# A Year Like No Other

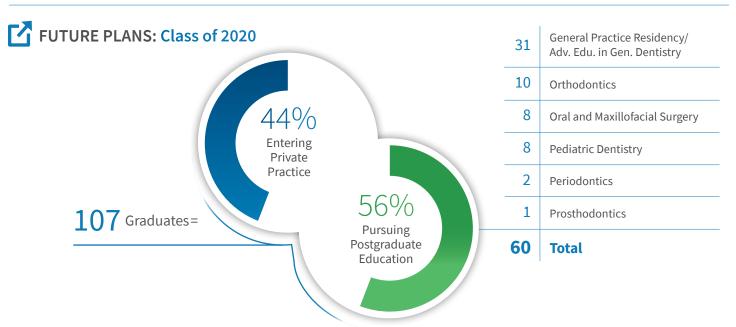


#### **EDUCATION**



AT A GLANCE: Class of 2024

#### Avg. Dental 23 Admission 3.74 Overall GPA Test Score 23 Avg. of Total Science 3.68 Science GPA 22 Avg. of PAT Females 52 36 Males



## Adapting Our Training in a Crisis

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, all of our student dentists, residents, and faculty instructors, were forced to immediately convert all of the School's in-person courses to a remote learning environment delivered through Zoom and UCLA's campus-wide, Common Collaboration and Learning Environment. Faced with having to learn a completely new teaching modality, our faculty and administration rose to the challenge by completing the spring quarter and beyond remotely while supporting our students and residents. In one student's words; "I am grateful to continue my education remotely, despite these trying times, working towards my career goal and learning about the role I can play as a future health professional in a crisis setting."

- Elizabeth Le, Class of 2023, pictured at left

## Dear UCLA School of Dentistry Community,

I don't think anyone could have imagined ending the last fiscal year with a pandemic, but here we are, still experiencing what will hopefully be the last pandemic of our lifetime. For nearly four months, starting in mid-March, the School of Dentistry dramatically decreased its clinical operations in response to the coronavirus. All elective treatment was postponed and we only provided emergency care for our patients of record.

For the safety and wellbeing of the entire School, our student dentists and residents moved to remote learning at the end of the spring quarter and into the summer quarter and we only had essential employees physically working within our buildings.

We don't know what the future holds, but what has become evidently clear is that the UCLA School of Dentistry has one of the most dedicated, competent workforces that I've had the pleasure of working with. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have pulled together as a team and, I believe, are stronger for it. We have a long road to get back to where we were before the onset of COVID-19, but I am confident that we can weather this storm.

Prior to the pandemic, the School of Dentistry had an eventful 2019-2020 fiscal year. We successfully completed UCLA's Centennial Campaign and even exceeded our fundraising goal. We held two celebrations, one for the 50th Anniversary of the Wilson-Jennings-Bloomfield UCLA Venice Dental Center, and another to mark the reopening of our Pediatric Dentistry Clinic in Westwood. There were many other successful milestones that occurred during the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which you can read about in this report.

As always, I want to thank our students, trainees, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, and friends for their ongoing support. I could not fulfill my duties without the dedication and support of our entire community.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Gebsbord

Paul H. Krebsbach, DDS, PhD Dean and Professor

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Steadfast UCLA Dentistry supporters, **Dr. Miki Nam DDS '83**, UCLA Dentistry Board of Counselors member, and **Dr. David Lee MPH '79, MBA '81** are the benefactors of the Miki and David Lee Endowment Fund, designated for student support. The first Miki and David Lee scholars were selected in 2011 and, since then, Drs. Nam and Lee have supported 85 students through their dental school journey. At the March 2020 Scholarship Ceremony, prior to the mandated shelter in place orders, Dr. Nam presented their scholarship to eight deserving students in recognition of academic excellence and leadership contributions.

"We are always inspired by the hard work and skill of the next generation of great dentists, and we are honored to support them on their journey."

Dr. Miki Nam



Dr. Miki Nam, Armen Agahi, Victoria Chen, Ariana Faron, Jay Kim, Tyler Brennan, Shelley Pu, Sahar Natalie Shahrooz, and Garrett Worsey.

