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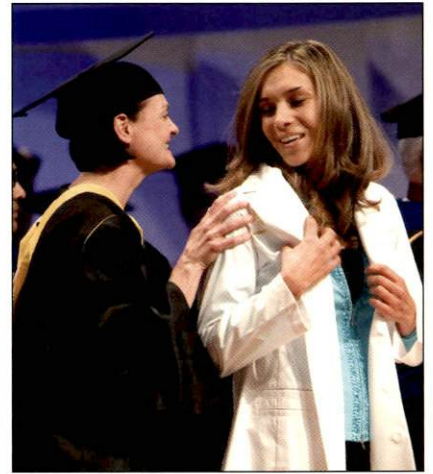


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Alumni Student Convention, 2007



Forty-seventh Alumni Student Convention honors first 50th anniversary class

The 47th annual Alumni Student Convention was held February 8 to 12, 2007. This year marks the first time a class (the class of 1957) has celebrated a 50th anniversary of their graduation year. To mark this landmark the Alumni Association hosted the class (airfare and lodging), for the convention. According to Kathleen Moore, MHIS, assistant dean, educational support services, 33 of the 36 living members of the class traveled to Loma Linda to celebrate their class' golden anniversary.

The convention theme was the 1950s—staff dressed in '50s attire (black leather jackets, circle skirts and sweater twin sets); a 1957 Chevrolet was on display beside the Good Samaritan sculpture. The Homecoming Banquet Thursday evening featured tunes by "The Alley Cats." A attendees selected from a 1950s menu.

Charles Goodacre, SD '71; MSD, emceed the homecoming banquet, which featured an amazing amount of research—from cost to attend the School in 1957 and in 2007, to pictures and information about each member of the dental class of 1957, with anecdotes recalled from their years as students in the School of Dentistry.

Among the many events planned for returning alumni, honor classes, and the



Members of the dental class of 1957 met for a class reunion on February 10, 2007.

School family were student table clinics, continuing education courses for dentists and dental hygienists, and the family day and student dedication.

For the first time in several years the Women's Auxiliary Luncheon was held with 60 spouses of alumni and faculty gathering at Napoli's Italian Restaurant in Loma Linda.

Scientific sessions on Thursday included tracks in implant dentistry, operative/restorative dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery, prosthodontics, digital radiography, and dental hygiene among others.

On Friday scientific sessions continued,

featuring topics in prosthodontics, operative/restorative dentistry, periodontics, pediatric dentistry, and oral diagnosis, radiology, and pathology. The 27th Annual Dental Anesthesia Symposium, held Sunday and Monday, was well attended.

Friday morning, alumni who have served in dental clinics around the globe gathered in the University Church fellowship hall for the annual Missionary and Prayer Breakfast.

Also on Friday golf enthusiasts, including faculty, students, and alumni gathered at Yucaipa Valley Golf Club to compete in the annual golf tournament.

This year the Dental Hygienists and Assistants Homecoming luncheon was held Friday, February 9, at the Mission Inn in Riverside. During the luncheon Kris Wilkins, DH'80 was named Dental Hygiene Alumna of the Year and Michelle Wehling, dental hygiene senior, was named Dental Hygiene Student of the Year.

On Friday evening the University Church of Seventh-day Adventists was filled with family and friends of students participating in the Student Dedication service.

Each first-year student was presented a Bible with his or her name embossed on the cover, and students in their final year of study received a lab coat with his or her name embroidered on it. These gifts were provided with Alumni Association funds.

During the dedication service Michael Boyko, SD'75A, presented the Boyko Award for Christ-like Service in Dentistry to Brent Pahls, fourth-year dental student. The award comes with a \$5,000 scholarship.

Plans are under way to mark the 47th annual Alumni Student Convention, which will take place February 7 to 10, 2008.



Charles Goodacre, SD'71, MSD, dean, emceeds the Homecoming Banquet on Thursday, February 8. The banquet honored the class of 1957, the School's first class to celebrate a golden anniversary.

