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## This issue

134 Students accepted to  
LLUSD

Strategic Planning retreat

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Department News

## Welcome, new students!

The School of Dentistry received 1471 applications this year, just slightly below the previous year. Over 350 students were interviewed for places in the predoctoral dentistry class and a total of 120 were accepted. The School is pleased to welcome 88 new students and 4 returning students who will make up the Class of 2004.

Accepted dentistry students include:

Alzayat, Sameh  
Arredondo, Carlo  
Baek, Linda  
Baik, Insook  
Brewer, Dean  
Briggs, Bradley  
Buenjemia, Jessica  
Carvalho, Andrea  
Chaffin, James  
Chalker, Jennifer  
Chambi, Yanina  
Ching, Jason  
Cho, Hyun-Jung  
Cho, Sung  
Chu, Derek  
Chung, Edwin  
Clark, Mike  
Clarke, Kelly  
Covarrubias, Myra  
Dang, Thuong  
Davidson, Jeffrey  
Der Danielian, Melina  
Dexter, Scott  
Dimalanta, Walter  
Dinsbach, Nathan  
Enriquez, Gabriel  
Fenderson, Stacie  
Ferguson, Jason  
Fountain, Steve  
Grivas III, A. Scott  
Gubler, M. Trent  
Guo, Edmund  
Hahn, Kevin  
Hendricks, Misty  
Hernandez, Yolanda  
Holloway, Trevor  
Hong, Kelly  
Huang, Chi-Yu

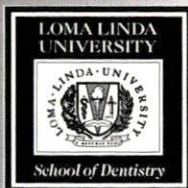
Jordan, Amanda  
Kearbey, Ryan  
Khoo, Choolin  
Kim Daehong  
Kim, Albert  
Kim, James  
Kim, Joseph  
Kim, Maile  
Kim, Sae-Rom  
Kim, Tayler  
Kim, Youngjoo  
Ko, Eunsuk  
Koh, Marvin  
Kunihira, Mark  
Larrondo, Jorge  
Le, Suong  
Lee, Hugh  
Lee, Keng-ti  
Lee, Raymond  
Lee, Robert  
Lee, Sean  
Lee, Seongho  
Lethin, Timothy  
Lima, Lucelia  
McInnes, Matthew  
Miler, Jon  
Ngo, Trang  
Nguyen, Anh  
Ordelheide, Chad  
Park, Yong  
Pedersen, Joel  
Perez, Yarimell  
Peterson, David  
Poh, Aurina  
Pundt, Gary  
Ramsey, Melissa  
Rempel, David  
Riggs, Kimberly

Robinson, Jeffrey  
Root, Jeffrey  
Seltzer, Malia  
Shin, Michael  
Stonebraker, Jeffrey  
Sun, Heidi  
Swisher, Christopher  
Toms, Andy  
Valleni, Linda  
Wasemiller, Michael  
Wee, James  
Wilcox, David  
Williams, Paul  
Willoughby, Gina  
Yoshida, Noreen  
Zhang, John

Cutts, Jennifer  
Dara, Preethi  
Denney, Dyanna  
Fletcher, Kristin  
Freeman-Miller, Apryll  
Gorbenko, Alana  
Grosso, Joann  
Haney, Leanna  
Hettick, Joni  
Jacobso, Naomi  
Kim, Sue  
Ko, Eun-Ju  
Kreuder-Kendall, Angela  
Lee, Kange  
Lemky, Hans  
Lewis, Lisa  
Lieberman, Susanne  
Lim, Judy  
Linnenkamp, Ambra  
McKenzie, Kari  
McNeil, Kelli  
Mundy, Melissa  
Robertson, C. Yvette  
Ruhl, Liesl  
Ruiz, Liliana  
Salem, Elizabeth  
Scheult, Heather  
Sobieski, Stephanie  
Springsted, Emily  
Tarango, Angelina  
Taylor, Shoshana  
Todd, Rebecca  
Wallace, Heather  
Wells, Christen  
Wollens, Alisa

For the dental hygiene program, the School received 148 applications for the 42 places available. The School is pleased to welcome 41 new students and one returning student who will make up the Class of 2002.