## Aid from University Sources:

Dean's Scholarship & Dentistry Grant Awards	\$2,794,472
UC Regents Scholarship	\$58,500
CARES Act - Emergency Financial Aid Grant Awards	\$279,715

# Dental School & University Scholarship Awards:

Bob & Marion Wilson Endowed Scholarship	\$60,000
Dr. No-Hee Park Award for Excellence Endowed Scholarship	\$45,000
David & Miki Lee Scholarship	\$40,000
Frida A. Xhonga-Oja Scholarship	\$30,000
The Board of Counselors Endowed Scholarship	\$22,500
Apollonian Society Scholarship	\$20,000
Shapiro Family Endowed Scholarship	\$20,000
Quon Family Scholarship	\$16,000
Dr. Ronald Mito Award for Professionalism, Leadership, and Service	\$14,000
Dr. Susan Kinder Haake Endowed Scholarship	\$10,000
Li Family Endowed Scholarship	\$10,000
Dental Foundation of California Endowed Scholarship	\$8,000
Dr. Donell C. Fisher Memorial Scholarship	\$8,000
Oariona Lowe Endowed Scholarship	\$8,000
Yip Family Scholarship	\$8,000
Dorothy Schick Endowed Scholarship	\$7,000
Yoshio Yamaguchi Scholarship	\$6,000
Mason C. Oong, DDS & May H. Oong Endowed Scholarship	\$5,000
Russ & Kathi Webb Family Endowed Scholarship	\$5,000
Wyatt Rory Hume Endowed Scholarship	\$4,000
Dr. Howard Y. Chen Endowed Scholarship	\$3,000
Shapiro Family Special Patient Care Endowed Scholarship	\$2,500
Kathy & Randy Wall Endowed Scholarship	\$2,000
Mary Hooley Scholarship	\$2,000
Sherwin Rosen Scholarship	\$2,000
Steven S. Koh Endowed Scholarship	\$1,500
Naomi Ellison Endowed Scholarship	\$1,000

\$3,493,187

**Subtotal** (Dental School & University Sources,

#### Aid from Outside Sources:

National Health Service Corps	\$414,030
US Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program	\$348,650
US Veteran Benefits; Post 9/11 GI Bill & Cal Vet Benefits	\$343,677
US Army Scholarship	\$263,128
US Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program	\$111,266
WICHE	\$53,500
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation	\$31,470
Delta Dental Community Care Foundation	\$30,000
The Gene & Marilyn Nuziard Healthcare Scholarship	\$20,000
Dental Trade Alliance Foundation Scholarship Award	\$5,000
VASA Order of America District Lodge Pacific Southwest No.15	\$3,000
The Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy Scholarship	\$1,000

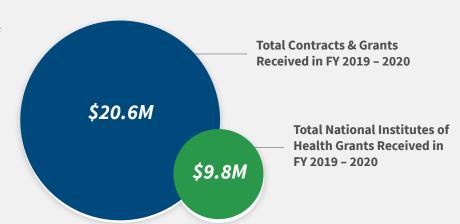
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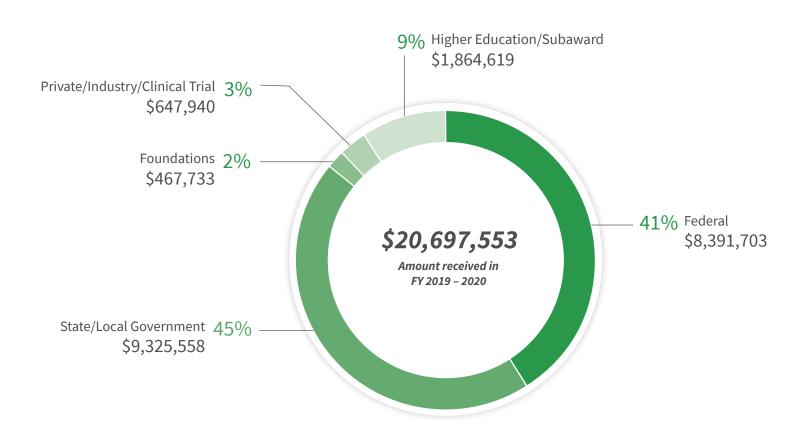
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Total Aid