On the cover—

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Members of the School of Dentistry dental class of 2007 pose for a group photo following the student dedication service on Friday, February 9, in the University Church of Seventh-day Adventists. • During the student dedication service Karen McVoy Harris, RDA, Century Club chair, helps Gianna Balugo, dental hygiene senior, put on her new personalized lab coat. • Arek Balci, SD'95, poses with a 1957 Chevrolet during the Convention. • The Student Dedication Service was held on Friday, February 9, in the University Church of Seventh-day Adventists. • Golf buddies: Lowell Dobyns, SD'57, Weldon Hagen, SD'57, Simon Trenchuck, SD'64, and Wilton Hartwick, SD'64. • Thirty-three of the 36 living members of the class of 1957 attended the Convention. Here they share memories with family members, other alumni, faculty and staff during the Homecoming Banquet.

Forty-seventh annual Alumni Student Convention



Alumni visit the student table clinic presentations in Coleman Pavilion.



Table clinic judges receive commendation plaques (l-r): Dr. Adrian Mobilia; Matthew Sanders D4; Kris Wilkins, RDH, MA; Dr. Ken Kirsch; Donna Lesser, RDH MA; Gary Peterson, assoc. director, professional and scientific relations, Oral Care Products.



More than 60 people attended the Women's Auxiliary Luncheon that was held Thursday at Napoli's Italian restaurant.



During School of Dentistry tours on Friday, Cynthia Briceno, far right, guides guests through the implant dentistry area.



During the Homecoming Banquet, members of the class of '57 give a standing ovation to Lloyd Baum, professor emeritus.



Mark Carpenter, SD'80, was the speaker for the Missionary Dentist and Prayer Breakfast, held in the fellowship hall.



Ekaterina Tomenko, SD'10, and Emily Beltz, DH'07, sang "Here I am Lord," accompanied by Larysa Baydala, DH'07 (not pictured).



Winning this year's goal tournament were (from left): Trevor Fisher, D3; Jake Wiese; Henry Chan, SD'78; and Chris Apuy, D4.



The dental hygiene class of 2007 was presented with lab coats during the student dedication service.

More than 300 patients receive care during Clinic With a Heart

Sunday, January 28, well before dawn, members of the community began gathering under tents near the Good Samaritan sculpture. They were on campus to attend Clinic With a Heart, a day of dental care provided at no cost to those in financial need. It was the 16th time the event has been held.

Though patient registration did not begin until 6:30 a.m., individuals began arriving before 12:30 a.m., warmed by hot chocolate, tea, and apple cider that had been set up in front of the Good Samaritan statue. By 8:00 a.m., 303 people had arrived to receive dental care.

This year 232 adults and 44 pediatric patients were screened, and \$38,141 in dental care was provided at no cost to the patients. School of Dentistry volunteers included 27 faculty, 58 staff, 246 dental students and residents. Also volunteering were 28 students from Baldyview Regional Occupational Program Dental Assisting School and Chaffey Junior College dental assisting program.

This year's Clinic With a Heart was



More than 300 people attended this year's Clinic With a Heart.

advertised in local church bulletins and articles appeared in local newspapers including *San Bernardino Sun*, *Riverside Press-Enterprise*, and *Redlands Daily Facts*.

Dynette Hart, DrPH, RN, associate professor, School of Nursing, organized and supervised nursing students who took blood pressures during the prescreening. Staff from University housekeeping also provided assistance for the event.

Najwa Medina, director, campus catering, donated hot drinks for the patients and campus engineering donated chairs, tables, and tents.

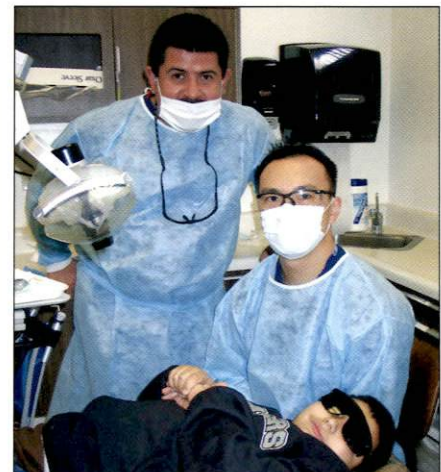
Procter & Gamble (Crest) provided toothbrushes and toothpaste, and funding for T-shirts for the volunteers. Each year a child in immediate need of care is selected, and the company provides funding for more extensive dental work to be completed.

Pediatric dentistry department volunteers for 'Give Kids a Smile Day'

The pediatric dentistry department volunteered for Give Kids a Smile Day, at the Social Action Community Health System dental clinic, Friday, February 23.

