

Physical therapy alumna is co-owner of Southern California's first physical rehabilitation center for pets

BY LARRY KIDDER, MA

Amy Kramer, DPT, an alumna of Loma Linda University School of Allied Professions doctor of physical therapy program, has made the news.

As co-owner of the California Animal Rehabilitation (CARE) center in Santa Monica—Southern California's first center of its kind—Dr. Kramer and her partner, Jessica Waldman, VMD, were featured on CBS News.

The CARE center offers state-of-the-art therapy that targets chronic and debilitating conditions, recovery from surgery, weight management, and sports conditioning for pets.

"Until now, pet owners were left to their own devices to manage a pet's chronic or post-operative pain," says Dr. Waldman. "We have seen proper rehabilitation programs result in pets having fully functional and pain-free lives."

In addition to the typical rehabilitative tools, such as underwater and traditional treadmills, the center also utilizes alternative therapies such as acupuncture, massage, and Chinese herbs. A typical 8-week program targets such condi-

tions as arthritis, back pain, and ligament tears.

Drs. Kramer and Waldman are both certified professional pet therapists—the first such team in Southern California.

"It's always good to see an LLU alumnus doing so well," says James Syms, DSc, assistant professor of

physical therapy. "She is certainly a pioneer in this area."

To view the CBS News program featuring the CARE center, you can go to the following web link: <www.cbsnews.com/sections/i_video/main500251.shtml?id=4280115n>.



A dog receives therapy at the CARE center in Santa Monica.

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Physician assistant class of 2010 receives jackets



Physician assistant class of 2010 members, part of the LLU School of Allied Health Professions, received their jackets during a special ceremony on Tuesday, October 7. The ceremony took place in Randall Visitors Center.

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Dave, and the CBS series "Murphy Brown."

She is on the boards of the Washington Center for Politics and Journalism, the International Women's Media Foundation, and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

She has written *Founding Sisters*, a book about the passage of the 19th Amendment, giving women the vote. Her latest book is *Two Weeks of Life: A Memoir of Love, Death, and Politics*, which examines the debate over the right to die through the lens of her personal experience with the loss of her husband.

All interested individuals are welcome to attend.



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**INNERWEAVE:
The Wholeness Story**

By Wil Alexander, PhD
Professor of family medicine,
School of Medicine

A physician colleague of mine, now dead for 20 years, was best known and very remembered for his capacity of never having an unexpressed thought. Whether golfing, eating, or examining a patient, he kept up a steady flow of words. As a cardiologist he listened well to a lot of hearts, but his listening was always interrupted by his commentary. Once, though, a patient who felt he was being more talked to than listened to reached forward and lifted the stethoscope, looked his doctor in the eye and said: "Doctor, if you don't stop talking, you can't hear my heart."

There is something deeply spiritual in these words...probably best expressed for me at this point in my growing olderly, by T.S. Eliot:

"If the lost word is lost, if the spent word is spent
If the unheard, unspoken
Word is unspoken, unheard;
Still is the unspoken word, the Word unheard,
The Word without a word, the Word within
The world and for the world;
And the light shone in darkness and
Against the Word the unstilled world still whirled
About the centre of the silent Word

O my people what have I done unto thee

Where shall the word be found, where will the word
Resound? Not here, there is not enough silence...."

Be still and know!

New faculty member joins School of Pharmacy

BY JIM PINDER, JD, MBA

A new faculty member has been appointed at the School of Pharmacy in the department of pharmaceutical sciences.

Dave J. Weldon, PhD, assistant professor of medicinal chemistry, received his BS degree in forensic chemistry from the University of Mississippi in 2002. In 2008, he earned a doctor of philosophy degree in medicinal chemistry from the University of Mississippi.

During his graduate studies, Dr. Weldon completed a two-year National Science Foundation (NSF) fellowship studying the interface of the science and business worlds. His dissertation involved the synthesis of small molecules as anti-malarials through the inhibition of falcipain-2, a critical enzyme that is necessary for the progression of malaria.

