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Groundbreaking continuing education held at LLUSD

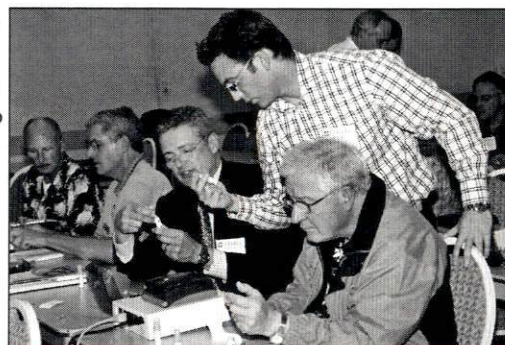
The department of endodontics and the graduate program in implant dentistry together presented a program on "Implant Dentistry for Endodontists."

On September 25–26, 2005 about 70 endodontists from all over the United States came to Loma Linda to learn about current procedures in implant dentistry.

Advanced education programs in endodontics are expected to provide some experience in implant dentistry to endodontic residents, and many endodontic programs were represented at the course, in part made possible by a grant from Nobel Biocare. The advanced education program in endodontics at Loma

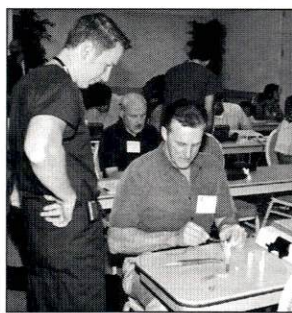
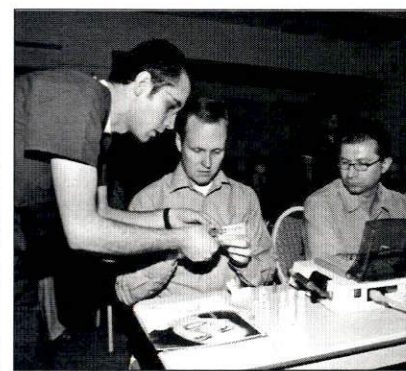
Linda has incorporated a curriculum in implant dentistry for the past two years, and is beginning to provide an opportunity for its residents to get clinical experience in implant dentistry.

With one exception, the faculty for the CE course were Loma Linda faculty members: Charles J. Goodacre, DDS, MSD; Alan S. Herford, DDS, MD; Joseph Kan, DDS, MS; Jaime L. Lozada, DDS; Tord M. Lundgren, DDS; Chad M. Reader, DDS from Denver Colorado, and Mahmoud Torabinejad,



Dr. Dominic Côté (endodontics) helps a couple of participants select the right instrument.

DMD, MSD, PhD. Leif K. Bakland, DDS, was course director along with Dr. Lozada.



LEFT: Several residents from implant dentistry and from endodontics assist in the hands-on part of the course; here Dr. Brad Newberry (endodontics) guides one of the participants. RIGHT: Dr. Hasan Dbouk (implant dentistry) helps Drs. Robert Handysides and Nishan Odabashian (endodontic faculty) master the skills of placing implants in technique models of dental arches.

Faculty and alumni assist with annual phonathon

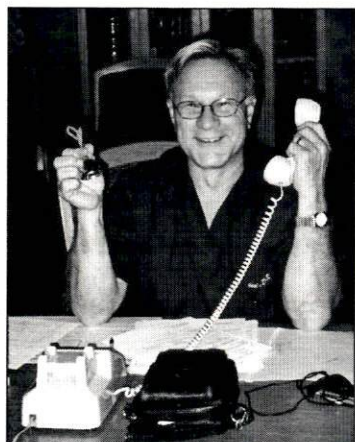
Alumni and faculty are busy again this Fall volunteering for the phonathon to benefit the Alumni Association Annual Fund Campaign. Alumni around the country are invited to provide support for this important Fund, as well as special honor year projects. Leading out this year is Daniel Armstrong, SD'72, Century Club Chair.

Monies raised during the 2005–06 campaign will support student mission trips; personalized Bibles and lab coats presented to students; young faculty recruitment; student research; and Alumni Association office expenses.