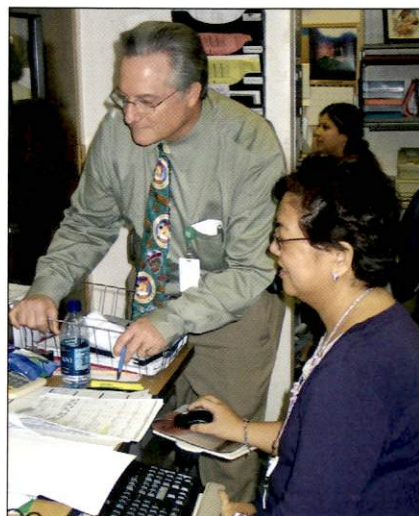
Eight pediatric residents performed a variety of dental procedures including screenings, fillings, and extractions under the supervision of Dr. Richard Grabowsky, associate professor, pediatric dentistry.

The event was hosted by Tri-County Dental Society during the American Dental Association's Children's Dental Health month. Fifty-five pediatric patients were seen, providing \$16,948 in free dental care. A list of volunteers appears below.



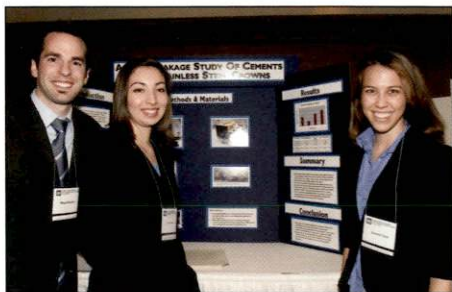
'GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY' VOLUNTEERS—

Richard Grabowsky, DDS	Ada Beltran, RDA
Debbie Miller, RDH	Russ Webb, DDS
Matthew Gustafsson, DDS	Kathi Webb, RDH
Seth Latimer, DDS	Toni Greenhouse, RDA
Robert Wang, DMD	Cameron Fuller, DDS
Heidi Apuy, DDS	Audrey Sheu, DDS
Joe Curtin, DDS	Louise Lopez, RDA
Gloria Yanez, DDS	Blanca Prostitis, RDA
Robert Lee, DDS	Ana Gomez, DA
Ebony Reece, RDA	Manjula Paulson, DA
Gracie Cuervas, RDA	Brenda Ignacio, DA
Patricia Stokes, RDA	Angelica Zazaate, DA
Dorian Montesinos, RDA	Gemma Gonzales, clinic manager
Kathleen Paragon, RDA	Brent Shakespeare, DDS
John Ayon, RDA	



ABOVE LEFT: Gloria Yanez, DDS (left), pediatric dental resident, and Toni Greenhouse, RDA, clean a young patient's teeth. ABOVE RIGHT: John Ayon, RDA (left), and Robert Lee, DDS, pediatric dental resident, pause before performing a check-up on a young boy. LEFT: Richard Grabowsky, DDS, and Gemma Gonzales, clinic manager, SACHS dental clinic, compute how many procedures were done during Give Kids a Smile Day, February 23, 2007.

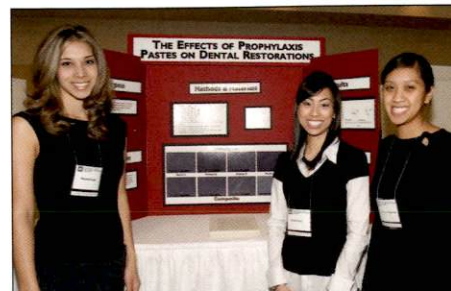
Congratulations! Table clinic competition winners 2007



DENTISTRY—1ST PLACE/LABORATORY:
Microleakage study of cements with stainless steel crowns; Bryan Fletcher, Tera Johnson & Jennifer Clark.



DENTISTRY—2ND PLACE/LABORATORY:
Comparative study of 100 equilibrated PKT mounting casts on factory equilibrated Whip-Mix articulators; Pauline Karunakaran & Lawrence Lee.



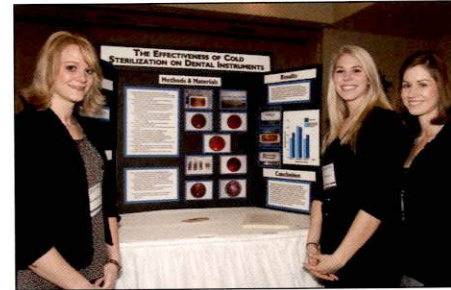
DENTAL HYGIENE—1ST PLACE/LABORATORY:
The effects of prophylaxis pastes on dental restorations; Gianna C. Balugo, Jantsen Perey & Kimberly D. Tangunan.