Accepted dental hygiene students include:  
Atkins, Christina  
Bell, Cora  
Bowker, Amanda  
Bustard, Faridah  
Caccavale-Zambel, Rene  
Cestero, Gretchen  
Clarke, Hilary





# First Applied Strategic Planning conference held

by Clyde Roggenkamp, SD'70, MSD, MA

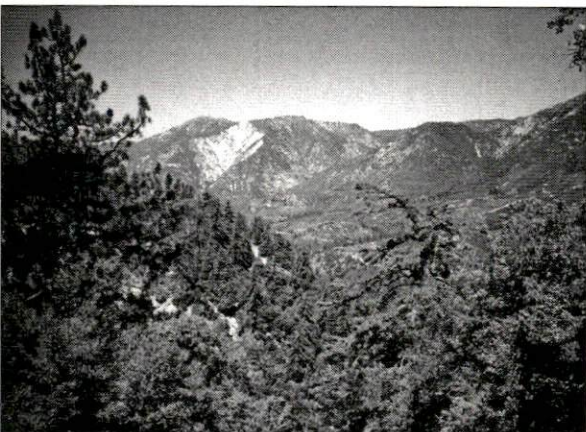
Approximately two dozen members of the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni attended an Applied Strategic Planning (ASP) conference at Camp Cedar Falls August 20-22. Dr. Robert L. Frazer, Jr., of R. L. Frazer & Associates, Inc., who has practiced dentistry himself for nearly 30 years, conducted the self-assessment retreat to help the School prepare for the upcoming accreditation review.

Two School of Dentistry students represented their classmates at the conference; and two alumni traveled from Idaho and Utah to attend.

In order to encourage a common basis of understanding, each attending member was required to read and be able to discuss Stephen R. Covey's classic, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. This book contains powerful lessons in personal change through stages of dependence and independence to the most mature, which is interdependence.

The meeting's mission was "To create a future of choice for the Loma Linda School of Dentistry, its students, faculty, and staff. Through the process of Applied Strategic Planning, the School and its people will achieve their highest potential in service to others, resulting in exceptional effectiveness, fulfillment and success."

Overall thinking of the group was fine-tuned by skillful discussion of the uniquely holistic mission of our school. Dr. Frazer led a review of our vision statements. There was also clarification of differences between such words as efficacy, efficiency, competent, proficient, skillful, and successful, as the group endeavored to list those attributes most desirable for LLUSD's graduates.



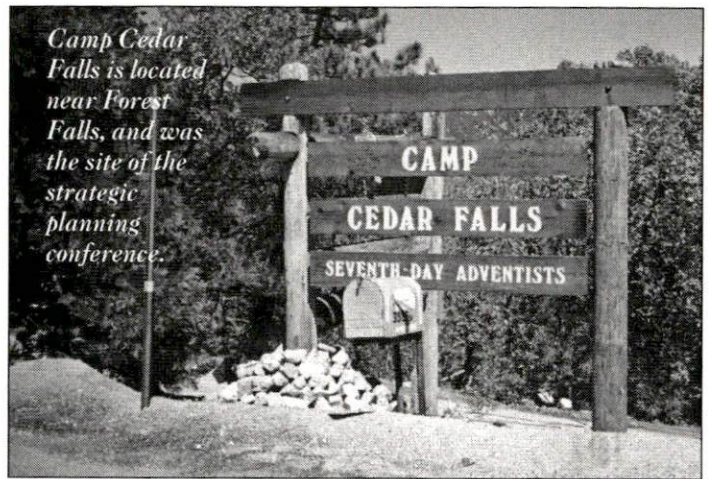
Through discussion and dialogue, Dr. Frazer pursued the group's collective vision of the best outcome for our School, projecting five years into the future. There was comparison of what the core values and general effectiveness of students appear to be now, with how they appear after five years in practice.

Self-tests were administered to group members. These were designed to indicate which individual core values were most represented. A predominantly high ranking category in the group was "social," which seemed suited to the fact that most are teachers who are genuinely interested in their students and others.

Special credit belongs to Kathleen Moore, director of continuing dental education and the Alumni Association, and Melody Chambers, administrative assistant, for the extra effort they expended to organize this retreat. Similar retreats in the future will build on the progress made at these meetings. Retreat II, which will be a follow-on series, is planned for October 23-25.

