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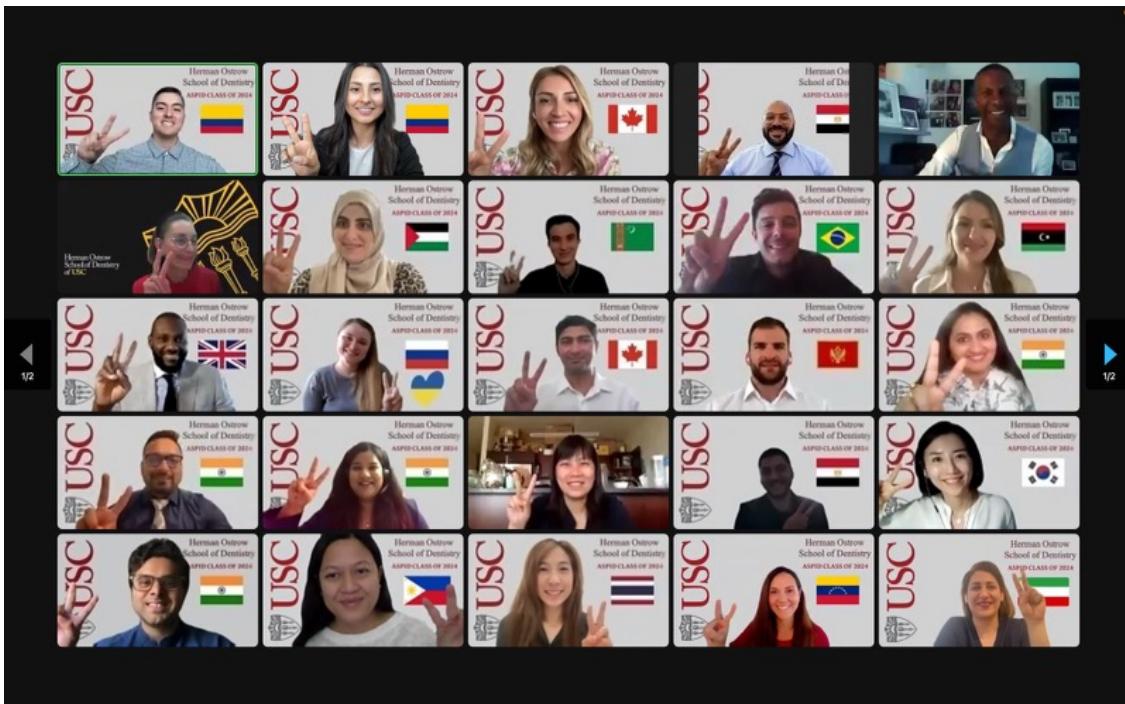
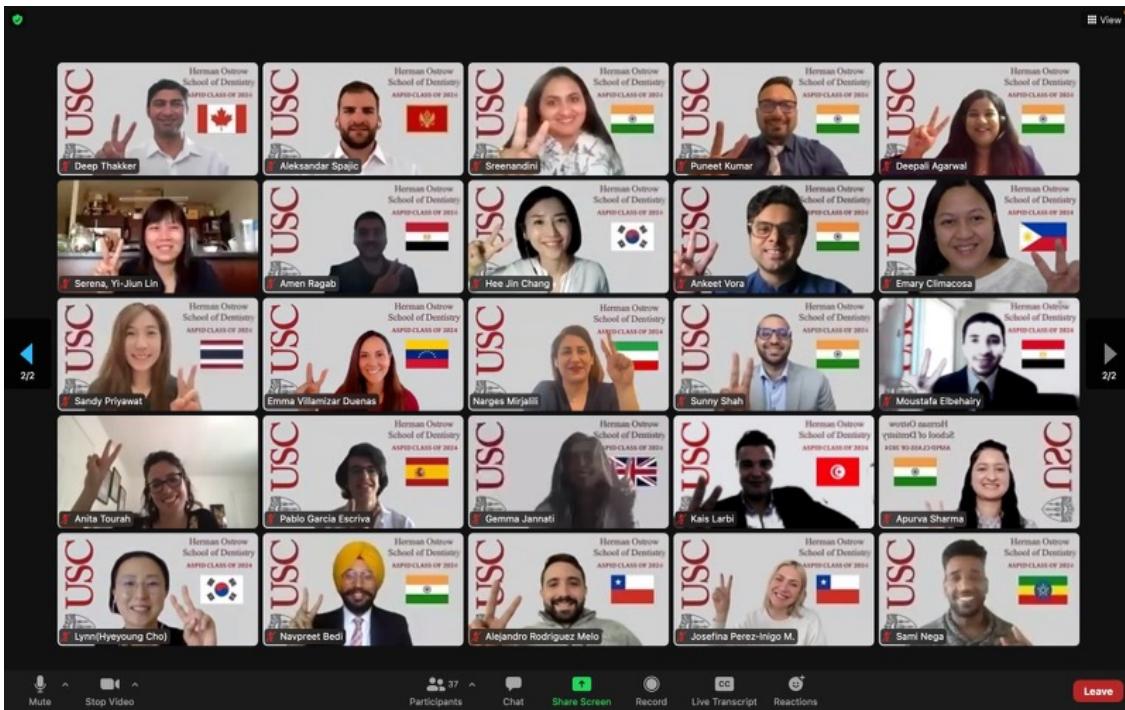


