

Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC



Dear USC Dentistry Community:

This week, we welcomed even more students back to the Norris Dental Science Center, and I'm so thrilled to be getting back to what we all love doing — learning, teaching, practicing, studying, living and breathing dentistry.

One requirement for getting back to the campus that I've mentioned before was completing the two web-based COVID-19 safety trainings. Not only was there an [Ostrow-specific training](#) required, there was also one required by the university. Faculty were meant to take a [Trojan Learn training module](#), titled "Health, Hygiene and Safety for Faculty," however that training is still not live. We ask that all faculty members instead take the "Health, Hygiene and Safety for Employees" training, which offers a great deal of the same information as the faculty training. Simply follow the Trojan Learn link above, Shibboleth in and then type "Health, Hygiene and Safety for Employees" into the search bar to find the learning module.

After so many months at home, I know many of our students are (very understandably) eager to catch up on their studies as quickly as possible. To that end, while we must recognize the trimester break we would typically enjoy throughout parts of August, I am encouraging those of you who are able to use this time to get back on track. We will leave the Norris Dental Science Center's labs and clinics open throughout the month for those students committed not to lose any time during their dental school studies.

Later next month, we will be welcoming the next class of Doctor of Dental Surgery students virtually for their Orientation Week, taking place Aug. 24 through Aug. 28. As is always the case, we will welcome them into the healthcare profession (virtually, of course) via a White Coat Ceremony, where

they will put on their white coats for the first time and take their healthcare professional oath. Be on the look out for further details. It has been a pleasure to welcome such a talented, diverse group of individuals to the Trojan Dental Family (ASPID and online students started in May, and our advanced specialty residents in June) despite the global pandemic wreaking havoc with our lives. Our **Admissions Team** didn't miss a beat!

Speaking of which, I'd like to thank our Admissions Team — especially **Chris Campbell** who spearheads our Dental Explorers program — and all the faculty and students who participated earlier this week in our first-ever all-virtual Dental Explorers. It took some ingenuity and outside-the-box thinking to hold this important program, and I am proud that it went off without a hitch. Thanks for all of your work in exposing promising young minds to the dental profession.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge **Kelley Randle, Shannon Green** and **Chaunté Humes** for their tireless efforts, getting faculty contracts disseminated — and on top of it all, doing so while adapting to a new faculty systems management portal (contracts), set to launch in Workday in September. Stay tuned for more details on training sessions.

Stay safe, healthy and Fight On!

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