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School of Dentistry student research update—students participate in dental and dental hygiene research competitions

Students from the School of Dentistry continue to fare well in research competitions.

In April at the California Dental Association convention in Anaheim, dental hygiene students Alana Gorbenko, Heather Scheult, and Alisa Wollens were awarded first place for their table clinic, "Occupational exposure of dental hygienists to mercury vapor due to coronal polishing."

Two table clinics by School of Dentistry senior dental hygiene students tied for third place. They were: Lilliana Ruiz, Apryll Freeman, and Yvette Robertson for their study, "The effectiveness of antimicrobials on DUWLs;" and Preethi Dara, Ambra Linnenkamp, and Hans Lemky for their study, "Efficacy of a surface disinfectant (CHX/ETOH)."

In the same competition four groups of SD'03 dental students made it into the finals. They are: Gary Hszieh, Christina Do, and Melinda Pealater, for "Toothtales;" Shayne Hover, Marlon Peter, and James Jeffrey, for "Effect of different irrigation systems on heat generation during implant osteotomies;" Timothy Seidenstricker, Jessica Sabo, and Darren Rich for "Effect of



Two groups of dental hygiene students presented their research findings during the recent ADHA annual session in Beverly Hills. They are pictured here with faculty members Kris Wilkins (seated, far left), Joni Stephens (seated, far right), and Rhonda Hamerslough (standing, far left). Pictured standing, from left are: Ms. Hamerslough; Hans Lemky, DH'02; Preethi Dara, DH'02; and Ambra Linnenkamp, DH'02. Seated, from left are: Ms. Wilkins; Jennifer Cutts, DH'02; Angela Kendall, DH'02; Christin Wells Wesslen, DH'02; and Ms. Stephens.

laser etch on bond strength and microleakage;" and James Gibson, Steven Karmy, and Matthew Ellison for "Facial profile preference among Hispanics."

Rotary Club supports service learning trips

By Barbara Bostwick

The San Bernardino Crossroads Rotary Club has given \$250 to the Service Learning Department in support of their student trips to provide dental care to underserved populations.

Earlier this year Fred Kasischke, assistant dean for admissions and service learning, visited the Rotary Club with two dental students who talked of their recent mission trips to Haiti and Mexico. Michael Stafford, D4 and Chad Ordelheide, D3 brought personal insights about their experiences and how much they appreciated the ability to participate in these trips with other students and faculty members.

In presenting the gift, Crossroads Rotary Club president Treva Webster commented that supporting humanitarian projects throughout the world was a major emphasis for Rotary. Her board voted to support the School of Dentistry's outreach, not only because it benefited the patients, but also provided a valuable learning experience for the students who might then continue to participate in such programs throughout their lives.

American Dental Hygienist's Association competition

More recently senior dental hygiene students Amanda Bowker, Jennifer Cutts, Angela Kendall, and Christen Wells Wesslen won first place (and \$1,000) in the American Dental Hygienist's Association competition during the 79th session June 19 to 26, in Beverly Hills. Kris Wilkins, DH'80, instructor, dental hygiene, served as faculty mentor.

Their research project was titled, "A comparison of mechanical and manual sharpening techniques on universal curets." The School of Dentistry will receive a matching award of \$1,000 for their win this summer.

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*Three student table clinics tied for third place in the CDA competition. Though the students were told that they had tied, no honors or awards were given.

Ronald P. Blank receives Teacher of the Year Award

Ronald P. Blank, SD'75A, chair and associate professor, oral diagnosis, radiology, and pathology, was presented with the Teacher of the Year Award during commencement ceremonies for the School of Dentistry. This is the first year that the award has been given. Students, faculty, and staff were invited to nominate a faculty member for the Teacher of the Year Award.

Though Dr. Blank had been informed that he was one of a group of four faculty members from whom the award recipient would be chosen, every effort was made to ensure that the award was a surprise.

"I was surprised, humbled, and happy to be chosen for this award," says Dr. Blank. "It is the high point of my career, and I owe it to the loving support of my wife, Sandy, daughter Cariann, and son, Travis."

Dr. Blank is a retired U.S. Navy Commander who has held numerous dental officer positions throughout his military career. During his years in the Navy, he was responsible for significant teaching commitments, and received numerous commendations from his superiors.