Dr. Weldon will continue his research of developing small molecule anti-malarials in the Cancer Institute,



Dave J. Weldon, PhD

located in Chan Shun Pavilion. He will also play an integral role in instructing the medicinal chemistry series of the PharmD curriculum.

Dr. Weldon is married to Abby Weldon, a School of Medicine graduate student, and has two Labrador retrievers—Chandler and Titus.

He enjoys playing with his dogs outside and looks forward to the snow-skiing season, which is just around the corner.

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Voluntary contributions from employees help fund a variety of projects

BY AMANDA PERRY

Every day patients at Loma Linda University Medical Center experience the care that comes from our dedicated employees. Whether through a kind word or gentle touch, employees convey the compassionate spirit for which Loma Linda is known.

What many may not know is that Loma Linda employees also enhance the patients' and their families' experiences at our hospital

each year through their voluntary contributions to help fund a variety of projects. This past year was no different. Employees provided funding for four projects, one at each hospital.

At Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center (BMC), money was raised for a much-needed gym renovation. Jill Pollock, MS, RN, administrator for the BMC, states, "We are so eager to have the gym renovated.

While many areas are in need of updating, this is one that is used by multiple people on a daily basis and sorely needs it." Local Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings take place in the gym. "Throughout the day the gym is used by patients for exercise, various meetings, educational seminars, celebrations, graduations, and a variety of other events," Ms. Pollock continues. "I am grateful to our staff who have made this ren-

ovation possible." A newly renovated space will provide a comfortable meeting place for nearly 100 people every day.

At the East Campus, employee gifts helped fund the amphitheatre in the new park. The amphitheatre has already been put to use for events, including periodic music programs and community events. Employee barbecues are regular occurrences as well, giving employees a chance to mingle.

Patients also get to enjoy the area as they recover. "The park is a place where people can come to connect with the healing environment and one another. Each element, from the varied textures in the pavement to the wheelchair accessible details, was designed with a purpose," says Jillian Payne, community development and outreach coordinator at East Campus. "The park and amphitheatre are places

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Hospital, acknowledged the beauty of the day, and the tragic circumstances that prompted the need for the occasion.

"Welcome to 'A Walk to Remember,'" she said. "It is truly a beautiful sunny day and we thank you for coming to this special event. We join you in spirit and love while walking for the steps your precious ones will never take."

"The world is full of angst and anxiety," she continued. "But this month, across the nation, there are memorial walks in honor of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. This special memorial and remembrance is for you."

In the invocation, Chaplain Beth Gilbert called on God to minister to the specific needs and circumstances of every grieving participant.

"Dear Jesus," she began, "thank You that we can be here on this beautiful autumn day together. You know each one here, and their stories of the precious baby they have lost. Today as we walk and remember the little ones who weren't able

to take these steps with us, we want to thank You for their lives. You love them all, and even though they weren't here on this earth for long, we thank You for blessing us with their lives.

"Their little spirits made a tremendous impact in so many of our lives," Ms. Gilbert continued. "We thank You and praise You. And I ask that you would send the Holy Spirit into this place and give each person here what they need today. Bless each family. Thank you, Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Leandra McHargue, grief coordinator for the neonatal intensive care unit, announced that she would read a selection called "The Club," which she adapted from Elizabeth Mehren's book, *After the Darkest Hour the Sun will Shine Again*.

"It was my mother," Ms. McHargue read, "after having lost her only granddaughter, who pointed out that we were part of the club.

"My mother is a woman of few words, all of them straight to the point.

"The club that no one wants to

join,' she said."

Ms. McHargue read on: "The membership requirements of this club are anything but enviable. You have to have felt the floor dropping out and the sky falling in, all in one awful, unthinkable day. You have to have wondered whether you would be able to figure out which shoe to put on which foot, and then wondered why you should bother anyway... And then later, you find out that other people have felt this way too. You find out that they have survived, but that they, like you, have survived only as changed people. You may look exactly the like the old you, but you're a different person now. Grief of this magnitude changes you."