ABOVE RIGHT: Gary Golden, SD'76 talks to his classmates about the Annual Fund Campaign and their upcoming honor year reunion in 2006.

RIGHT: Michael P. Boyko, SD'75A, is among the regular volunteers for the Alumni Fund Campaign phonathon.



Drs. Leif K. Bakland and Jaime Lozada (standing) observe the hands-on experience of some of the endodontists attending the course.

Featured employee: Ada Beltran

Ada Beltran, RDA, CDA, OSA, featured employee of the month, moved to the Inland Empire with her sister nearly 15 years ago. "We wanted to purchase a home and moved to Bloomington, where we found a home in the right price range."

Ada was working as a dental assistant in an oral surgery private practice, and soon began searching for work closer to home. "When I learned LLU was a Christian school, I became more persistent," she says.

Fourteen years ago she joined the School staff working in implant dentistry (when Dr. Robert James was director). Eight years later, Dr. Wayne Campagni asked her to join the graduate prosthodontics clinic staff. She worked there for three years.

"I'd always been interested in working with pediatric patients," she reveals. "And when the opportunity came to work in the pediatric clinic, I was excited to be able to join their staff."

She enjoys assisting graduate students with patient treatment (four-

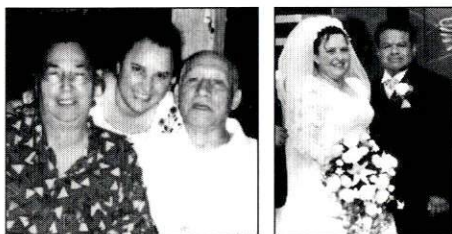
handed dentistry), "like private practice," she says.

As undergraduate students rotate through the clinic she also practices dental assisting as well as sharing the skills she has learned in pediatric patient behavior management. "Drs. B. Nelson (chair) and Wesley Okumura (clinic director) have a special gift for working with children," she says.

Ada married David Cruz on April 10, 2005. "Both of David's brothers (Pastors Israel and Domingo Carlos)," she says, "presided over the wedding ceremony, which made it very special for us." An engineer, he now works as a self-employed contractor.

Ada enjoys traveling, and has journeyed to Spain, France, and Portugal. One of her favorite trips was to Israel.

"My parents are the treasures of my heart," she says. "I'm thankful to the Lord for being so good to me. I have the love and support of my husband, and the love and prayers of my parents and family—as well as the perfect job where the staff show how much they care as they treat each child."



LEFT: Ada Beltran (center), enjoys spending time with her parents, Amelia and Eugenio. RIGHT: The happy couple—Ada and David Cruz, on their wedding day.

Personal Finance for Healthcare Professionals

"Personal Finance for Healthcare Professionals," by W. Patrick Naylor, a 176-page text, was written to help educate those in health-care settings about personal finance and money management. It comes with an interactive version of the text in a CD-ROM format that's both MAC and PC compatible. The software includes a loan calculator program used to compare the terms (interest rate, loan principal, and length of the debt) for educational loans, home mortgages, credit card debt, and personal loans.

Now is your chance to learn more about basic money management, planning and investment strategies, mutual funds, dividend reinvestment and direct stock purchase plans (DRIPs/DSPs), and purchasing individual stocks. You will become familiar with types of individual retirement accounts (IRAs) such as the Roth IRA, the deductible and non-deductible IRA, as well as the different retirement plans that may be offered through your employment (such as a Profit-Sharing Plan, SEP-IRA, 401(k), 403(b), SIMPLE-IRA, or a paired-plan).

Read about investment strategies, learn how to estimate the performance for your individual accounts or your entire portfolio, and acquaint yourself with language used in the financial community. Use reference tables to find the maximum allowable annual contribution amounts for IRAs and other retirement plans so you can plan ahead.

EMPLOYERS: Find out more about your responsibilities as a fiduciary of the retirement plan you established for your practice or business and the requirement to educate your employees of how your retirement plan works. Learn how and how much you can put away in pre-tax dollars toward retirement for yourself and your employees.

EMPLOYEES: Now you can read about all the different types of retirement plans and what you can do to maximize saving and investing for your retirement.