He was contacted by Daniel Tan, SD'75A, professor, restorative dentistry, to see if he would be interested in working for the School. Dr. Blank joined the faculty in August, 1998. On July 1, 2000, he was named chair of oral diagnosis, radiology, and pathology.

Dr. Blank's teaching philosophy is to educate students in the clinic and classroom from a Christian perspective, making mutual trust, confidence, teamwork, and respect the guiding principles.

The following was written by Dr. Blank on December 17, 1997, before he began

working at LLU: "The Loma Linda University philosophy is 'to make man whole.' If this remains the focus of University faculty, staff, and administration, it can never fail. It will be perpetuated through its influence on our students, our alumni, our patients, and on the global mission of our Church."

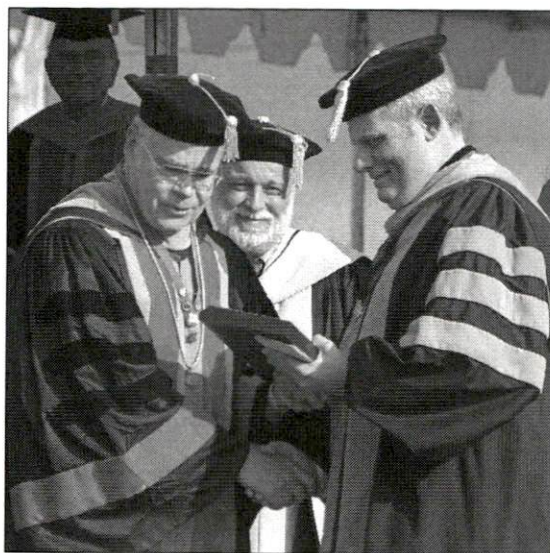
In the same letter, Dr. Blank states that his philosophy of practicing dentistry mirrors the LLU mission: "Meet the mind of the patient before the mouth of the patient," "Care for patients as you would your own family," "Always treat everyone with uncommon courtesy, respect, and dignity," and "Give God the glory in your patient treatment successes."

Dr. Blank sees his philosophy as a testament to the Christian influence of dedicated faculty and staff when he was a student and it is his desire to support and perpetuate this mission as a faculty member.

Dr. Blank receives high marks for being on time and available in the clinic; knowledgeable; helping students to think and problem solve; for being actively involved in student learning; providing positive feedback in addition to identifying problem areas; for being interested in the subject area being taught; and for treating students with respect.

Following are remarks from students who appreciate Dr. Blank's teaching style:

"Dr. Blank is an excellent teacher. He doesn't 'take over' for me but makes me



Ronald P. Blank, SD'75A, chair and associate professor, ODRP (right), receives the Teacher of the Year Award from Dr. Goodacre. Also pictured is Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, chancellor, LLU (center).

learn to do it myself. He strikes an excellent balance in knowing where and when to step in." "Dr. Blank seems calm and is very helpful. He understands that I am still a student."

As one of the graduating dental students recently commented, "Dr. Blank is more concerned in the student than in minutiae; he makes it his goal to have the student understand the goal of what is being taught. He is one of the great people in the School."

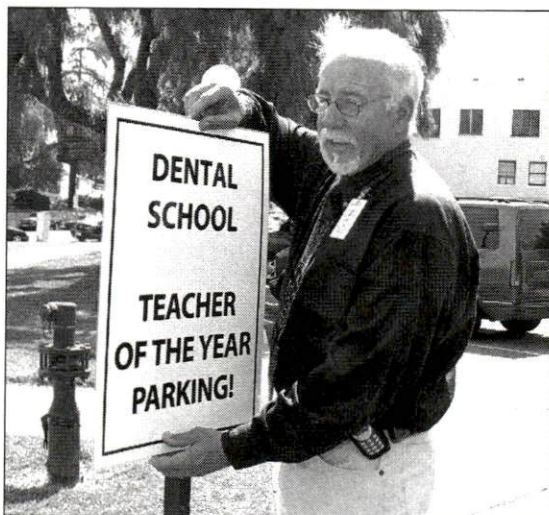
The Teacher of the Year Award is intended to be presented annually. The faculty member selected as Teacher of the Year will receive a medallion presented during commencement ceremonies and a shadow-box to display the medallion. The Teacher of the Year will also be given a reserved parking space, and a monetary award of \$1,000.