Ms. McMillan announced the format for an interactive reading of "A Litany of Remembrance" by Roland B. Gittelsohn. She read the lines and the audience followed each recitation with, "We remember them."

"In the rising of the sun and in its going down," she read.

"We remember them," the audience replied.

"In the blowing of the wind and

in the chill of winter," Ms. McMillan continued.

"We remember them," the audience affirmed.

Ms. McMillan continued on through six verses before the summary: "So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us."

"We remember them," the crowd concluded.

Julie Cieslak, grief coordinator for the total care birth center, invites the families and friends to come to the microphone and share their personal odyssey of loss.

Family members recounted things they were hoping to do before their beloved baby was taken from them. They repeated the babies' names, and shared their hope of one day holding them again. Some thanked God for the children who remain in their families. Most broke into tears. One man described how, during this darkest hour of his life, he became aware of the loving, comforting presence of God. He encouraged others to open up to God's healing presence and assured them, from his own experience, that things will

get better as time goes by.

Raelene DeLamen stepped forward to sing Steven Curtis Chapman's powerful ballad, "With Hope." "This is not at all how we thought it was supposed to be," she sang. "We had so many plans for you, we had so many dreams."

Tears and handkerchiefs materialized all over the place as she launched into the second verse. "We can cry with hope, we can say goodbye with hope 'cause we know our goodbye is not the end, oh no. And we can grieve with hope 'cause we believe with hope, (there's a place by God's grace), there's a place where we'll see your face again. We'll see your face again."

As the song wended its way to its upbeat conclusion—"We wait with hope and we ache with hope. We hold on with hope, we let go with hope"—the crowd rose for the walk. People lined up on the sidewalk behind the big teal banner. Carol Adams, of the White Wings Ceremony Company, stood next to two crates full of white doves. She cradled one of them, a sweet-tempered creature named Infinity, close

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walk through new doors that were never opened to him before. He entered Loma Linda University and is now a practicing intensive care registered nurse.

In 2002, he established a non-profit organization known as the Gang Reduction Intervention Team, which works with at-risk youth who think that prison and/or

gangs are the rite of passage.

"My life has changed in such a way that even I can't understand," Mr. Rodriguez relates. "What I do know is that through the grace of God, I have been clean from the crime and drugs of my past life. In the past where there were warrants out for my arrest, I now attend ceremonies to receive awards from government officials and other

institutions for having the courage to change my life. I owe it all to a Man who sacrificed his life over 2,000 years ago for my sins."

Presented with a special recognition award at the banquet was Richard Gutierrez, DDS, a 1990 graduate of the School of Dentistry.

Dr. Gutierrez maintains a dental and orthodontic practice in Riverside and El Centro, where free dental and orthodontic treatment is provided to underprivileged children.

His passion for serving the community has led him to become a community activist and participant in local and state political arenas. Dr. Gutierrez currently serves on the boards of the El Centro Chamber of Commerce, Literacy Volunteers of America, and the El Centro Regional Medical Foundation.

Guest speaker for the evening was Jerry Tello, director of the Sacred Circles Healing Center, Whittier, and a member of the

Sacred Circles performance group, a group dedicated to family and community peace and healing.

Mr. Tello is co-founder of the National Compadres Network and director of the National Latino Fatherhood and Family Institute. He is an internationally recognized expert in the areas of family strengthening, community mobilization, and culturally based violence prevention/intervention issues.

He has authored a series of children's books and is co-editor of *Family Violence and Men of Color*. He has received notice in *Time*, *Newsweek*, and various Hispanic magazines. In April 1996, Mr. Tello received the Presidential Crime Victims Service Award, which was presented to him by President Clinton.

Ten students were awarded scholarships during the banquet. They included Irene B. Cabrera (School of Medicine), Isis Y. Cunningham (School of Nursing), Henry Pinango (School of

Medicine), Miguel A. Serrano (School of Medicine), Marlene Jimenez-Cabrera (School of Nursing), Christina Montero (School of Allied Health Professions), Rosemary Morgan (School of Dentistry), Cynthia Ortega (School of Public Health), Amy A. Sanchez (School of Pharmacy), and Edward McField (School of Science and Technology).