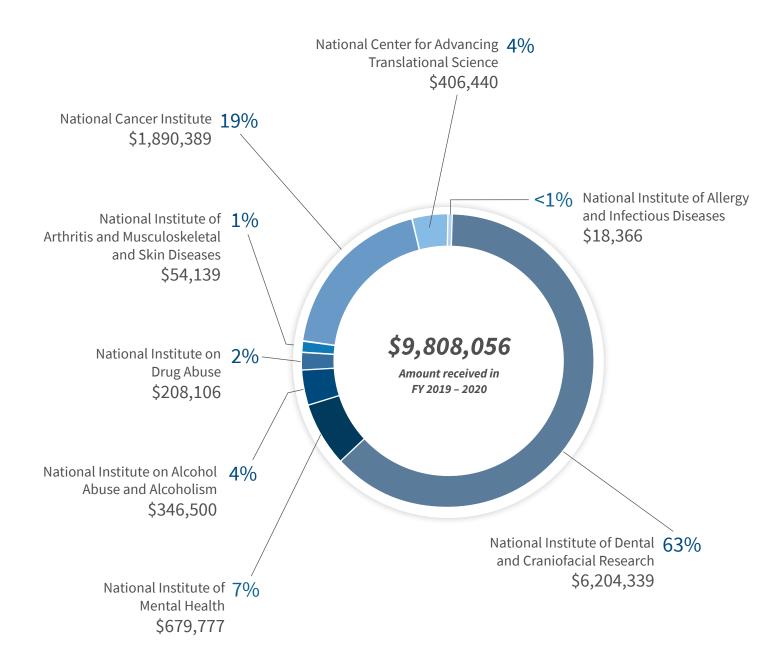
#### **RESEARCH**

The UCLA School of Dentistry has one of the most robust research programs among all U.S. dental schools. In the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year, the School of Dentistry received over \$20M dollars in research contracts and grants, of which nearly \$10M came from eight of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) agencies.



For the last six years, we have been among the top institutions to receive funding from the National Institutes of Health.





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Research funded by the National Institutes of Health and other sources has led to the following breakthroughs and oral health advancements in the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year.

# Study Identifies Protein Responsible for Mechanism Behind Bone Loss

#### **AUGUST 2019:**

**Dr. Reuben Kim**, professor and chair of restorative dentistry, and **Dr. Cun-Yu Wang**, professor and chair of oral biology, led a research study into how the mechanical process of bone loss works; they have also identified a protein that is responsible for recycling of the cells that can also promote bone loss. The

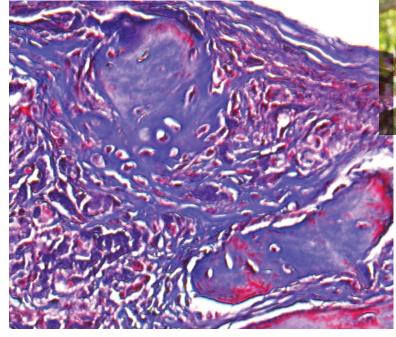
research team showed that by eliminating a key protein responsible for the activation of bone loss, there is a potential to control the level of bone loss a person would develop. The study was published online in the *Journal of Bone and Mineral Research* and appeared in print in the September issue. It was also highlighted in the August issue of *Nature Reviews Endocrinology*. The study was funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.



## New Hydrogels Show Promise in Treating Bone Defects

#### **AUGUST 2019:**

A research team, led by **Dr. Min Lee**, professor of biomaterials science, developed a new hydrogel that is more porous and effective in promoting tissue repair and regeneration compared to the hydrogels that are currently available. Once injected in a mouse model, the new hydrogel is shown to induce migration of naturally occurring stem cells to better promote bone healing. The findings, published online in the journal *Nature Communications*, suggest that in the near future the next generation of hydrogel systems could greatly improve current biomaterial-based therapeutics to repair bone defects. The study was funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, the U.S. Department of Defense, and MTF Biologics.