STUDENTS: How will you manage your educational loans? Pay them off quickly or consolidate multiple loans into one loan for a period up to 30 years? See how loan consolidation can benefit you, through examples and possible strategies, so you can decide what's best for you.

Whether you want to invest on your own or seek the assistance of an investment professional, now is your chance to become a more informed consumer.

To obtain copies of *Personal Finance for Healthcare Professionals*, contact Continuing Dental Education. **COST:** LLUSD students, faculty, and staff - \$15.00; LLU students, faculty, and staff \$25.00. All others = \$35.00.



Blackboard Tip of the Month for November *Printing Student List*

Instructors may easily print a list of students in a Bb course. Access the course control panel and click on **List/Modify Users**. Click on the **List All** tab then click on the **List All** button. You can now print the page(s) using your web browser print function.

If you have more than 25 students in your course there will be more than one page of names. You must print each page separately.

If you have a question about Blackboard or are interested in learning more about Blackboard, contact Leigh Ann Evans in Educational Support Services at ext. 88628.

Department news

Welcome

Please give a warm welcome to new employees: **Elena Brenda Montesinos**, dental assistant, pediatric dentistry; **Christa Vandervoort**, dental assistant, faculty dental offices; **Renita Adolphus, DA**, Center for Dental Research; **Marisela Sanchez**, records analyst, oral and maxillofacial surgery.

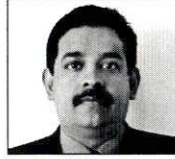
Pediatric dentistry

The pediatric dental faculty welcomes a new faculty member, **Dr. Joseph Curtin**, assistant professor. Dr. Curtin joined the School family on October 25.

Periodontics

The department of periodontics welcomes faculty members Drs. **Albert Weissman**, assistant professor, **Mahavir Mishra**, associate professor and **Stephen Silston**, assistant professor. *Note: Photos and profiles of these faculty members and Dr. Curtin will appear in the next issue.*

Prosthodontics



Mathew T. Kattadiyil, BDS, MDS, MS, associate professor and associate director, advanced education

program in prosthodontics, recently took and successfully completed the board certification exams conducted by the American Board of Prosthodontics.

The board certification process involves four parts which include one written examination and three patient presentation and oral examinations.

Congratulations to Dr. Kattadiyil on his achievement.

See your news here

Share your news with the School family.

The deadline for the December issue is Monday, November 21. To submit news and information email: nyuen@llu.edu or call ext. 44984.

Your donations will make it possible for staff to have a happy Thanksgiving

Last year, 42 families were blessed by the generous Thanksgiving basket donations (\$7,905) made by 73 donors. Twenty-one people donated an additional \$895, which provided assistance to six families in need during the Christmas holidays.

There are many reasons to be grateful this year. At this time of Thanksgiving, we hope that you will choose to join us in donating to the worthy cause of supporting our own dental school family. Knowing you are helping provide happier holidays for those who receive your monetary present is a gift to yourself as well as others.

Bring your donation to Mary Hartwell's office (room 2300), and she will process the donations for you. Checks should be made out to Loma Linda University with "SD Employee Special Projects" written in the memo section. Credit card donations may be made by calling Mary Donahue in the development office (Ext. 44754) and she will be happy to take the information. Donations are tax deductible.

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them is the true measure of our thanksgiving. • W.T. Purkiser

Editors from LLU&MC attend Society of Adventist Communicators' annual meeting in Portland



Several editors from Loma Linda University attended the society of Adventist Communicators annual convention in Portland, Oregon, October 20 to 23, 2005. *Dentalgram* editor, Nancy Yuen, represented the School of Dentistry, joining more than 130 communications, public relations, and marketing professionals from each union territory in the United States, including professionals from Adventist educational institutions, hospitals, churches, and from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The theme for the conference was "Give them something to talk about," and seminars highlighted the future of communication, media impact on public perception of Adventists, effective publications, marketing and branding, and the 10 biggest mistakes in Christian media, among others.