DEAN'S BI-WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear USC Dentistry Community:

We're nearing the end of the Trimester Break. I hope those who took some time off were able to recharge their batteries, ready to start the Summer Trimester fully energized on Monday. For those who stayed behind, I hope you were able to get some much-needed work out of the way as we gallop toward the finish line of your studies here at Ostrow.

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Ostrow Welcomes ASPID Class of 2024

This week, we were very happy to welcome our **ASPID Class of 2024**. The class of 34 students hails from 21 countries and is 50 percent male and 50 percent female.

Throughout the week, the class attended a number of virtual sessions, exposing them to the concept of learner-centered education, LGBTQ+ issues, sexual harassment response and CDA/organized dentistry, as well as life in general at Ostrow. The class dropped by the Norris Dental Science Center to be fitted for scrubs and N95 masks, attend basic life support training and receive the dental equipment necessary to hit the ground running on Monday. I'd like to acknowledge the **Office of Admissions**, in particular **Mr. Corey Berry**, for his work in orienting this class to life at the Norris Dental Science Center. I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work of the faculty and staff in our **Admissions Committee** for recruiting such a talented group of students. And to the class, welcome to the Trojan Dental Family!

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Earlier this month, our Community Oral Health Programs, in partnership with Village for Vets, held a mobile dental clinic in Westwood for veterans who often do not receive dental benefits. Over the course of the 10-day clinic, the team completed more than 1,000 procedures, including comprehensive exams, regular and deep cleanings, resin composite restorations, extractions, root canals and interim removable partial dentures. They also received some great media coverage from [Spectrum News](#), [Daily News](#) and [KABC](#), among others. I'd like to thank all the students who participated in this event plus **Dr. Gardner Beale**, **Dr. Nineli Zadourian**, **Dr. Daniel Romo**, **Dr. Rebecca Kim**, **Mr. Justin Urbano**, **Dr. Janet Lent** and two endodontics residents, **Dr. Viviana Kim** and **Dr. Mattie Donaldson**. Of course, none of this treatment would've been possible without our hard-working staff members, who support our students and faculty along the way. Thank you **Ms. Epifania Juarez**, **Mr. Edwin Salgado**, **Mr. Anthony Santiago** and **Mr. German Hernandez**.

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Festival of Books

This past weekend, USC hosted its first in-person *L.A. Times* Festival of Books since the COVID-19 pandemic. Ostrow's Community Oral Health Programs — under the leadership of **Dr. Roseann Mulligan** — were on hand to provide oral health screenings and oral hygiene education as well as help individuals become patients at either Ostrow or one of our community programs clinics. In all, the team reached 545 individuals, ranging in age from 1 to 88 years old, with their efforts. On Saturday, we even had a presidential pop-in from **Dr. Carol Folt!** Thank you to all of the students, faculty and staff who selflessly gave up a weekend to care for the book-loving masses.

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With that, I wish you all a nice, relaxing weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday to start our Summer Trimester.

Stay safe, healthy and Fight On!

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