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Water purification system intalled in Prince Hall



Four units now house the Waterclave water purifiers (three are on the roof of Prince Hall). Installing the system are, pictured from left: Bernard Hutubessy, Leo Galvan, Stan Lillard, Brent Walker and Mark Mattheson.

A new closed water-processing system manufactured by Waterclave is providing sterile water to dental chair units in Prince Hall.

"For many years," says Stan Lillard, foreman, dental maintenance, "clinic staff manually filled water to supply each dental chair from two-and-a-half gallon water jugs. This was done each day."

As they installed the water purification system, dental maintenance staff worked in Prince Hall attics and above drop ceilings. They created holes in walls to interface the new system with existing dental chair plumbing.

The new water system provides purified water to the main clinic, east wing, international dentist program and urgent care/endodontic clinics.

Next year, areas served will expand to include the prosthodontic, implant dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery, and orthodontic clinics, the dental research laboratory, and the Surgery Center for Dentistry.

According to the company, the Waterclave water purifier exceeds ADA and CDC goals for dental unit water quality.

Dr. Daniel Morgan receives award during Hall Banquet



Left: Dr. Daniel Morgan poses with wife, Rosemary Morgan, at the banquet Right: Ilsis Pozo sings for banquet attendees

The Hispanic Alumni of Loma Linda presented its 11th Annual Scholarship banquet on Sunday, October 7, 2007. Students are at the center of the HALL program. Dean Charles J. Goodacre was pleased to present an award to pediatric dentistry resident Daniel Morgan (SD'07). Dr. Morgan supports the institution mission of the healing of Jesus Christ, through his practice and volunteer service opportunities.

Ilsis Pozo, a graduate of the LLU *Sí, Se Puede* (Yes, You Can) program sang a beautiful song about life being what you make it. Ilsis is interested in the LLU Dental Hygiene program. *Sí, Se Puede* is a free one-week program, designed to introduce promising Hispanic high school students to the health fields. The Diversity Leadership Award was presented to Dynette Hart, DrPH, RN, associate professor, School of Nursing, for her intentional commitment to the education of minority students.

Full-time pediatric dentistry faculty achieve board certification

Four full-time faculty members in the School have recently completed certification examinations and are now diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Congratulations to department chair, Dr. Bonnie Nelson and faculty members: Drs. Joseph Curtin, Todd Milledge, and Wesley Okumura, on this achievement. Their department is the first in the School with all full-time faculty Board certified (Drs. Richard Grabowsky and Robert Traficante were Board certified when they joined the LLU faculty).

"Before he left LLU," says Dr. Nelson, "Dr. John Peterson's goal was for all of us to complete the certification process. He encouraged each of us to do this." Dr. Peterson was director, advanced education program in pediatric dentistry.

In addition, several alumni from the advanced education program in pediatric dentistry have also become Board certified. They are: Drs. Jeff Alcaide, Seth Latimer, and Drs. Joe and Pete Lubisich.

Requirements for ABPD board certification include passing a written exam and then successfully completing a two-hour oral exam where eight cases are discussed. The oral exam must be taken within eight years after passing the written test. The two-hour oral exam includes: part I (information gathering and diagnosis), part II (treatment plan), and part III (treatment variations).

ABPD's mission is to verify to the public and to the health professions that a pediatric dentist has completed both an advanced education program accredited by the ADA and a voluntary examination process designed to validate the knowledge, application, and performance requisite to the delivery of proficient care in pediatric dentistry.

The ABPD is the only certifying board recognized by the American Dental Association for the specialty of pediatric dentistry.



Full-time faculty from the department of pediatric dentistry are the first in the school to all earn Board certification. Pictured from left (back row): Drs. Richard Grabowsky, Bonnie Nelson, Wesley Okumura, Todd Milledge Front row, from left: Drs. Robert Traficante and Joseph Curtin.

"If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough."

