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## Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of **USC**

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### **DEAN'S BI-WEEKLY MESSAGE**

Dear USC Dentistry Community,

As the summer trimester winds down, I know many of you are looking forward to a few weeks of relaxation before kicking off the fall trimester — particularly the **DDS and ASPID Classes of 2022** who haven't had any substantial time off since the Winter Recess. Final examinations take place Aug. 9 through Aug.

13. Though clinic attendance during that week is optional for the Classes of 2022 and 2023, we have opened access to all operatories (other than those set aside for our group practice directors) for those students interested in taking advantage of the extra time on the clinic floor. Throughout the week, all sessions, including the Tuesday and Wednesday night clinics, will be open — except the morning clinic on Wednesday, August 11. The last day of summer clinic is Friday, August 13. I'd like to thank all the clinical staff for their help in making this bonus time in the clinic possible. I would also like to acknowledge **Ms. Rebecca Jackson**, who works so tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure Axium can accommodate our clinic schedule adjustments. **Dr. Doug Solow** will send out more information regarding clinic configuration for the fall trimester, so be on the lookout for that email.

Speaking of the fall trimester, we're excited to see the return of an in-person White Coat Ceremony, obviously dependent on the ever-evolving situation surrounding the coronavirus and its variants. We will hold the White Coat Ceremony for the **DDS Class of 2025** and the **ASPID Class of 2023** on Friday, August 27, the final day of Orientation Week, as we typically do. Then we will hold a make-up White Coat Ceremony on Friday, October 15 for our **DDS Class of 2024** and the **ASPID Class of 2022**, who were unable to experience this rite of passage last fall due to COVID-19 restrictions. The events will take place at the Bovard Auditorium, and we will adhere to capacity restrictions (each student will be allowed to invite four guests) and any required L.A. County or USC COVID-19 mitigating protocols. I'd like to thank the DDS Class of 2024 and the ASPID Class of 2022 for their patience in waiting for conditions to allow for this ceremony and the **Office of External Relations**, in particular the **Office of Student Life and Well-Being**, for their work in putting these events together. I look forward to officially inducting these classes into the profession this fall.

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## DENTAL EXPLORERS 2021

This week, we hosted more than 60 Dental Explorers for a three-day virtual event. The annual program introduces students, typically from underrepresented backgrounds, to the dental profession with in-depth discussions, hands-on experiences and even information on how to apply to Ostrow's program. I'd like to thank **Ms. Christine Wade** and all the members of the **Office of Admissions** who worked so hard to make this year's program such a success.







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You might have seen the email that went out from **Ms. Jill Yoshimi** detailing the new parking situation. This past Monday, the small parking lot at the corner of McClintock Avenue and 34th Street was converted to a reserved permit-only parking lot, which means public parking in that lot is no longer available. You can direct patients, visitors and vendors to park at either the Jefferson Parking Structure or metered parking spaces around campus. In early August, Parking Lot V (located behind the Norris Dental Science Center) will be converted to a pay-by-plate lot, where visitors — in particular, patients — will be able to pay \$2 an hour for parking. I realize this might negatively impact some members of our community, but keep in mind all parking decisions are made by USC Transportation Services and are out of our hands.

On Wednesday, the **Office of Alumni Relations** sent out an email, promoting two Ostrow-related podcasts, [Ostrow Talk](#) and [Loupéd In](#), both of which have

engaging, informative content related to the dental school and dentistry in general. I had the privilege to sit down with **Dr. Alon Frydman** recently to record “Stress and Leadership,” the latest episode of Louped In. Alon did a tremendous job as an interviewer, asking substantive questions and providing contextual examples to help drive our conversation. In addition to the links provided above, you can access the episodes on [Ostrow Connect](#). There’s a link to Podcasts at the bottom of the left-hand menu on the exclusive social media platform.

With that, I am signing off for the summer trimester. The Dean’s Bi-Weekly Message will resume once again after we return from break. I look forward to a great fall trimester.

Enjoy your time off, and as always, stay safe, stay healthy and Fight On!

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