Hosting the event for the evening were Johnny Ramirez-Johnson, EdD, and his wife, Clara Jorge Ramirez, PhD. Musical entertainment was presented by Arturo and Jose Luis Gutierrez. The Gutierrez Brothers have presented performances together since 1981, playing professionally throughout the world.



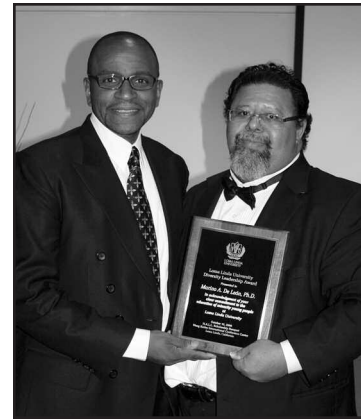
Hispanic Alumni of Loma Linda University (HALL) president Tony Valenzuela, DPT, EdD (left), and HALL immediate past president Sofia Puerto, PhD (third from left), assistant clinical professor of nursing, present a special recognition award to Richard Gutierrez, DDS (second from left), and the alumnus of the year award to Joseph Rodriguez, RN (right).



HALL events coordinator Deborah Stitzinger (left) and HALL secretary Carolina Sandoval (center) thank guest speaker Jerry Tello for his presentation at the HALL banquet, held on Sunday, October 12, in Wong Kerlee International Conference Center.



Loma Linda University students receiving scholarship awards are (front row, from left) Edward McField (School of Science and Technology), Rosemary Morgan (School of Dentistry), Cristina Montero (School of Allied Health Professions), Isis Cunningham (School of Nursing), Irena B. Cabrera (School of Medicine), Marlene Jimenez-Cabrera (School of Nursing), Henry Pinango (School of Medicine), and Miguel A. Serrano (School of Medicine). Standing behind the recipients are the deans or their representatives from the University's schools.



Leslie N. Pollard, PhD, DMin (left), vice chancellor for community partnerships and diversity, presents Marino A. De Leon, PhD, director, Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine, with an award acknowledging his commitment to the education of minority young people at Loma Linda University. Dr. De Leon also directs a summer research program for minority students.

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where kids can dream on the playground, friends can enjoy an evening of music together, and patients can enjoy the PAWS program. No matter what a person's ability, the park is meant to be common ground where true healing can take place."

At the University Hospital, patients, their families, and employees alike enjoy the art work decorating the walls of the cafeteria. "The new artwork really provides the finishing touches to the cafeteria's recent renovation. The landscape,

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to her heart.

While everyone stood at relaxed attention, a lone bagpiper negotiated his way down the steps of Coleman Pavilion. The haunting strains of "Amazing Grace" pierced the air with commanding authority.

As he finished, Ms. Adams released Infinity into the sky. The solitary dove flew towards Coleman Pavilion before angling a sharp right turn in front of the church. Ms. Adams opened the two crates, and a flock of beating wings high-tailed it to their home in Highland. The sky was suddenly full of white doves in flight.

As the crowd began its mile-long march, one of the lines from Ms. McHarque's reading seemed to hang in the air like a benediction for the day.

"Although none of us signed up for this club, we have all been thrust into it. And we share a certain connection that only members of this club will ever understand."

Department chair wins three awards

BY RICHARD WEISMAYER

Chair and professor of the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation Murray Brandstater, MBBS, PhD, has been honored with two prestigious awards and will receive a third award in November of this year.

In early September, Dr. Brandstater received the professional excellence award at the fifth annual program directors and coordinators education conference in Palm Springs.

Later in the month, Dr. Brandstater received another tribute from the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine. At this meeting, he was presented with the lifetime achievement award.