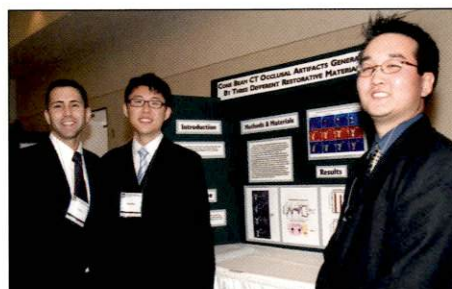
DENTAL HYGIENE—2ND PLACE/LABORATORY:
Aerosol contamination on non-sterilized items; Larysa Baydala, Candice Elloway & Heidi Sohn.



DENTAL HYGIENE—3RD PLACE/LABORATORY:
Effects of dry mouth rinses on three bacteria; José Ortiz, Gregg Price & Monledy Suprono.



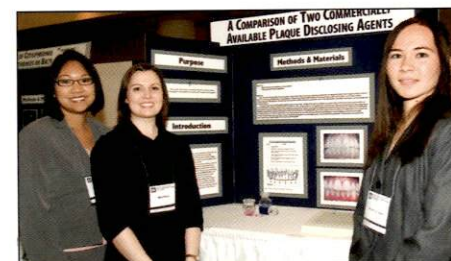
DENTAL HYGIENE—3RD PLACE/LABORATORY:
The effectiveness of cold sterilization on dental instruments; Hanna Kalamakis, Stephanie Eckl & Kristen Yankee.



DENTISTRY—1ST PLACE/CLINICAL:
Cone beam CT occlusal artifacts generated by three different restorative materials; Jared Lee, James Kim & Jeffrey Rho.



DENTISTRY—2ND PLACE/CLINICAL:
Effect of light on bleaching efficacy; Billy Chai, Bren Chun, Ernest Ponraj & Helen Song.



DENTAL HYGIENE—1ST PLACE/CLINICAL:
A comparison of two commercially available plaque disclosing agents; Christine L. Marcin, Heidi C. Spiva & Anya K. Van Order.



DENTISTRY—1ST PLACE/EDUCATIONAL:
Treatment of common oral conditions; Natalie Cochran & Audrey Mojica.



DENTAL HYGIENE—1ST PLACE/EDUCATIONAL:
Breaking the language barrier one smile at a time; Andrea Dickey, Grace Duran & Ruth Estanol-Martinez.



DENTAL HYGIENE—2ND PLACE/EDUCATIONAL:
Diagnosis and treatment of xerostomia; Renee Baker, Adriana Brister & Dominique Bryant.

NOTE: DENTAL STUDENTS ARE CLASS OF 2008; DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS ARE CLASS OF 2007.

Department news

Welcome

We welcome **Xinxia Li**, who has joined the staff of the Center for Dental Research as a lab assistant. And welcome back, **Rock Renner**, to dental laboratory services. And in more employee news **Christa Vandervoort**, dental assistant, has transferred from Faculty Dental Office to the Center for Dental Research.

See your news here

Share your news with the School family. The deadline for the April, 2007, issue is Wednesday, March 21 (earlier submissions are welcome). Email nyuen@llu.edu or call ext. 44984.

In memoriam Cathy Moore

On Dec 12, 2006 Cathy Moore, our beloved administrative assistant for the department of pediatric dentistry passed away due to health complications. Cathy started working for the Pediatric Department in 1997 and continued her faithful service until late 2005, when her illness forced her to remain at home to recover.

Although her body was broken her spirit was not, as she continued to tell jokes and continually professed to the staff in pediatric dentistry that she had always given her life to God and it has always been in His hands.

After a year of multiple surgeries, hospital stays, and home rest, while under the care of her daughter, Tracey, and other family and friends, she passed away on December 12, at Riverside Community Hospital.

"Cathy was loved by many here in the School," says Dr. Bonnie Nelson, chair.

"As the administrative assistant," remembers Dr. Wesley Okumura, assistant professor, pediatric dentistry, "she was responsible for the organization of the department and had a significant part in the overall well-being of the faculty, residents, and students. We really appreciated her humor, tenacity, professional skills, and love of animals."

Cathy did a wonderful job as can be heard in the loving comments of those she guided and cared for: "She always had time to listen to my frustrations."