#### Saliva Test Shows Promise for Earlier and Easier Detection of Mouth and Throat Cancer

#### Dr. Francisco Ramos-Gomez

#### DECEMBER 2019:

**Dr. David Wong**, professor of oral biology and associate dean for research, was the co-lead investigator on a report that described the use of acoustofluidics, a new non-invasive method that analyzes saliva for the presence of human papilloma virus (HPV)-16, the pathogenic strain associated with oropharyngeal cancers (OPCs). This novel technique detected OPC in whole saliva in 40 percent of patients tested and in 80 percent of confirmed OPC patients. The promising findings could better detect the cancers that occur in the back of the mouth and upper throat, which are often not diagnosed until they become advanced, partly because their location makes them difficult to see during routine clinical exams. The report appeared in *The Journal of* Molecular Diagnostics. The study was an international collaboration between Duke University, UCLA, and University of Birmingham (UK).

#### Pediatric Dentist to Lead \$2.25M Grant to Expand Community Access

#### JUNE 2020:

The School of Dentistry's Section of Pediatric Dentistry was awarded a \$2.25M grant in July 2020, by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HRSA) to enhance and expand

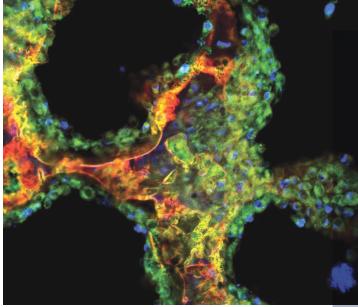
the Section's existing postgraduate training programs. The grant will go through June 2025, and is led by **Dr. Francisco Ramos-Gomez**, professor of pediatric dentistry. The grant supports the program, CARE PD (or Community Access Reach Education in Pediatric Dentistry). CARE PD aims to continue the development and restructuring of its interprofessional education (IPE) curriculum; continue its DDS/MPH dual-degree program and help to expand safety net health care services for low-income and underserved urban/rural and migrant populations. It will also help to establish a national multi-university collaboration with other dental schools who offer DDS/MPH dual degrees.

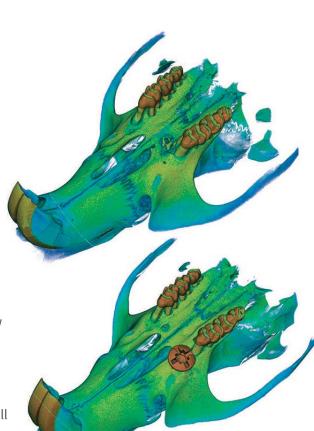
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#### UCLA Scientists Invent Nanoparticle That Could Improve Treatment for Bone Defects

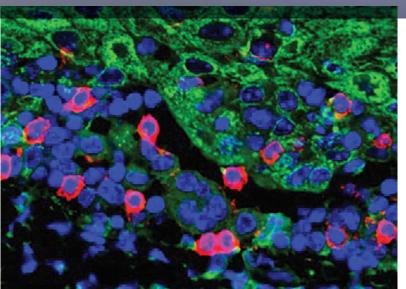
#### APRIL 2020:

A team of biomaterials scientists and dentists at the School of Dentistry, led by **Dr. Min Lee**, professor of biomaterials sciences, developed a nanoparticle that, based on initial experiments in animals, could improve treatment for bone defects. Bone defects, which can be caused by traumatic injury, infection, osteoporosis, or the removal of tumors, are difficult for orthopedic surgeons to treat. And the need for bone grafts is becoming more common thanks in part to our aging population: Bone injuries are particularly prevalent among the elderly. The team developed a new liposome, a molecule that is used to treat cancer and infectious diseases, that they call a sterosome (inspired by its high concentration of steroids). They found that their sterosome successfully activated bone regeneration on its own, without the need of therapeutic drugs. The study was published in the journal Science Advances and was funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, the U.S. Department of Defense, and MTF Biologics.









