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DEAN'S BI-WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear USC Dentistry Community:

I hope everyone is adjusting well to the summer trimester. It's always a favorite time of the year, with the campus a little quieter, the lines at the USC Village a little shorter, and the days so much sunnier and warmer.

This past weekend, our **Century Club Alumni Association** held its Ostrow Day at the Dodgers Reception and Game. Attendees had the opportunity to tour Dodgers Stadium before watching the Dodgers take on the New York Mets. While the Dodgers came up short, the reception was still a great opportunity for more than 100 students, faculty, staff and alumni to get a chance to catch up face-to-face for an entertaining late afternoon/early evening. I would like to thank the CCAA for hosting its first in-person event since the summer of 2019 (!). I'd also like to acknowledge the **Office of External Relations & Student Life** — in particular, **Ms. Christie D.C. Van Paepeghem** — for their work in putting this event together.

At the end of this month, **Dr. Stefan Zweig** ends his term as the president of the Dental Faculty Assembly (DFA) and hands the reins over to current DFA secretary, **Dr. Sunny Fereshteh**, who will serve as the next DFA president for one year. One cannot overstate the important role the DFA plays internally and externally, including participating in the USC Academic Senate, which represents all faculty on issues including shared governance, academic transparency, merit and compensation. The DFA is still looking for individuals to fill some key leadership spots. If you are interested, please reach out to **Ms. Kelley Randle** at krandle@ostrow.usc.edu. I'd like to thank Stefan for his time in DFA leadership and congratulate Sunny on her new role. I look forward to working with Sunny and the DFA over the coming year.

The latest episode of *Louped In*, the official podcast of Ostrow's Office of Continuing Education, is out. In the episode, titled "You Know the Answer; So Think Again. Weighing Implants vs. Teeth," **Dr. Alon Frydman** discusses with **Dr. Stefan Zweig** the impulse to remove an infected tooth and replace it with an implant over putting in the time to do a root canal. It's a fascinating discussion, centered around the New York Times bestseller *Think Again*, a book that examines the concept of *rethinking* — questioning our own long-held opinions, remaining open to others' perspectives and generally remaining intellectually flexible to achieve excellence at work and wisdom in life. The episode drops in anticipation of the Advanced Endodontics Symposium, taking place on Friday, July 22, 2022. You can learn more about that at ostrowce.usc.edu. In the meantime, check out the *Louped In* episode for a really thought-provoking discussion between Alon and Stefan.

With that, I wish you a relaxing weekend.

Stay safe, stay healthy and Fight On!

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