—Meister Eckhardt

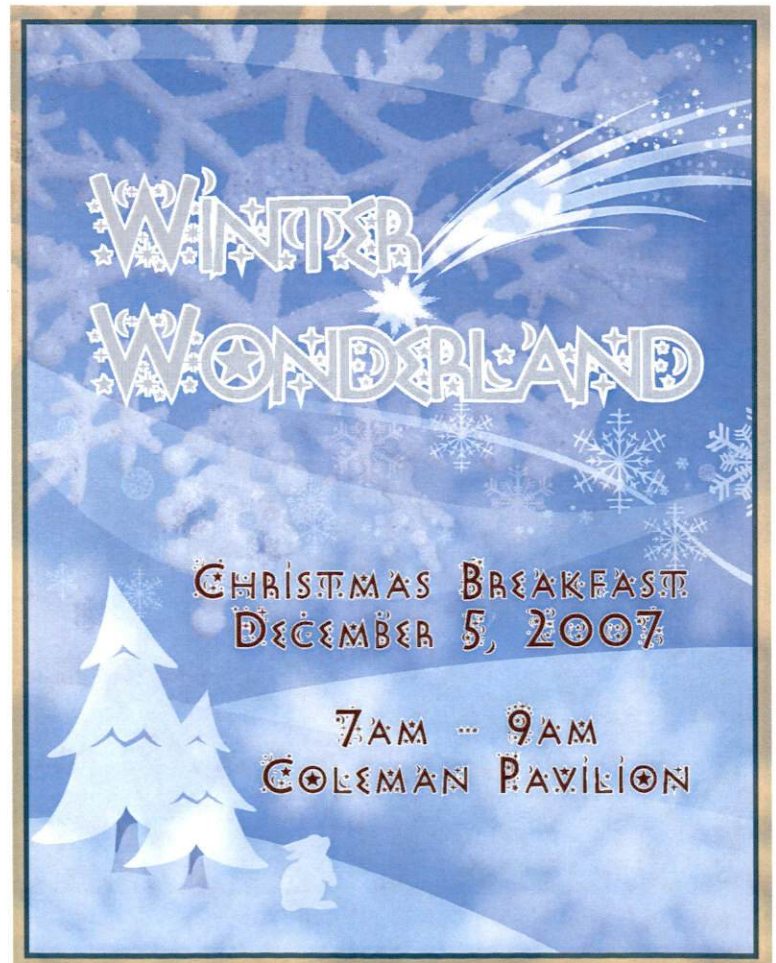


KEEPING CONNECTED

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Dean's list, summer quarter, 2007 released

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

The eligibility requirements for achieving dean's list status 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 academic review committee reviewed the performance of all students for the summer quarter and voted to include the following students on the dean's list

Dentistry class of 2010: Nathan Adams, Chad Allen, Iris Choi, Bradley Field, Jonathan Garcia, Lisa Gortari, Michael Guadiz, Lauren Gutenberg, Sarah-Jane Harebottle, Brian Harward, Emily Hemdon, Jeremy Hoff, Bryan Horgan, Darcy Kasner, Ryan Kim, Soh Yeun Kim, Jahyun Koo, Karin McCloskey, Justin Mercer, Adam Panos, Lacey Pearson, Janelle Peterson, James Rho, David Royer, Stuart Scheult, Kai Steele, Erin Stephens, Ryan Waring, Justin Weaver, Jesse Whitely, Timothy Wieg, Julie Yi

Dentistry class of 2009: Carl Appleton, Kimberly Bensonhaver, Kimberly Bentjen, Mark Brown, Jonathan Channer, Vanessa Chun, Eric Cornelius, Rachel Deininger, Vincent Drouin, Graig Erickson, Shaun Flynn, Devin Gerrard, Abtin Rahimian, Ivan Rees, Margaret Soh, Jeff Wight, Christopher Wood, Jasper Yai

International dentist program: Noha Abdel-Salam, Rabi Altatari, Juliana Bermudez, Christine Buenaventura-Catipay, Georgi Georgiev, Arun Gupta, Yung Shin Kim, Mei Lu, Rupal Makhansa, Dilan Munaweera, Miguel Saravia, Johnny Shammo, Saheeba Singha, Khyati Thakkar, Sarat Ummethala

Dental hygiene class of 2008: Erin Abston, Chelsea Doyle, Janak Gordhan, Melinda Hall, Lindsey Lasswell, Mido Lee, Kimberly Nelson, Megan Snider

Spring Vacation: March 13-23 OR March 20-29, 2008

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Faculty dental office employees have a hair-raising experience

Karen Cervantes, Tammi Aceres, and Vivian Arredondo, faculty dental office staff, have each donated 10 inches of their hair to Locks of Love. Norma Lesko has also donated her hair, and Ana Sobampo is waiting for her hair to grow one more inch so that she can donate, too. According to Marci Stirl, senior financial assistant, Leticia Sanchez did the honors, using regular office scissors as each of the staff planned to visit her hairstylist later. "They did this act of kindness wholeheartedly and with great enthusiasm," says Marci.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization which provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 who suffer from long-term medical hair loss.



Faculty Dental Office employees are donating their hair to Locks of Love. Pictured from left are Karen Cervantes, middle is Tammi Aceres, and Vivian Arredondo

Department news

Endodontic faculty members honored

Two endodontic faculty members were inducted as Fellows into the International College of Dentists at the organization's 78th Annual Convocation in San Francisco, September 27 to 30, 2007.

They are Dr. C. John Munce, SD 78, PG 88 (left) and Dr. Harold "Jay" Jacobson III (right).

The International College of Dentists is an honorary organization of the world's outstanding dentists who have, by their actions, demonstrated an abiding interest and concern for their profession.