This year Dr. Blank was selected by the graduating dental class to receive the Pierre Fauchard Academy Teacher of the Year Award.

The award, given to the individual from whom the graduating students felt they received the finest education during their four years of dental school, was presented to him during the Pierre Fauchard Academy Annual Luncheon in Anaheim on April 7.

In 2001, he was also honored by the graduating class during their Awards Banquet at the Mission Inn in Riverside.

Chuck Yetter, director of dental maintenance, installs the School of Dentistry Teacher of the Year reserved parking sign. Ronald P. Blank, SD'75A, chair and associate professor, oral diagnosis, radiology, and pathology, is the first recipient of the award. In addition to reserved parking Dr. Blank received a medallion and case to display it in, and \$1,000. The Teacher of the Year Award will be given annually, and will be announced during commencement ceremonies for the School of Dentistry.



Advanced education program in endodontics welcomes first-year residents

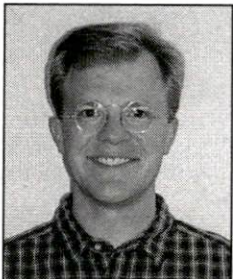
The endodontic department welcomes four new residents. Their two-year program begins July 1.

Salvia Javidad-Nejad, DDS



Dr. Salvia Javidad-Nejad attended the University of Tehran Dental School from 1989 to 1994 and continued her education in the United States where she received her DDS degree from Northwestern University Dental School in 1998. Prior to entering the endodontic program, Dr. Javidad-Nejad practiced general dentistry at the Roseville Center, in Roseville, Michigan.

R. Cary Mead, DDS



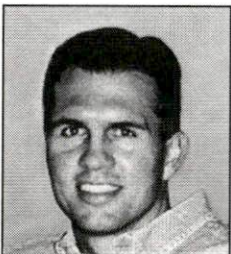
Dr. R. Cary Mead received his BS degree from University of Wyoming (1995) and his DDS degree from University of Nebraska, Lincoln

College of Dentistry in 1999. Prior to entering the endodontic program Dr. Mead practiced general dentistry at Campos Family Dental in San Antonio, Texas. He is married and has one child.

Miguel E. Mego, DDS



Dr. Miguel E. Mego earned his DDS degree from the Federico Villarreal National University, Lima, Peru (1991). Following his graduation and two years of practicing general dentistry Dr. Mego came to the United States and shortly thereafter entered the International Dentist Program at LLUSD and completed the program in 2001. Dr. Mego and his wife, Mayra, reside in Grand Terrace.



Brandon L. Nash, DDS

Dr. Brandon L. Nash received his BS degree from Pacific Union College (1995) and his DDS degree

from the School of Dentistry in 1999. Prior to entering the endodontic program, Dr. Nash practiced general dentistry at Fort Irwin Army Dental Activity. He is married to Betsey.

Remember, the deadline to turn in items for the August, 2002 issue of Dentalgram is Monday, July 22. Call Nancy at ext. 44984 or e-mail nyuen@sd.llu.edu Earlier submissions are welcome!

• Strategic Planning •

Submitted by Heidi Cooley

This month's update:

Strategic planning for the summer quarter will include the following activities:

The Strategic Planning Committee will hold an Annual review session "retreat" in August to update and modify the strategic plan. A review session will be held in July to evaluate the School goals and make recommended changes that will be presented at the August retreat.

A strategic planning information seminar for staff is being planned for July. This will be an opportunity to learn of and participate in strategic planning training, and integrated action plans.

Note: If you have any questions or need any assistance with the development of your integrated action plans, or any portion of your strategic planning training, please call the Office of Strategic Planning at ext. 44240.

Service learning in need of dental equipment

by Ron Forde

Dear Faculty Members,

As our Service Learning program continues to grow, especially our out-of-country programs, there is also a growing need for dental instruments. We specifically need more restorative supplies (pluggers, carvers, carriers) and surgical instruments (forceps and elevators...even those with slightly chipped tips).

So we are asking our dental faculty to check out those boxes you have stashed away somewhere in your dental practice or in your garage, and see if there might be some usable items our students can use.

Any other working dental equipment you can think of which we can use will also be appreciated (e.g. used curing lights).