# To the Rescue: UCLA Bioengineers Create Reusable Covid-19 Face Shields

#### APRIL 2020:

In response to the shortage of personal protective equipment for frontline healthcare responders who are battling the coronavirus pandemic, bioengineers from the School of Dentistry and the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering have taken to their computers and 3D printers and have developed a reusable, durable face shield — a critical piece of equipment that protects the eyes, nose and mouth from infection-causing droplets. The design and development were led by **Dr. Ben Wu**, professor and chair of advanced prosthodontics at the School of Dentistry. The design has been shared on the National Institutes of Health's 3D Print Exchange. Funding for this project was provided in part by UCLA Dentistry alumna Dr. Margaret Pan Quon, MS, DDS '68 and her husband, Ronald Quon, who helped purchase the 3D printers, and by the Shapiro Family Charitable Foundation's support for the Innovative Digital Dentistry Systems, or iDDS.

## Researchers ID New Target in Drive to Improve Immunotherapy for Cancer

#### JUNE 2020:

Researchers identified a potential new combination therapy to treat advanced head and neck squamous cell carcinoma, the most common type of head and neck cancer. A study in mice found that using an anti-PD1 immunotherapy drug in combination

with PTC209, an inhibitor that targets the protein BMI1, successfully stopped the growth and spread of the cancer, prevented reoccurrences and eliminated cancer stem cells. This preclinical study provides an important foundation for developing a new PD1 blockade–based combination therapy with BMI1 inhibitors that have the potential to help overcome resistance to the immunotherapy. The senior author was **Dr. Cun-Yu Wang**, professor of oral biology and associate dean for graduate studies at the School of Dentistry, and also is a member of the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center. The study is published online in the journal *Cell Stem Cell*. The work was supported by grants from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

# Hydrogel Could be Step Forward in Therapies to Generate Bones in Head and Neck

#### MARCH 2020:

A team of School of Dentistry researchers developed the first adhesive hydrogel specifically to regenerate bone and tissue defects following head and neck surgeries. The study, which was led by Dr. Alireza Moshaverinia, associate professor of prosthodontics, was inspired in part by the way that marine mussels can stick to wet surfaces. The researchers tested their new hydrogel — loaded with stem cells taken from gum tissue and bone-building bioactive ceramics — in an 18-week study on rats with a version of peri-implantitis, an infectious disease that causes inflammation of the gum and the bone structure around a dental implant. By the end of the study, the bone around the implants in all of the rats had completely regenerated. Their research was published online in the journal Science Translational Medicine. The research was supported by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research and the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine.

#### **PATIENT CARE**

#### Providing Essential Services for Our Patients in Need

Towards the end of the fiscal year, the COVID-19 pandemic hit the globe by shutting down entire countries. Under the state mandate to help curb the spread of the novel coronavirus, our dental clinics in Westwood and Venice temporarily suspended all elective dental procedures, with one exception — emergency treatment for our patients of record at select specialty clinics and our Faculty Group Dental Practice.

As a leader in dental care, we remained committed to our patients and treated any emergencies that could not be postponed. All treatment provided was administered under strict safety protocols to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 to our providers and our patients.

Due to the unprecedented circumstances, our patient visits decreased by roughly 27 percent by the end of the '19-'20 fiscal year compared to the prior fiscal year. Additional factors of this decrease included the discontinuation of all dental services at the MEND Clinic in Pacoima and the end of our oral surgery residents' rotation at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

As we look towards the future, we know that it will take time, commitment, and effort to get back to pre-pandemic patient volume in our clinic. Nevertheless, we feel stronger, more resilient, and better prepared for future crises that may affect our clinical care operations.

Our clinicians administered quality care at the following sites:

## 111,688

Total visits administered in FY 2019 - 2020

SAN LUIS OBISPO

SANTA BARBARA **COUNTY** 

#### **UCLA Dental Clinics in Westwood:**

2,883	Advanced Education in General Dentistry

BISCO Clinic for Esthetic Dentistry

Pediatric Dentistry Clinic

386 Craniofacial Clinic

Dental Anesthesia Services

Jack & Geraldine Weichman **Endodontics Clinic** 

Faculty Group Dental Practice

17,152 General Clinic

Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Advanced Prosthodontics & **Special Patient Care** 