## "Shadow Team" Concept

Those who attended the ASP retreat will be selecting members to form what are called shadow teams. The term "shadow" in no way indicates a subversive, cloak-and-dagger sort of relationship. The idea is that these smaller teams follow and serve in the shadow of the larger ASP self-assessment organization. Each of these teams will be comprised of approximately a dozen volunteer members from various places within the dental school to gather information on how things are going and to form constructive ideas about how situations might be improved. Sometimes this may involve getting others' opinions as well. Where discrepancies might



be noted between the ideal and the real, there will be constructive discussion about what might be considered to overcome these real or potential gaps in our educational system. The resulting recommendations from each group will then be forwarded through the Applied Strategic Planning director, Dr. Tom Rogers, to appropriate dental school administrators.

It is important to build a consensus within each newly-formed group right at the start before exploring other issues. At first, the shadow team leaders will be reviewing the mission and vision of the dental school with reference to the actual quality of our students and our graduates. Part of the emphasis is for individual members to get well acquainted and understand each other's background.

## Consider Joining A Team

Any of our faculty and staff who are asked to join a team, should consider becoming a member. A newly formed group will meet once to get oriented, meet again perhaps a week or so later to get more thoughts collected, then monthly thereafter as necessary. Most members will have e-mail contact through the server and can conduct much correspondence in this way, reducing the necessity of more frequent meetings.

This process promises to be a very effective way to create an environment of perpetual improvement within our School.

It is exciting to think about the potential prospects for greater unification of purpose and cooperation among ourselves, between the various departments represented, and for the entire School of Dentistry.



# Students on the Move

## Class of 2002 performs well on NB Part I

The class of 2002 can breathe a sigh of relief now that national board scores have come in. Participating in the National Board Part I examination given on July 10, 2000, were 87 students who as a class scored above the national mean. Eighteen students received scores in the 90th percentile or above, and are eligible to receive the School of Dentistry Silver Award for Academic Excellence. As a part of this award, the fee for the National Board Part II examination next December will be paid by the School, and they will receive a plaque at the Awards Chapel in May 2001. In addition, a press release will be sent to notify their hometown newspapers.

Congratulations to the Class of 2002 for your excellent performance!

Silver Award recipients are: Christopher Blount, Michael Boyack, Heather Calkins, Todd Ehrler, Michael



*Silver Award winners from the dentistry Class of 2002. They scored at or above the 90th percentile on National Boards Part I.*

Erickson, Michael Giddings, Sunny Hutchinson, Jaleena Jessop, Dennis Kantanen, Rehana Khan, Amine Khoury, Eugene Kim, Eduardo Lopez,

Craig Main, Brian Olsen, Lori Rice, Darryl Tkachyk, Adrian Tomarere, and Tina Yoo.

## Could a chocolate a day stop tooth decay? Hope so!

LONDON (Reuters) August 24, 2000 - Munching chocolate could one day fend off tooth cavities and thwart dental decay, according to researchers in Japan.

They found that parts of the cocoa bean, the main ingredient of chocolate, fights mouth bacteria, the *New Scientist* magazine reported recently.

Tooth cavities are caused when bacteria in plaque convert sugar to acids that nibble away at the tooth's surface.

Takashi Ooshima and his colleagues at Osaka University in Japan found that cocoa bean husk (CBH) -- the outer part of the bean, which usually goes to waste in chocolate production -- is a potent source of antibacterial agents.

"It may be possible to use CBH extract in a mouthwash -- or supplement it to toothpaste," Ooshima told the magazine.

He suggested that the bean husk could be put back into chocolate to make it better for teeth.

The Japanese researchers found that rats that had CBH added to their water had healthier teeth. They now plan to test their findings on human teeth.

David Beighton at the Guy's, King's and St. Thomas' Dental Institute in London thinks that the active substances found in cocoa bean husks also are found in other plants such as chewing sticks used in Africa.

"They certainly have

effects," he told *New Scientist*. "But good oral hygiene, rather than eating lots of chocolate, is the way to good healthy teeth."





# Department News

## Administration

The ombudspersons for the School of Dentistry are Ms. **Joni Stephens**, x44631, and Dr. **Daniel Tan**, x44640.