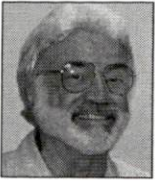
Also, if you have a buddy dentist or a partner who might be willing to donate to us, please share this information with them.

If you can help, please remember that we are in the process of packing supplies for trips next month, so the time is limited to get everything together.

Thanks for your help in this exciting program.

Department news

Dental Educational Services



• **Frank Cortez-Flores, PhD, DDS MS, MA, MPH**, attended the Summer 2002 Geriatric Institute: Challenges of Physical Disability in an

Aging Population, that was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Institute is co-sponsored by the New Mexico Geriatric Education Center at University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center School of Medicine and Indian Health Service Elder Care Initiative. As a member of the Society of American Indian Dentists (SAID), Dr. Cortez-Florez is interested in the health of the American Indian elderly population and in helping to develop a comprehensive interdisciplinary approach to their health care.

He also contributed to the 2002 Summer Workshop "Introducing Public Policy Issues in Aging into the Curriculum" June 23-27. The workshop took place in the Center for Policy Research in the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

Additionally, he was invited to present his study, "A Regional approach to a dengue fever prevention and control program following a natural disaster" for the 52nd Annual Southwest Conference on Diseases in Nature Transmissible to Man, June 6 and 7 in Houston, Texas. The conference was sponsored by the Zoonosis Control Division of the Texas Department of Health and the Texas Health Foundation, and was co-hosted by the University of Texas School of Public Health and the Houston Department of Health and Human Services.

He was also invited to present the same study at the 60th Annual Meeting of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association that was held in the city of Chihuahua, state of Chihuahua, Mexico, June 4 to 7.

Endodontics



• **Dr. Shahrokh Shabahang**, associate professor, endodontics, received his PhD degree in microbiology and molecular genetics during Graduate School commencement ceremonies on Sunday, June 9.

• **Dr. Wallis E. Andelin**, who completed the advanced education program in endodontics in June, has been nominated for inclusion in the *National Dean's List* for winter quarter, 2002. This national publication lists students of superior achievement who are in the upper 10 percent of their class. Dr. Andelin was nominated for this honor by Bart Rippon, PhD, dean, Graduate School.

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Carrie Lopez**, senior assistant to the dental clinics manager, clinic administration, on receiving her bachelor's degree from California Baptist University

in May. Carrie is currently working on her master's degree in primary education in pursuit of her dream to become a kindergarten teacher.

Congratulations also, to **Angela Butler**, who works a part-time employee in sterilization as a laboratory helper. Angela graduated with AA and AS degrees from Riverside Community College on June 11, 2002.

• Faculty development •

School of Dentistry Faculty Development Retreat

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Evaluation...

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There is limited space for the Faculty Development Retreat Seminar, so register today!

Contact: Barbara Parker, ext. 44640, department of restorative dentistry



Important dates

July 15	National Boards Part I
July 22	Items for <i>Dentalgram</i> due
September 9-12	Final Exams
September 13-22	Fall Break
September 23	Fall Quarter Begins

Dr. Andy Sheng, from Sir Run Run Shaw dental clinic, receives training in endodontics in the School of Dentistry

Faculty in the School of Dentistry began collaborating with the Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital dental clinic in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China, even before the clinic opened in 1994.

Dr. Lloyd Baum, professor emeritus, restorative dentistry, traveled to the clinic to help set up the dental equipment and to prepare for the opening.

The partnership between the School and Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital remains strong, with Loma Linda faculty presenting seminars to standing-room only audiences at the Hospital, and doctors from the clinic traveling to Loma Linda to spend time learning in the dental school.

Most recently Dr. Andy Sheng has spent over two months in the School, arriving on April 29, 2002. Dr. Sheng observed treatments in the endodontic clinic and attended classes with residents. In addition, he has observed procedures in the Implant Dentistry clinic and the International Dentist Program clinic.

Dr. Sheng has been a staff dentist in the SRRSH dental clinic for 10 years, joining the clinic in September, 1993 (one year before it officially opened).

He received his dental training from Zhejiang University and Medical School, completing studies in the university's stomatology department.

Each month, more than 1,000 patients are seen in the clinic, including Chinese officials and government leaders from the province.

Currently nine dentists staff the SRRSH dental clinic, assisted by four technicians and five dental assistants. Though the dental clinic now has eight chairs, plans are under way to enlarge the clinic, adding eight more chairs.