Featured employee: Amalia Hernandez

Amalia Hernandez, supervisor, dental records, has worked for the School for more than 25 years. "I was working for San Bernardino School District as a tutor at the time," she says, "and wanted to work in a Christian environment." After completing an application she waited one-and-a-half years before receiving a call from Ingrid Harrison, who was at the time supervisor of dental records at the time.

Amalia joined the School staff in May, 1981, working as a file clerk in the department of dental records and has worked there ever since. In 1989 she was promoted to supervisor of dental records. Each day she creates charts for new patients, and helps students get their charts on time (some must be retrieved from storage).

There are approximately 30,000–40,000 charts in dental records and about 200,000 charts are stored at off-site location. After two years charts are transferred from Prince Hall to the storage facility to make room for more charts.

Amalia describes herself as a lifelong learner and is pursuing a master's degree in Spanish literature from Cal State University, San Bernardino. She met her husband, Ruben Hernandez, while taking a reading course at Valley College in 1980. He serves as systems administrator in the School's department of computer services.



Amalia Hernandez, featured employee for March, is supervisor, dental records.

They have two sons: Ruben Jr., who is attending Crafton Hills College and is pursuing a degree in computer science, and Nathan Hernandez, who attends Redlands High School and wants to become an artist. Nathan helps in dental records part-time after school and Ruben Jr. works full-time in computer services. Amalia's nephew, Isaac Salinas, is staying with the family and plans to attend Crafton Hills College to become a radiation technologist.

In her spare time Amalia enjoys reading and traveling and has visited Canada, Spain, France, Germany, and Australia. She and Ruben are celebrating their 25th anniversary on August 15 and plan to celebrate by taking a cruise to the Caribbean.

"I would literally hang out in her office just to hang out and have great conversation."

"She went out of her way to be friendly and help get me up to speed."

"I could always count on her to dish out a little friendly sarcasm and also be a good sport when we gave her a hard time (which was quite often)."

"Most of all I really loved her smile and her humor."

"She made me feel very welcome as a new member of Loma Linda family."

"Her wit and humor always broke the tension."

"We continue to mourn the loss of such a great friend."

A "Celebration of Life" service was held Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Harvest Christian Fellowship in River-

side, California. In her memory, Cathy's family requests memorial gifts to go to the School of Dentistry Pediatric Dentistry Fund for Needy Children through the Office of Development.



CATHY MOORE

axiUm train-the-trainer sessions coming soon

The migration from the current clinical software Quick Recovery to the new software, axiUm is underway! The implementation team has been working steadily on developing the master files which include all the treatment plans, scheduling details, sterilization and dispensary tracking, and billing functions.

Two representatives from axiUm, Rachel DeVries and Lauralynn Mealing spent four days at the School last week, training key people on the implementation and use of axiUm. These people will in turn train each person in their department, so that axiUm can be fully implemented on July 1, 2007.

Marina Moore is leading the migration and implementation effort, coordinating all the aspects of the project. "I'm really excited about axiUm," she says. "It is very rich with functions that will help us track and report both the patient care details and the student progress information."

Each person involved with clinical care or patient billing functions will be trained on axiUm, which will fully replace Quick Recovery starting Summer quarter, 2007. An enthusiastic willingness to make a change and learn a new system will be vital in this effort, and will certainly make the transition more enjoyable.

"Happiness is an inside job that shows up on the outside."

—Author unknown

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Dr. Daniel Armstrong
Darlene Armstrong
Dr. Brian Black
Ryan Falke
Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick
Mary Hartwell
Ruben Hernandez
Carl Imthurn
Kathleen Moore
Marina Moore
Dr. Steve Morrow
Gary Nelson
Dr. Paul Richardson
Ron Secor
Dr. Pat Naylor

Dental maintenance staff keep their New Year's Resolution

Almost no one is immune to the effects holiday parties and get-togethers have on weight control. It was during December of last year that staff in dental maintenance noticed the numbers on their scales growing and began good-natured verbal rivalry. The challenges ("I can lose more weight than you can"), became more serious until six employees joined the Dental Maintenance Weight Loss Challenge. On January 2, they began their quest, dieting and exercising for 38 days. Their strategies were similar—increase exercise, cut caloric intake, drink more water, and avoid fast food, sugar, and eating between meals. Exercise programs included basketball games, walking three miles at lunch (two around the campus) and after work; running east and west staircases in the School.