November Birthdays

Darlene Armstrong	Dent Hyg/FDO
Margie Arnett	Dean's Ofc
Michelle Ayon	CSD
Kathy Biller	PBO
Darlene Check	Dent Hyg
Leigh Ann Evans	Ed Suppt Svcs
Denny Fang	Endo
Kristi Gaede	Pt Relations
Floare Gheta	Peds
Irene Hernandez	CSD
Bernard Hutubessy	Dent Maint
Christina Khachatourian	Clin Sply
Dana Koops	Ortho
Stan Lillard	Dent Maint
Dolores Magana	PBO
John Munce	Endo
Mayra Orozco	Cent Dent Rsch
Rock Renner	Dent Lab
Elizabeth Rodriguez	Endo
Pamela Sebastian	Ortho
Carol Sorrells	Radiology
Patricia Stokes	Peds
Hong-Ming Tang	Endo
Daniel Tapia	Surg Ctr Dent
Christina Villasenor	SCD
Bill Westrick	Dental Lab Serv.
Alisa Wilson	Bio-Mat
David Wolfe	Endo
Marie Worcester	Clin Admin

Extra! November newsflash



(L-R) Dr. Oliveira, Mary Lou Clement; Drs. Vazquez and Amaya.

IDP recruits at University of Southern California

On Thursday, October 27, three students from International Dentist Program, Dr. Omar Oliveira—Brazil; Dr. Andres Amaya—Columbia; and Dr. Norma Vazquez—Paraguay, traveled to University of Southern California on a recruiting trip. They were invited by the USC department of international dentistry's Hispanic Dental Association. Special guests were Hispanic dentists in the area who wish to become licensed to practice dentistry in the U.S. USC invited the five dental schools in California with programs for international dentists—USC; University of California, Los Angeles; University of the Pacific; and University of California, San

Francisco, and LLU. According to Mrs. Clement, "More than 100 dentists attended, registered, and many of them talked to our students at our table, asking them about their experiences in our program and gathering information needed to apply." After candidates visited the various booths (including KAPLAN and ESL program booths), they attended formal presentation by Hispanic Dental Association.



Costume contest—



A cowboy, a prince, one of the three amigos, a flamingo, and a human trash can were among the creative costumes worn for the costume contest on October 31.

Above: Joseph Alwan, SD'08, a pirate, won first prize.

Faculty inducted into International College of Dentists

At its annual session held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, International College of Dentists (ICD) inducted Robert Kiger, DDS, MA, professor, periodontics, and Clelan "Butch" Ehrler, DDS, MS. The induction ceremony was held during the American Dental Association annual meeting in October.

ICD is an honorary organization for the recognition of outstanding and meritorious service to the professions.

In an impressive cap and gown ceremony, dentists from throughout the United States were inducted into the College at this year's ceremony, witnessed by hundreds of members and guests.



ABOVE RIGHT: Robert Kiger, professor, periodontics and Dr. Butch Ehrler were inducted into ICD in October. RIGHT: Ellen and Dr. Robert Kiger; Dr. Ed Cowin; and Butch and Lorraine Ehrler. Dr. Cowin, regional director, ICD, graduated from the School of Dentistry in 1962.

Dentists travel from around the globe for manual dexterity test

In October, 116 dentists from countries around the globe traveled to Loma Linda University for the biyearly manual dexterity test.

The test is the second step in the application process for the International Dentist Program. After faculty recorded their scores, 37 were invited back for interviews.

They are applying for the classes of March, 2006 and September, 2006.



Top photo: Dr. Jay Ayass, an IDP student, proctors the manual dexterity test. Below: Dr. William Seibly, professor (seated, left), enters scores from the manual dexterity test. Assisting are IDP students Dr. Jay Ayass (wearing suit) and Dr. Omar Oliveira.

Academic calendar

November

Mock Board Examinations (D3)	Nov. 2-3
Mock Board Examinations (D4)	Nov. 7-10
Thanksgiving Recess	Nov. 23-27

December

Keeping Connected	Dec. 2
National Board Examination, Part I & II	Dec. 5-6
Christmas Breakfast	Dec. 7
Final exams	Dec. 12-15
Grades due from Faculty	Dec. 20
Christmas Recess	Dec. 16-Jan. 2

Happy Thanksgiving

DEAR SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY FAMILY—

Thanksgiving donations have been slow coming in. This is a request to everyone who is planning to make a Thanksgiving donation but have not done so already, to do so as soon as you can. We would like to thank everyone for their continuing generosity and hope you will support this tradition in the future as well.