Dr. Andy Sheng, a staff dentist with Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital dental clinic, People's Republic of China (left), recently received training in the School of Dentistry. He is pictured with Drs. Leif K. Bakland, associate dean and professor of endodontics (center), and Lloyd Baum, professor emeritus, restorative dentistry.

Interestingly, in the Chinese educational system, after completing school doctors receive their work assignments from the university they attended.

International Dentist Program students celebrate Dr. Whittaker's 60th birthday



Students from the International Dentist Program recently planned a dinner to celebrate Dr. John Whittaker's 60th birthday. The celebration took place at the World Buffet restaurant in Redlands. Dr. Denzel Nair, IDP class of September, 2002, planned the event. Dr. Whittaker is seated at the head of the table. His wife, Beverly, is seated to his right.



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- Log off from the computer before you walk away
- Do not email patient identifiable information
- Verify fax number before sending information

Personality sketch:

Can you guess who this is?

This School of Dentistry staff member once worked as a dental assistant in the School and now works with patients and students. She can identify nearly 70 edible wild plants on the LLU campus and has a sister who works for the School.

She began working in the School's DAU department as a dental assistant in 1980 and received her RDA and CDA certifications in 1981. In 1985, she transferred to dental records as a record analyst and in 1999, she transferred to urgent care/new patient screening, radiology as a chart auditor, the position she now holds. Her supervisor is Carol Sorrells, supervisor, radiology and urgent care.

Throughout the day she interacts with hundreds of students, patients and visitors as she greets patients, schedules appointments, and answers questions over the phone. She audits charts for the department, and helps coordinate denture repair appointments and process prosthodontic screening patients.

She also serves on the School's spiritual life committee led by Fred Kasischke that meets once a quarter to plan student activities.

Ten years ago, she signed up to take a edible wild plant class offered through the University's Gentry Gym (now offered through the Drayson Center). She enjoyed the class so much that she started to assist Miriam Kramer with the class. Ms. Kramer is a secretary in the Graduate School.

In the class students learn to identify and prepare edible wild plants. She also prepares food for students to sample at the end of each class. Some of the dishes include dandelion jelly, creamed tumbleweed, acorn muffins, green salad made from lambs quarters, purslane chickweed, mallow, and mustard flowers. She lectures about how to collect and preserve plant samples, and is one of three artists who illustrated the manual used for the class.

This employee also has a passion to share the gospel of Jesus through the media, and on the weekend can be seen operating a videocamera in the University Church.

Since 1998, she has volunteered with Loma Linda Broadcasting Network (LLBN) and University Church media ministries as a video camera operator and



Can you guess who this is? Read the article and check your answer at the end. To see the entire photo, turn to page 8.

floor manager.

Since 1999, she has been a volunteer trafficking manager for LLBN. This entails overseeing the video library and preparing the weekly 24-hour-a-day schedule of programs for broadcast on the local cable channel 17. These also can be seen on the internet website www.llbn.tv. In addition the programs are broadcast live via satellite nationwide including parts of Mexico and Canada each Sabbath morning from the University Church and LLBN studios.

She has joined crews to film programs including the Clergy Conference featuring Martin Luther King Jr. III, The Heralds Reunion Concert, The Heritage Singers, Wedgwood Trio, Faith For Today Reunion, and many others.

Since 1999, she has served as a member of the University Church media board and on the manager's and technical committee.

In 2001, she was presented by the LLBN board the Award of Excellence. The crystal award bears the inscription: "For faithfulness, commitment, and character in serving God's people through LLBN-TV."

She was born in Buffalo, New York, and is the youngest of three children. She has a brother, David Purucker, who lives in New York. Her sister, Shirley, works in the School's copy center.

Answer: If you guessed Evie Roach, records analyst, who works in urgent care, new patient screening, and radiology in the lobby of Prince Hall, you guessed correctly!