Induction into the ICD is by invitation only and signifies that the dentist has brought honor to the profession through devoted service and high ethical behavior. Congratulations to both Dr. Munce and Dr. Jacobson.





Planning begins for new dental complex

Major plans to expand the Loma Linda University campus call for buildings now used by the School of Dentistry to be reallocated for other uses.

And so change is coming soon—within the next six months, the building housing the faculty dental offices (FDO) on Taylor Street will be leveled to make room for a parking structure. FDO will temporarily relocate to leased space in San Bernardino.

According to Dr. Charles J. Goodacre, dean, fund raising for a new dental school complex (two structures and a parking facility), is being included in the LLUAHSC annual campaign for next year.

Planning for a new dental school complex (to be located across the street from Loma Linda Academy) has already begun. The first phase to be constructed (2009) will house the graduate programs, faculty practices, and a research facility. The move-in date for the second phase, housing the dental and dental hygiene programs, will take place a few years later.

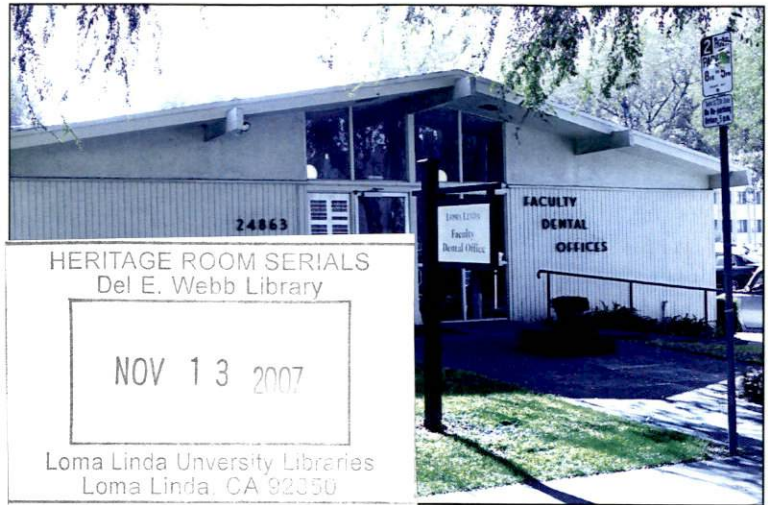
“We are being given latitude,” says Dr. Goodacre, “to plan and create the environment in which dental education will take place for the next 50 years or more.”

On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, faculty, students, and a group of staff were given presentation that revealed time lines, process, and role of faculty, students, staff, and administrators, as well as proposed locations for the new complex.

And on Monday, October 22, a committee of faculty, staff, and students met with staff from a space planning firm chosen by the School. They responded to the question, “If you were given the opportunity to study and work in an environment unrestricted by an existing location, what would it be like?”

Responses included: improved student study areas; a design that honors our history; state-of-the-art clinics/patient reception and waiting areas; a cafeteria; and areas for staff and faculty to relax and take breaks away from patients. Use of the grounds surrounding the complex was also discussed (adequate tables/eating areas for students and staff; parking; areas for social events and space for special events such as Clinic With a Heart). Additional discussion included planning for advanced education program needs years from now.

Several meetings will take place over the coming months to establish specific space needs, followed by creation of architectural plans for the new complex. Faculty students, and staff can access the Clinic Administration site on Blackboard for updates and information about the Dental Education Complex. It can be found under the button titled “New Building Info.” Check back often as the site is being updated frequently.



Faculty dental offices, located at 24868 Taylor Street, will be the site for the new parking structure

Congratulations!

Class of 2009 achieves 100 percent pass rate on National Board, part I—July, 2007

Congratulations to the members of the dental class of 2009. The class had complete success on the National Boards part I, with 100 percent pass rate on their first attempt.

A special banquet to celebrate this achievement was held October 10, at Shandin Hills Golf Club in San Bernardino. Each of the 91 members of the class was given their choice of a gift worth approximately \$250.

Thirty-seven students chose to donate the \$250 back to the School as a gift to support dental student missions. The Alumni Association will match these funds.

Academic excellence Silver Awardees

This year 18 dental students earned Academic Excellence Silver Awards. Academic excellence is calculated by a student scoring one standard deviation above the national mean for either National Boards part I or part II. The School will cover the cost of the board exam of the students' choice.

THIS YEAR'S AWARDEES ARE: Carl Appleton, Kimberly Benson-haver, Julie Catalano, Jonathan Channer, Vanessa Chun, Vincent Drouin, Benjamin Emery, Shaun Flynn, Devin Gerrard, Nolan Korando, Parisa Peniman-Zadeh, Tung Pham, Sonny Porter, Ivan Rees, Leslie Seaman, Dennis Simental, Margaret Soh, Jasper Yai.



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Dates to remember in November:

National Board Part II Examinations November 23–January 7, 2008
(open window to take exam)

Thanksgiving Break November 22 & 23, 2007

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