4,455 Oral Pathology Lab

Oral Radiology Clinic (Includes Tele-radiology)

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic

Orofacial Pain Graduate Clinic

Orofacial Pain & Oral Medicine Faculty Practice

Dr. Thomas R. Bales Orthodontic

Patient Assessment 1.168

**Patient Screening** 

3,103 Periodontics & Implant Surgery Clinic

713 Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center

#### Wilson-Jennings-Bloomfield **UCLA Venice Dental Center:**

**VENTURA** 

COUNTY

3.052 Advanced Education in General Dentistry

General (Includes pre-doctoral, hygiene, & ACT)

COUNTY

**ORANGE** 

**COUNTY** 

393 Oral Surgery Faculty Practice

1,226 Pediatric Dentistry

#### **Additional Clinical Care Sites:**

905 Children' Center of Greater Los Angeles (Inglewood)

MEND Clinic (Pacoima)

288 Saban Free Clinic (Los Angeles)

2,049 Sunset Kaiser Permanente Medical Center (Los Angeles)

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY** 

**SAN BERNARDINO** 

COUNTY

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY** 

144 VA Sepulveda (Los Angeles)

153 VA Wadsworth/VA West LA (Los Angeles)



**IMPERIAL COUNTY** 

The School of Dentistry's Community-Based Clinical Education (CBCE) program provides valuable clinical care experiences to our dental students in school-based settings, at federally qualified health centers, and at private practices that focus on people living at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

# Care provided through CBCE:

From July 1, 2019 to March 2020, the CBCE program provided care for some of the state's most vulnerable patients, in summary:



5,100+ Patients Seen



12 Sites



Care was provided at 10 sites across Southern California and two out-of-state sites. Despite the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, CBCE remains true to its mission of enhancing education while increasing access to care through strong relationships with community champions.

CBCE leadership established new affiliations and relationships with sites in Downey, Calif. and Colorado Springs, Colo. and continues to strengthen existing relationships. Plans are in place to expand to another five sites in the '20-'21 fiscal year.

#### **1** 12 Sites in the following cities and growing:

Burbank	El Centro	Muskegon, MI	San Fernando
Colorado Springs, CO	Indio	Northridge	Santa Monica
Downey	Los Angeles	Palm Desert	Sunland

#### Results from our Class of 2020 Exit Survey:

Over 79% reported that they plan on working in a public health clinic after graduation. (National average of new graduates was approximately 6% in 2017)

More than 38% reported that the CBCE experience contributed to their decision to work in underserved areas after graduation.

Over 86% felt their CBCE experience enhanced their education.

#### Some additional highlights:

CBCE was awarded a \$750,000 grant from the UniHealth Foundation, to continue increasing access to care for underserved populations in Los Angeles County and north Orange County for the next three years.

CBCE successfully added an endodontic component at their South LA site for the '20-'21 fiscal year.



#### UCLA Dentistry Cohort Provides Essential Services to Those in Dire Need of Care

At the end of 2019, dozens of student dentists, residents, and faculty volunteers attended the annual Care Harbor event to provide dental care to hundreds of uninsured Angelenos. The 3-day event took place at The Reef in downtown Los Angeles and, for the first time, the Care Harbor organizers devoted the entire first day of the three-day clinic to caring for the city's homeless. About 1,000 people were transported from homeless shelters to the clinic for physical, dental, and vision care.

UCLA Dentistry was part of a record 350 UCLA health professionals who volunteered their services and

expertise. Patients who come to the clinic are frequently medically compromised and don't have good access to medical and dental care. Many patients had high blood pressure, diabetes, osteoporosis, thyroid conditions, infectious diseases, and other health issues.

# Giving Kids a Reason to Smile

The Section of Pediatric Dentistry held its annual Give Kids A Smile event on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Children's Dental Center of Greater Los Angeles in Inglewood. The health fair, originally created by the ADA Foundation, has turned into a nationwide campaign that brings dentists and other volunteers together to provide screenings, treatment, and education to children. Over 40 UCLA volunteers participated in the event, and the group



was able to provide thousands of dollars worth of treatment, including screenings, cleanings, X-rays, fluoride treatments, and tooth extractions to dozens of children. As a leading, regional provider of quality oral health care and an advocate for children receiving consistent care, the Section of Pediatric Dentistry referred more than 30 children for follow-up dental care to neighboring clinics.

