The 2017 USC Orthodontic Program Initiative

more than 80 years at USC

Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC
Orthodontics
OUR VISION
USC Orthodontics will be the driving force in orthodontic leadership worldwide — in education, research, service and patient care. We will be guided by the principles set forth in the strategic plans of the university and the school.

OUR MISSION
To train the finest orthodontists in the world.

The primary goal of our program is to prepare our students for a long and extremely successful career in the practice of orthodontics.
A Legacy of Greatness

USC begins first orthodontic program on the West Coast; Spencer Atkinson appointed first department chair.

1897

USC dental school established—first orthodontic faculty appointed.

1934

Harry L. Dougherty appointed department chair.

1955

Sakae Tanaka graduates and becomes full-time faculty member.

1960

Val Clark starts the USC Orthodontic Alumni Association — first in orthodontics’ history.

1962

Cecil Steiner honored with the prestigious Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award by the American Association of Orthodontists.

1968

Peter Sinclair appointed department chair.

1985

MS in Craniofacial Biology made mandatory.

1993

Ellen Grady first practice management consultant appointed faculty in U.S.

1994

Department moves from basement to third floor.

1997

Glenn Sameshima appointed department chair — Sameshima is the first USC-trained chair to hold the position.

2006

Lindsey Hambleton becomes first fourth-generation USC orthodontist.

2011

First all-female class graduates.

2017

First all-female class graduates.
A Message from the Chairman

I am often asked what makes our program stand out from the rest. It is easy to answer with three letters: USC! USC Orthodontics is part of an exceptional dental school housed within one of the truly great universities in the world.

Our program is linked directly to the beginning of modern orthodontics — I was taught by Harry Dougherty, who was taught by the great George Hahn, who was taught by Edward Angle, the father of modern orthodontics.

We have more graduates practicing in California than any other program. We follow a hallowed tradition of true excellence. USC graduates dominate the number of board-certified orthodontists, members of the Angle Society and orthodontists making a real difference in California.

We embrace the promise of new, emerging technologies while remaining dedicated to the long-held traditions of excellence set forth by our respected predecessors.

We are one of a handful of programs that requires students to do a thesis — research that has resulted in Graber and Schultz Awards in the past decade alone. Our residents have won the USC Stevens competition in entrepreneurship twice, besting contestants from all over the university and resulting in numerous patents.

The many accomplishments of our faculty and residents are amazing but what really sets us apart is the sense of shared purpose present in USC Orthodontics. I have visited many programs in the U.S. and around the world, and the feeling of family, the richness of tradition and the pride of our legacy are unique to USC. It’s no coincidence that USC is home to the first orthodontic alumni association established in the United States.

I know all of you will join me in ensuring the next generations of graduates continue to nurture and grow our family. Fight On!

—Glenn Sameshima DDS ’89, PhD ’91
Chair and Program Director
We would like to talk to you about our unique family — USC Orthodontics, our ortho alumni and the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC.

Harry L. Dougherty founded the current department based on the fundamentals of orthodontic diagnoses and mechanical treatment. His philosophy in orthodontics was summarized by one thought: “Orthodontics is done with the head, the heart and the hands.”

His focus on the fundamentals of orthodontics, supported by outstanding clinical faculty, established USC as one of the best clinical orthodontic programs in the country. Dougherty was supported by one full-time faculty member, Dr. Keith Tanaka, and by volunteers selected from Edward H. Angle Society.

When Dougherty and Tanaka ran the department, they could do so with less resources because it was truly a simpler time — there was more time and less to know. When Peter Sinclair took over, he had three additional full-time faculty members to help him run the department, yet he was still shorthanded. Glenn Sameshima took command in 2006 with the challenge of sustaining clinical excellence while ensuring the program’s place in the university as an important academic department.

But, as with any school, it is brains not bricks. It is the faculty not the facilities. For those of us who love our department and feel committed to the clinical excellence that we have enjoyed so far, we need to recommit ourselves to USC Orthodontics in a new effort.

To do this, we need the support of our first generation to help ensure our core values are passed to the next generation. We need our second generation to continue to set the example that application of our fundamentals and core values in a changing environment can create clinical excellence. As we embrace new technologies we look to our youngest and newly minted alumni to partner with us and continue to push the boundaries of what our great profession can do.

—Harry L. Dougherty Jr., Milton Chan, Robert Hambleton, James Loos, Bradley Baum, John Trotter, Richard Mays, Glenn Sameshima and Gary Kawata

The 2017 USC Orthodontic Alumni Association Executive Board
The Vision for Orthodontics in the 21st Century

Capital Investment
To remodel our 20-year-old facility to enable our students to learn in a clinic and learning space adaptable to a changing world. A new floor plan for increased efficiency and maximum utilization. Cutting-edge technology and automation for clerical tasks, accounting, sterilization, etc. Digital plasterless office with intraoral scanning and 3-D printing in each bay.

Faculty Support
To provide essential support for our full- and part-time faculty. In honor of the legacy of the pioneers of USC orthodontics, the chance to proudly proclaim our gratitude by funding the Sakae Tanaka graduate clinic director faculty position. Support would also be provided to encourage the creation of an academic junior faculty track.

Student Support
To attract and nurture the future of USC Orthodontics — our residents. While we still have the best and brightest residents in the nation, they often leave with a burden of debt. Student support in the form of scholarships, loans, mentorship and associateships would make sure we can continue to attract the nation’s top residents. To enable students to learn from the best resources.

Chairman’s Strategic Fund
To provide unrestricted funds allowing the program to invest in new initiatives and provide flexibility for the future. For the immediate future: 1) Continuing education opportunities on a much larger, more formal scale. 2) Sponsoring visiting scholars recognized in a new field or growing area of interest. 3) Connecting with alumni through better communications and interactions.

Naming Opportunities in Advanced Orthodontics

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Join us as we continue to expand the greatness that is the USC Orthodontic legacy. We are the future and what we can do is only limited by our creativity, imagination and hard work with your support.

Please contact the Office of External Relations & Student Life at (213) 740-0428 to learn more about our vision and make a gift.