Next month, Dr. Brandstater will be awarded a second lifetime achievement award—this one for his extensive contribution in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

This award will be presented to Dr. Brandstater by the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at its 69th annual assembly and technical exhibition scheduled for San Diego.

abstract, and still life works will help our cafeteria patrons revive their spirits while they replenish their strength," University Hospital administrator Danny Fontoura, MBA, shares. "All in all, I believe it contributes to the healing and wholeness we're trying to create for staff, physicians, and patients alike."

The Children's Hospital raised money for a VeinViewer. Children have hard-to-see veins and sometimes endure countless pokes with a needle as their IVs are being hooked up. "Since its inception within the pediatric observation unit, the VeinViewer has not only enhanced the skill set of the staff, but has decreased the pain and discomfort among patients," says Valorie Adams, nurse manager on unit 2800, where the VeinViewer is currently in use. "We're not only saving time, we're reducing patient stress as well!" she continues.

OT post-master's student receives prestigious research grant

BY LARRY KIDDER, MA

Preethy Samuel, OTR, PhD, a graduate of the LLU School of Allied Health Professions post-master's occupational therapy degree program, recently received some great news from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR).

Dr. Samuel, who is currently associate director for research in family sociology in occupational therapy at Wayne State University's Developmental Disabilities Institute in Detroit, was awarded a prestigious grant to support her research.

NIDRR selected Dr. Samuel as one of a handful of researchers across the nation to receive the 2008-2009 Switzer Research Fellowship.

Dr. Samuel will study the utilization of the Family Quality of Life Survey (FQOLS), a tool used to assess the impact of family support on the quality of life for families of children who have



Preethy Samuel, OTR, PhD

disabilities.

The Mary E. Switzer Research Fellowship program was created to improve the rehabilitation knowl-

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worked 12 hours per day. We had thousands of people waiting in a country where our presence was announced in word-of-mouth exchanges. The patients would arrive and wait all night. We saw kids who had walked for 10 miles to come for treatment."

edge base for care givers and to increase the opportunities for individuals with disabilities. In addition, the program was designed to support studies to improve the delivery of rehabilitation services.

The fellowship program is named in memory of Mary E. Switzer, whose extraordinary leadership, drive, and dedication helped lead to legislation, programs, and services that changed attitudes, enhanced employment opportunities, facilitated independence, and improved the quality of life for millions with disabilities, as well as their families, in the U. S. and abroad.

The experience was rich and Mr. Drouin focused on oral surgery, his special interest. Unaware of the humanitarian award that awaited him, he was gaining experience and continuing a commitment to compassion, both of which should enhance his dental practice notably.

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School of Dentistry student chosen to receive Humanitarian Award

BY NANCY YUEN

Vincent Drouin, fourth-year dental student, is slated to receive the 2008 Academy of Dentistry International's Student Tanaka Humanitarian Award. This award, named in honor of Terry Tanaka, DDS, past academy president and noted humanitarian, goes annually to a junior dental student who best exemplifies humanitarian values and service to others. The sixth year for this award, underwritten by a grant from Sunstar Butler Company, comes in recognition of more than 200 hours of service performed by Mr. Drouin during his first three years of dental school.

Mr. Drouin, who accepted the award at the Academy's convocation in San Antonio on October



Vincent Drouin

15, 2008, says his dental career received its impetus when as a child in the small town of Terrace, British Columbia, Canada, his family's circle of friends included many

dentists. Most of the dentists in town were graduates of LLU School of Dentistry. They encouraged him to pursue dentistry, and currently he anticipates returning to Terrace to assume the practice of a retiring dentist and friend.

Locally, Mr. Drouin has volunteered his academic skills to mentor and tutor students in other classes. He has served recovering drug addicts at the Compassion Clinic operated by a coalition of eight local churches, as well as local homeless indigents sponsored by Riverside Presbyterian services, and patients in other outreach programs.