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July Birthdays

Ada Beltran	Pros
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Vivian Davis	CSD
Debbie Earll	Perio
Desiree Ellis	SCD
Robert Frank	Endo
Ruth Goodacre	Pros, Surg Ctr Dent
Robert Handysides	Endo
Tracee Henderson	PBO
Mick Hich	Dent Lab Svcs
Katherine Jimenez	FDO
Kellie McNeil	Peds
Maria Elena Melgoza	Implant
Mary Melki	Patient Business Ofc
Nalu Nakaahiki	PBO
Jeni Osborne	Clinic
Kanaan Rengasamy	ODRP
Evie Roach	UrgCare/Screening
Shelley Slater	Perio
Lindsey Troja	Radiology
Paula Williams	Perio

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Classifieds

Real estate for sale:

University Realty, Inc., 11156 Anderson Street, Loma Linda, CA 92354 (909) 796-0156; Fax (909) 796-5105, is now accepting listings. We also offer the following properties:

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6. **Vacant Land in Loma Linda:** 3.31 acres for professional offices. Value is in land, house sold "As Is" condition. \$550,900. University Realty
7. **Cottage-style Home:** 2 bdrms den & family rms, enclosed patio. Located with in walking distance to VA hospital & shopping. \$144,950. University Realty 796-0156
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13. **Just Listed:** Main house with 2 bdrms, 2 baths plus a guest house with 1 bdrm, 1 bath, great for extra income. \$159,900.00 University Realty 796-0156

Student research update... *Continued from page 1*

Publications

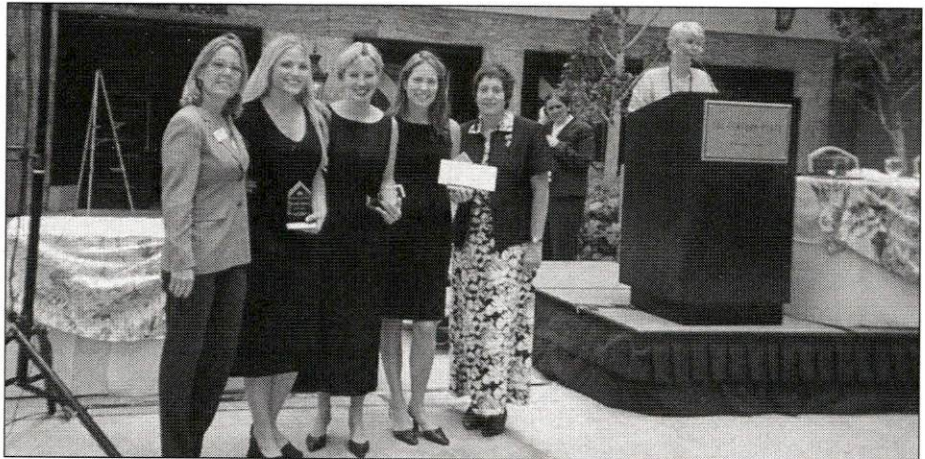
Three abstracts from dental hygiene student research have been submitted to the *Journal of Dental Hygiene* for the Fall, 2002 issue. They are:

- "Hearing impairment in association with ultrasonic use," Kellie McNeil, DH'02, RDA, OMSA; Leslie Nazaroff, RDH, DrPH; and Karen Simpson, DH'66, RDH, MPH, chair, dental hygiene.

- "Transmission of bacteria to the patient's oral cavity via dental student's handling of disposable supplies," Joann Grosso, DH'02, RDH; Susanne Lieberman-

Pepper, DH'02, RDH; and Stephanie Sobieski, DH'02, RDH; with James Kettering, PhD; Jay Kim, PhD; Carlos Muñoz, DDS, MSD, director, Center for Dental Research and Karen Simpson, DH'66, MPH, chair, dental hygiene, faculty mentors.

- "The effectiveness of antimicrobials on bacteria from dental unit waterlines," Kristen Berry RDH; Joanna Blood, RDH; and Danna Kim, RDH BS; with James Kettering PhD, and Karen Simpson, DH'66, MPH, chair, dental hygiene, faculty mentors.



Class of 2002 dental hygiene graduates Angela Kendall, Christin Wells Wesslen, and Jennifer Cutts accept their first-place award at the ADHA meeting in Beverly Hills in June. Pictured, from left, are: Jennifer Jackson, CEO, Omni Oral Pharmaceuticals; Ms. Kendall; Ms. Wells Wesslen; Ms. Cutts; and ADHA president Ann Naber. Standing at the podium is Carol Weldin, RDH, BS, table clinic and research poster session coordinator.