And by the end of the challenge, the group had lost a combined 91 pounds.



Displaying their Weight Loss Challenge certificates are (l-r): Chuck Yetter, Leo Galvan, Stan Lillard, Kathy Merriam, and Mark Mattheson, Brent Walker. The group plans to continue the challenge until each person arrives at his or her desired goal.

Alumni Student Convention class reunion photos



During the Alumni Student Convention, seven members of the class of 1959 met for lunch in the campus cafeteria on Sabbath, February 10. They were joined by Dr. Lloyd Baum, center. Members in attendance were (l-r): Drs. Bill Heisler, Willis Fox, Jennings Knight, Edward Shreaves, George Miller, William Seibly and Donald Odell.



Members of the School of Dentistry Class of 1970 gathered Saturday evening at Lotus Garden restaurant. Standing (l-r) are: Clyde Roggenkamp, John Peterson, John Kershner, Wiley Elick and Gerry Bailey; sitting (l-r) are Bob Kiger, Jay Magnuson, Dennis Meidinger, and Pete Nelson.

In memoriam: Alan 'Sam' Williams, SD'00

Alan "Sam" Williams, SD'00, was working at his Hospitality Dental Clinic in Riverside anticipating a weekend of skiing, when a fatal heart attack felled him on February 13, 2007.

Born April 8, 1975, in Jamaica, Dr. Williams early became active in Pathfinders, swim team, choir, band, and drum corp. He attended schools in Barbados and Berrien Springs, Michigan, before completing high school in Huntsville, Alabama, at Oakwood Academy; and college at Oakwood College where he graduated in 1997.

Enthusiastic about a dental career (he influenced his brother, Roland Paul, SD'04, to study dentistry), he completed his dental studies at LLUSD with the class of 2000 and immediately departed on a four-year mission appointment to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to become director of the dental clinic. He also participated in health fairs throughout the island. While there he met Simone, who became his wife in 2002;

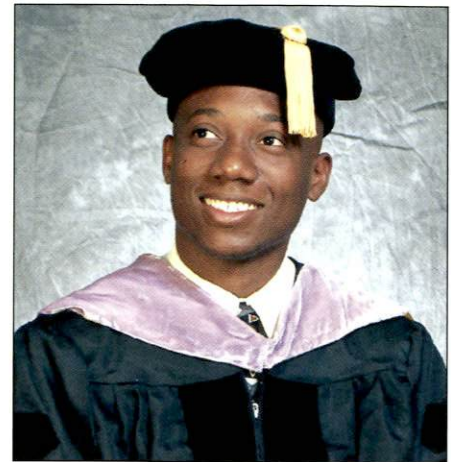
they returned with their son, Joshua, to Loma Linda in 2006.

Joining Dr. Mike Boyko, SD'75, in a dental practice, Dr. Williams established a reputation for being caring, seeking the best possible patient treatment and accommodating those with limited funds.

A colleague comments, "Sam was a committed Christian and showed God's love and compassion through humble service." Known for his careful stewardship of time and money, he enjoyed the simple things of life.

An active sportsman, his recreational pursuits included riding his unicycle, winter camping, and surfing, and he became a certified scuba diver. He was also active with his brother in evangelistic crusades, participating in both singing and preaching.

Mourning his untimely death are his wife, Simone, their son, Joshua; his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Alan Williams of Redlands, his brother, Roland Paul Williams, of Yucaipa,



Alan 'Sam' Williams

and a sister, Ellen Bruce, of Dallas, Texas.

Friends and family gathered February 21 at Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church, where Dr. Williams had been an active member, to recall his short but impressive life and to claim the promise of a resurrection.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—

Keeping Connected staff meeting

THEME: *It's all about me!*

Dates: March 9; June 1; September 7;
November 30

Place: Prince Hall Main Lobby

Time: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

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Attention members of the dental class of 2008— D4 honors program and dental education opportunity

Critical information:

- Four positions available for current D3 students
- Begins spring quarter, 2007
- Now accepting applications

Opportunities:

1. Teach during the 2007–2008 academic year
2. Financial benefits available to use toward a state licensure exam
3. Interesting seminars about dental education
4. Attendance at the American Dental Association Convention in March of 2008, as a guest of LLUSD
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Qualifications:

1. History of good conduct
2. Upper half of class academically and upper third clinically
3. Ability in communication, interpersonal relationships, maturity, and judgment

Interested individuals should contact:

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