Dr. Tan has replaced Dr. Willis Schlenker, who recently retired.

If you have a sensitive issue to discuss regarding work relationships, you are invited to contact either Ms. Stephens or Dr. Tan.

## Clinic Administration

- Welcome to new employees:

**Jennifer Acosta**, clinic coordinator, CSD

**Leilani Oliverio**, RN, Surgery Center  
**Michelle Druan**, lab helper, CDR/Bio-materials

**Hugh Yang**, lab assistant, CDR/Bio-materials

**Sandra Maness**, dental insurance specialist, Insurance

**Shelly Withers**, DH'00, RDH, Faculty Dental Office

**Jackie Tatum**, DH'00, dental hygiene clinic

- Employee transfers:

**Floare Ghta**, RDA,CDA,OMSA, transferred to pediatrics

**Ruth Summers**, RDA,CDA, transferred to Clinical Services Division and will be working with Dr. Brodeur as the recall coordinator.

- Congratulations to **Eunice Acosta**, orthodontics, on receiving her COA.

## Dental Hygiene

**Rhonda Hamerslough**, RDH, instructor in dental hygiene, is getting married in Maui in September. She will resume her teaching duties in the fall quarter.

## Dental Supply

Congratulations to **Steve Cantrell**, who recently completed his bachelor's degree in education.

## Educational Support Services

**Nancy Yuen** has been appointed the new editorial coordinator for the School of Dentistry.

She has worked for the office of University Relations for the past ten and a half years, covering the Schools of Allied Health Professions and Nursing, and most



*Nancy L. Yuen*

recently SAHP and the Behavioral Medicine Center.

Ms. Yuen looks forward to getting to know the members of the School of Dentistry family, and working with faculty and staff to let the LLU&MC family, and the

community, know of the School's activities and goals.

Beginning September 1, information for the *Dentalgram* should be sent to her at nyuen@sd.llu.edu.

## Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

LLU faculty are presenting three papers at AAOMS, 82nd Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions, September 20-23, 2000, in San Francisco.

Drs. **Dale E. Stringer** and **David H. Gilbert** are presenting a paper titled "One-Stage Reconstruction of the Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritic Adolescent Patient." **Dr. Alan S. Herford** is presenting two papers including "Integration of the Medical Degree in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery: A Ten-Year Follow-up" and "Airway Management in Head and Neck Infections."

## Oral Diagnosis, Radiology, Pathology (ODRP)

**Dr. Kandasamy Rengasamy** will be joining ODRP faculty to begin a full time teaching position. Dr. Rengasamy is currently teaching at the University of Connecticut, where he completed a residency in oral and maxillofacial radiology and advanced education in general dentistry. Says **Ron Blank**, SD'75A, chair of the department, "I met with him a couple of weeks ago and was impressed with his enthusiasm and innovative ideas for enriching our department. We are looking forward to his arrival in late

October. Please join me in welcoming him when he arrives."

## Pediatric Dentistry

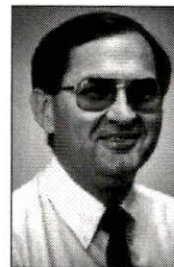
**Wesley Okumura**, SD'94, will be new Clinic Director for Pediatric Dentistry Clinic. He will be joining us as an assistant professor full time and also working in the Surgery Center for Dentistry.

Welcome to **Tracee Henderson**, our new insurance and financial specialist.

**Julie Spohn Gazzola**, RDA, was married August 5. Congratulations!

## Periodontics

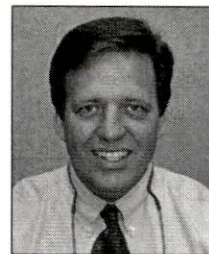
**Robert Kiger**, SD'70, MS'85, professor of periodontics, was married to Ellen Fletcher on Saturday evening, August 19, in a beautiful garden wedding setting. We wish them God's many blessings on their marriage.



*Dr. Robert Kiger*

## Restorative Dentistry

**Bruce Hasenauer**, SD'77, joined LLUSD as assistant professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry on August 7, 2000. After graduation,



*Dr. Bruce Hasenauer*

Dr. Hasenauer practiced in Atlanta, Georgia for two years with his uncle, Loel Wurl, SD'62. In 1980 he moved to Denver, Colorado and began his own private practice which he conducted until he sold the practice in 1999. During this time he and his partner Per Reiakvam, SD'80, also started and conducted a school for dental assisting in Denver named Hampden Dental College.