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**Deadline for items for August
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July 22**



Evie Roach, RDA, CDA, records analyst, who works in urgent care, new patient screening, and radiology area in the lobby of Prince Hall, is pictured preparing to videotape in the University Church. She volunteers with the Loma Linda Broadcasting Network. To read more about Evie, please turn to page 7.

Robert Kiger completes term as ADEA Leadership Fellow

Robert D. Kiger, SD'70, MS'85, professor and chair, periodontics, has completed a term of service as an American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Leadership Institute Fellow. After seeing an announcement about the program in early 2001, he received approval to apply and is the first LLU faculty member to take part in the program.

The ADEA Leadership Institute is a year-long program designed to develop skills needed by dental and allied dental faculty to assume leadership roles in dental education and higher education. Each year up to 20 Fellows are selected for the program.

Leadership Institute Fellows participate in four meetings during the year-long program, and throughout the year study materials that are assigned to them. They also develop and complete a project.

The first meeting took place during the ADEA annual meeting in Chicago in March, 2001. In addition to setting up the seminars that would be held throughout the year, participants identified projects they would develop and complete during the year. Dr. Kiger's group chose to put together a website on dental ethics, <dental ethics.net>.

The second meeting, the Legislative workshop, was postponed because of the September 11 crisis.

The group next met in Stowe, Vermont, in July, 2001. The session focused on identifying leadership styles and learning the elements of good leadership, among others.

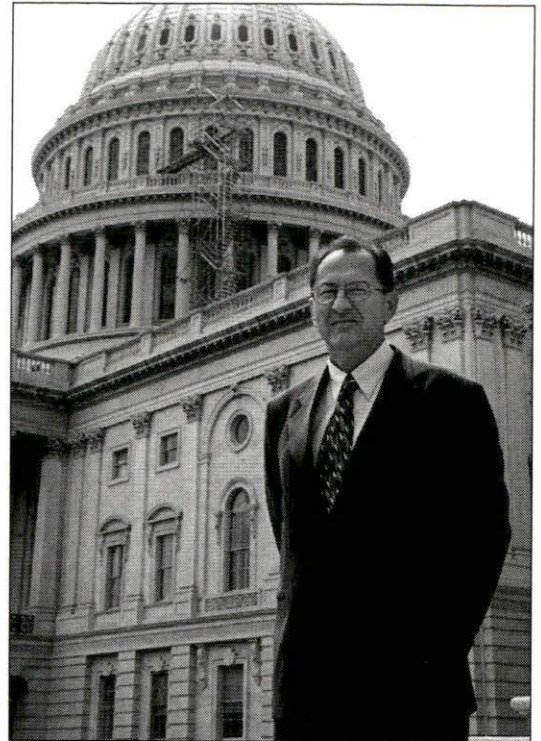
The third conference, a three-day session, was held in Ft. Lauderdale in January, 2002. The group discussed leadership styles and management decisions, and began to work in groups.

The final phase of the program was the Association's annual Legislative Workshop in Washington, D.C., held in late April, 2002.

"One of the most important things dental educators can do," says David Johnson, ADEA president and dean, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, "is to become strong advocates for legislative initiatives affecting dental academia and the profession."

Fellows learned about federal policy and the legislative process. They were briefed on the federal budget and appropriations process, federal health professions and research programs of importance to dental education.

Congressional staff talked about the Patients' Bill of Rights; the Children's Dental Health Improvement Act; and the Dental Health Improvement Act as well as the reauthorization of the National Health Service Corps and Community Health Centers.



Robert D. Kiger, SD'70, MS'85, professor and chair, periodontics, pauses on the steps of the Capitol Building during the ADEA Legislative Workshop in Washington, D.C.

Ricardo Martinez, MD, associate director, program development, National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research, spoke about the role the Institute plays in determining the future of oral research as well as the significant resources it provides to support education and research training in the nation's dental schools.

Donald Weaver, MD, assistant surgeon general and director, National Health Service Corps (NHSC), provided an overview of the NHSC and its mission to provide access to primary care to underserved populations. He highlighted the increased efforts NHSC is undertaking to partner with dental schools to increase oral health-care providers in the Corps.

As he looks back on his term of service as an ADEA Fellow, Dr. Kiger recalls a rewarding year learning about leadership while studying reams of information, networking and planning and developing the dental ethics website, all during a year in which the dental school was undergoing accreditation.

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