#### **DEVELOPMENT**

## Revenue by Source:

To communicate our fiscal year 2019-2020 revenue table, we have adjusted our source categories to be more in-line with financial reporting from main campus. Additionally, we have chosen to remove the "Resident" revenue line item this year as this reflects indirect medical education, GME resident salaries paid from Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center (RRUMC), and Veterans Administration resident funding paid through the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Fund Source	Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020	% of Total Revenue
General Funds and Other Appropriations <sup>1</sup>	\$17,185,753	22%
DDS Tuition and PPID (formerly Student Tuition)	\$13,012,328	16.7%
Other Student Fees	\$515,913	0.7%
Contracts and Grants <sup>3</sup>	\$20,697,553	26.5%
Gifts and Endowments	\$2,690,993	3.4%
Sales and Service (formerly Clinics, Faculty Practices & Continuing Education & also includes International Programs except PPID)	\$3,868,216	5%
Total Revenues	\$77,970,756	100%

#### *5-Year and 10-Year Revenue Comparison:*

Fund Source	Fiscal Year	% of Total	Fiscal Year	% of Total
	2009 - 2010	Revenue	2014 - 2015	Revenue
General Funds and State Support <sup>1</sup>	\$12,662,697	16.7%	\$14,359,544	15.8%
Other University and Special State Appropriations	\$636,591	0.8%	\$1,363,718	1.5%
Student Fees and Tuition	\$7,408,973	9.7%	\$9,085,016	10.0%
International Programs	\$1,640,102	2.2%	\$6,697,206	7.4%
Resident Funding <sup>2</sup>	\$3,479,508	4.6%	\$4,063,790	4.5%
Contracts & Grants <sup>3</sup>	\$20,131,458	26.5%	\$24,317,894	26.7%
Gifts and Endowments ⁴	\$3,086,744	4.1%	\$6,150,881	6.8%
Clinics, Faculty Practice Groups, and Continuing Education	\$26,958,780	35.5%	\$24,966,377	27.4%
Total Revenues	\$76,004,853	100%	\$91,004,426	100%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes State support.

In collaboration with our faculty, staff, alumni, friends, corporations, and foundations, the UCLA School of Dentistry raised nearly \$2.7M dollars to support our mission of excellence in dental education, research, patient care, and community service.





Principal Value of Gifts & Endowment for FY 2019 – 2020:

\$55,339,822

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes Indirect Medical Education, GME resident salaries paid from Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center (RRUMC), and Veterans Administration resident funding paid through the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Contracts and Grants reflect dollars received for new and continuing sponsored awards.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Gifts and Endowments include new contributions and investment income

#### **Board of Counselors:**

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## Welcome to Our New Board Members

At the end of April, we welcomed Dr. Mitra Mogharabi Ardehali and Dr. Kami Hoss to the UCLA Dentistry Board of Counselors — the School's advisory fundraising board. We welcome their energy and expertise and look forward to having them on the Board to help raise philanthropic support and ensure the well-being and growth of the dental school.

Dr. Mitra Mogharabi Ardehali received her DDS degree from the UCLA School of Dentistry in 1990 and now works as a private practice dentist. She has been giving back to her alma mater by volunteering her time as a continuing lecturer in the Section of Restorative Dentistry since 1991. She brings with her a unique perspective to the board as she is an alumna, faculty member, practitioner, and



current parent of a D2 student. She was also the chair of the Parent Council at Barnard College, Columbia University for five years.

Dr. Kami Hoss received his DDS degree from the UCLA School of Dentistry in 1993. He also received an MS in craniofacial biology and completed his postdoctoral residency in advanced orthodontics at USC. Dr. Hoss is CEO, co-founder, and an orthodontist at The Super Dentists, a private dental practice, which he runs with his wife and co-founder, Dr. Nazli Keri, a fellow UCLA undergraduate



alum. Dr. Hoss is also co-founder of the Howard Healthcare Academy, an organization focused on training practitioners and integrating oral care into whole body health care. He is a member of the American Academy of Orthodontists, American Dental Association, California Dental Association, and San Diego Dental Society.