Please donate to Mary Hartwell's office (room number 2300) and she will process the donations for you and take care of getting them to those most in need. Like last year, we will only be asking for money and no food items since there is insufficient space to store these items.

All donations will be processed through gift records and you will receive a donation receipt. Donations of any amount are greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you!

*Joni Stephens, Mary
Hartwell, & Mathew
Kattadiyil*



School of Dentistry blood drive is a success

On Thursday, October 27, the School sponsored a blood drive in appreciation of the support that Mary Hartwell, dental clinics manager, received during her recent illness.

Tents were set up and the blood bank mobile clinic was stationed in the cul-de-sac in front of Prince Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Final statistics reveal that 62 people participated in the event, and there were 10 first-time donors.



Pictured (l-r): Miriam Yanez & Robin Fierro-Navarro, clinic administration and Scott Krause, SD'08, gave blood.



LEFT: Cathy Graves, dental assistant, periodontics, waits her turn to give blood. BELOW: Mary Hartwell, dental clinics manager, clinic administration



Office of academic affairs releases Dean's List

The office of academic affairs in the School of Dentistry has released the list of students who achieved dean's list status for summer quarter.

The eligibility requirements to be placed on the dean's list are: achieve a term grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than a B-; receive no incomplete grades for the quarter; and complete at least 12 units of coursework during the quarter.

The School of Dentistry academic review committee reviewed the performance of each student enrolled for summer quarter and voted to include the following students on the dean's list:

DENTISTRY, CLASS OF 2008

Melissa Bassham, Matthew Cilderman, Jennifer Clark, Christopher Hanson, Philip Horsley, Jeffrey Hwang, Neal Johnson, Tera Johnson, Nathan Latimer, Jaime Lee, Thomas Lee, Brian Lin, Audrey Mojica, Jeffrey Rho, Shayna Sanchez, David Self, Daniel Siriphongs; Elisa Song, James Willis

DENTAL HYGIENE, CLASS OF 2006

Ashley Ellison, KeriAnne Kubrock, Rachelle Reaney, Kimberly Thielen, Randy Valencia, Thuan Vuong

INTERNATIONAL DENTIST PROGRAM, CLASS OF DECEMBER, 2006

Shuchita Gupta



Jaime L. Lozada elected vice president of AAID

Jaime L. Lozada, DDS, director, graduate program in implant dentistry, was elected vice president of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) during the organization's recent annual meeting.

Dr. Lozada joins newly elected AAID officers Kim Gowey, DDS, Medford, Wisconsin (president); Frank LaMar, DDS, Pittsford, New York (president-elect); Beverly Dunn, DDS, West Palm Beach, Florida (treasurer); and Joel Rosenlicht, DMD, Manchester, Connecticut (secretary).

Established in 1951, AAID is the oldest implant organization in the world. The Academy is the only implant organization that offers implant credentials protected by federal court decisions.

Its membership, which exceeds 2,800, includes general dentists, oral surgeons, periodontists, and prosthodontists from across the United States and in 40 other countries.

LLUSA PRESENTS: MESSIAH'S MANSION! NOVEMBER 4 TO 19

Messiah's Mansion is a life-sized replica of the Sanctuary the Israelites used during their wilderness years.

You'll learn from a tour guide the literal services and symbolic imagery used in the Sanctuary, including practical lessons that can be learned from the Sanctuary—"Thy way O Lord is in the Sanctuary," Psalm 77:13. Come see the method God chose to show His people the Gospel. Admission is free.

Messiah's Mansion is on the LLU campus next to the Drayson Center Superfield. Tours are 1 hour 15 minutes long, 1:00-8:00 p.m.

For more information call LLUSA at (909) 558-4979 or visit www.LostArk.org

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The **Christmas Breakfast Extravaganza** for the School of Dentistry will offer entertainment, food, fun, and holiday memories for all!

Faculty, staff, and students. Wednesday, December 7, 2005, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Coleman Pavilion.