Additionally, he spent five days on a dental trip to Loreta, Mexico, and 10 days in September 2007 in Bangladesh. There a missionary

dentist from the Czech Republic, whose service commitment he calls "impressive," accompanied the medical/dental team to a village without dental care. "Being with the missionary dentist was memorable," says Mr. Drouin, who adds that someday he hopes to oversee students from

LLUSD who go on similar trips.

Of the Bangladesh experience, he reports, "We brought our own tents and all of our dental equipment. We slept on the floor. We did procedures in rooms with patients sitting in chairs. We

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Associate professor of public health interviewed for film on laughter

BY RICHARD WEISMAYER

Associate professor of public health in the School of Public Health Lee S. Berk, DrPH, MPH, will be one of several researchers featured in a film titled *Laughter*.

The film is being produced by Neil Davenport from White Buffalo Films and will be completed early next month.

Dr. Berk is an internationally known expert in the field of laugh-

ter. Earlier this year at the 121st annual meeting of the American Psychological Society held in San Diego from April 4 to 9, Dr. Berk presented research further demonstrating that looking forward to happy experiences may have health benefits.

In this presentation, Dr. Berk reported that the anticipation of happy laughter experience lowers three stress hormones—cortisol (a steroid hormone), epinephrine

(also known as adrenaline), and dopac (a major catabolite of dopamine).

This knowledge is significant because chronically high stress hormone levels can be detrimental to a person's health, particularly the immune system.

Laughter will be shown on the international film festival circuit through next year and will be released for showing at theaters throughout the United States.

Marge Jetton celebrates 104th birthday

BY RICHARD WEISMAYER

Long-time Loma Linda University supporter and Loma Linda University Medical Center volunteer Marge Hodge Jetton celebrated her 104th birthday on September 29 at the Linda Valley Villa.

Participating in Ms. Jetton's birthday celebration were a number of villa residents and children from the Loma Linda Children's Center.

The November 2005 issue of *National Geographic* featured Ms. Jetton in an article titled "The Secrets of Long Life," which documented her approach to life, exercise, eating choices, and dedication to God. The article led to segments on CNN, local news broadcasts, and a front-page article in the *Los Angeles Times*.

In 1926, Ms. Jetton married James Jetton, while attending school at Pacific Union College, Angwin. Dr. Jetton, who passed away a few years ago, was a 1934



Marge Jetton celebrates her 104th birthday at the Linda Valley Villa on September 29. Helping to celebrate Ms. Jetton's birthday were children from the Loma Linda Children's Center who sang "Happy Birthday" in her honor.

graduate of the School of Medicine.

Volunteering has been a long-standing tradition for Ms. Jetton in multiple organizations including assisting the Red Cross for 30 years, saving stamps for the Voice of Prophecy, and spending 15

years with volunteer services at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Ms. Jetton was recently featured in a chapter in the *National Geographic* book *The Blue Zones*, by Dan Buettner.

Nutrition and dietetics department introduces new master's programs

BY LARRY KIDDER, MA

Beginning with the fall 2008 quarter, the nutrition and dietetics department in the LLU School of Allied Health Professions added two new master's programs.

The executive master of science (MS) in nutrition care management, an entirely online program, is designed for registered dietitians who are looking to advance their educational goals and meet leadership needs for nutrition programs in Seventh-day Adventist health

care and educational institutions and other community health care facilities both nationally and internationally.

The master of science (MS) in nutrition and dietetics is designed to build upon the current bachelor's degree in nutrition and dietetics. The new MS program represents a collaboration with the School of Public Health, with students taking current master's level courses in that School.

The purposes of the MS pro-

gram are: to further the education and training of registered dietitians to become advanced level practitioners, managers, and potential leaders in the community by promoting optimal health and nutrition; and to graduate trained professionals who are effective managers, competent leaders, educators, and researchers by thoroughly preparing them to contribute to the profession's body of knowledge through publications, professional presentations, and advocacy.

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Lee S. Berk, DrPH, MPH (right), associate professor of public health in the School of Public Health, is interviewed for the film *Laughter* by Neil Davenport from White Buffalo Films. The film is expected to be completed in early November.

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