## **UCLA Dentistry Surpassed Expectations**



CONTRIBUTED 58.7% OF GIFTS

**ESTABLISHED** 

**ESTABLISHED** 

**NEW ENDOWED** 

#### Campaign Highlights:



#### **OCTOBER 2014:**

Longtime UCLA Philanthropists Bob and Marion Wilson donated \$2 million for an endowed scholarship fund. This gift is the largest scholarship donation the dental school has ever received.



The UCLA School of Dentistry marked its 50th Anniversary with a gala that welcomed more than 500 guests to celebrate the School's legacy and future. This same year, the **Shapiro Family** — **Ralph**, **Shirley**, and their son, **Peter** — supported the establishment of the School's 9th endowed chair, the United Cerebral Palsy of Los Angeles Endowed Chair in Special Patient Care with Dr. Eric Sung serving as the inaugural chair holder.



#### Campaign Highlights Contd:



## MARCH 2018:

UCLA School of Dentistry established the Community-Based Clinical Education (CBCE) program, securing a \$1.5 million gift from **Delta Dental of California** — the largest award the foundation has ever given to a dental school. The philanthropic funding helped to launch the program, led by **Dr. Bill Piskorowski**, which supports UCLA student dentists providing care for some of the most vulnerable patients in California and beyond.

# SEPTEMBER 2019:

The dental school celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Wilson-Jennings-Bloomfield UCLA Venice Dental Center and welcomed nearly 300 special guests who paid homage to the Center's mission of providing dental care to vulnerable patients, including families experiencing homelessness. The celebration helped raise the Center's endowment funding to approximately \$8.5 million.





## OCTOBER 2019:

The UCLA Pediatric Dentistry Clinic renovation was completed, creating a state-of-the-art dental home for some of the most vulnerable pediatric patients in Los Angeles. Dr. Oariona Lowe, DDS, PD '84, MPH '16 and Dr. Mark Lisagor, DDS '73, PD '77, partnered with section chair **Dr. Daniela Silva** to lead the fundraising effort for this transformative renovation. The majority of gifts to this campaign were made by UCLA Pediatric Dentistry alumni and friends.

#### Special Thanks



Special thanks to Dr. Naomi Ellison, Board of Counselors Chair, for

her leadership throughout the largest campaign in the School's history. Dr. Ellison and her husband, Jim Ellison, established the 12th endowed chair at the

dental school, which will help recruit and retain star faculty to practice and teach restorative dentistry.



Throughout the Centennial Campaign, UCLA Board of Counselor member, Mr. Ming Hsieh, made major gifts in support of Dr. Cun-Yu Wang's Innovation Research for Anti-Aging. His investment in UCLA's future enables Dr. Wang's research team

to transcend boundaries and advance the knowledge of stem cell research as we know it.

The UCLA School of Dentistry wishes to recognize and thank the following individuals, corporations, and foundations whose extraordinary generosity and exemplary vision enables us to pursue our mission of excellence in education, research, patient care, and public service.

This honor roll includes both gifts to the Apollonian Society and restricted gifts. Support for the Apollonian Society funds innovative projects and strengthens morale among students, and has collectively contributed over \$4.2 million to the School. Restricted gifts and grants are directed at the donor's request to a specific departmental priority, project, or initiative.

Through their generosity, the donors below have made lasting contributions to the School by supporting student scholarships, endowed chairs, faculty research, patient care initiatives, and academic centers. UCLA Dentistry is grateful for their continued commitment as we welcome a new century of excellence.

This honor roll lists all philanthropic commitments made to the School between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. We also wish to thank those who have given before and after these dates. Donors' academic degrees (at the Master's level and above) are noted as recorded in the UCLA External Affairs database. Donors' UCLA School of Dentistry degrees (DDS, MS in oral biology, PhD in oral biology, and certificates) are recognized by the inclusion of the class year in which they were conferred.

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