Dr. Hasenauer and his wife Sheryl have three children. Son Cory is a dentist in Denver, Colorado. Daughter Casey is an occupational therapy student at LLU. Daughter Caitlin will be a junior at Mile High Academy in Denver.



## September Birthdays

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Ruben Hernandez   | Computer Services      |
| Cheryl Harrison   | FDO                    |
| Timoteo Cocjin    | Dent maintenance       |
| Chris Galbraith   | Orthodontics           |
| Steve Cantrell    | Dental supply          |
| Norma Lesko       | FDO                    |
| Michelle Johnson  | Hygiene                |
| Marcela Lezama    | Ctr Dent Research      |
| Sam Sadanala      | Ed Support Svc         |
| Robert Johnson    | Dent maintenance       |
| Roseanne Wease    | FDO                    |
| Jason Li          | Clinic Admin           |
| Maria Tellez      | Dental records         |
| Cynthia Seebold   | Loma Linda Endo        |
| Marisela DeLaCruz | Sterilization & Clinic |
| Amber Dixon       | Sterilization & Clinic |
| Max Hernandez     | Dental Lab Services    |
| Sandra Leseman    | Dental records         |
| Chris Galbraith   | Orthodontics           |
| Joseph Caruso     | Orthodontics           |
| Alan Herford      | OMFS                   |
| Brett King        | OMFS                   |
| Robert Mower      | OMFS                   |
| Marilynn Heyde    | Dental hygiene         |

*Dr. Clyde Roggenkamp photographed this rainbow over Prince Hall, during the last few days of August. Hmm... Where do you suppose the pot of gold will be found? Implant dentistry? Prosthodontics? Periodontics? Dental hygiene?*

### Letters

Thank you so much for letting me know of the web tribute to Donna (Minder). Well done!!

**Dr. Warren Minder**

(Ed. note: The *Dentalgram* has been posted on the LLUSD website every month since April 1999. Click the News button on the School of Dentistry page, to find our publications. Go to: <http://www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry/news.html> )

Congratulations on your new job! We will miss you and all of your talents.

**Connie Carlson**

I'm gonna miss you, my friend! But we can Yahoo anytime, right?

**Jeni Christian**

I've been meaning to talk to you ever since I heard the news. I wish you well and congratulate you on the move. It sounds like a good career move. I will miss your humor that you brought to the *Dentalgram* (especially before editing.) Will try to get together and talk before you leave.

**Debbie Tuttle**

Thanks for all your hard work, you'll be missed. Best of luck to you in your new job. I imagine we'll still be in contact.

**Kena Shaddox**

Thanks for your superlative editorship these past years. La Sierra is fortunate to have your talents working for them. I just now got a look at the *Dentalgram* website. You did a great job on that. Thanks for putting the pictures in.

They add a lot. Sorry you're going away but glad enough it's not that far away. Keep in touch.

**Clyde Roggenkamp**

We'll miss you!!!

**Sandy Webb**

CONGRATULATIONS! I am so excited for you! You will do great and my college - La Sierra - is the winner here! Blessings. I will miss you around these parts. My heart is very much at LSU. I am on their e-mail list and get little news bits from there quite often which I love. I hope that you find the environment and collegiality to be much warmer. I always find it that way when I visit to interview students.

**Sylvia Davis**

How sad that you are leaving us for La Sierra. But I understand you will be doing some work with the School of Dentistry.

**Karen Simpson**

Thanks for all your help and advice. You were wonderful to work with, and you can quote me, if you wish. I left part of my heart at La Sierra (then College) after graduation in 1967 in Biology. Four great years over there. Please keep in touch. We can still do lunch once in a while!

**Ron Fritz**

I've always enjoyed reading your articles. I enjoyed the way you wrote them. You'll be greatly missed. Sorry to see you go.

**Ruben Hernandez**

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To my friends and co-workers:

Thank you for making my LLUSD sojourn such a pleasure. Thank you, also, for the cards, flowers, and good wishes as I take this next step.

**Christy K. Robinson**