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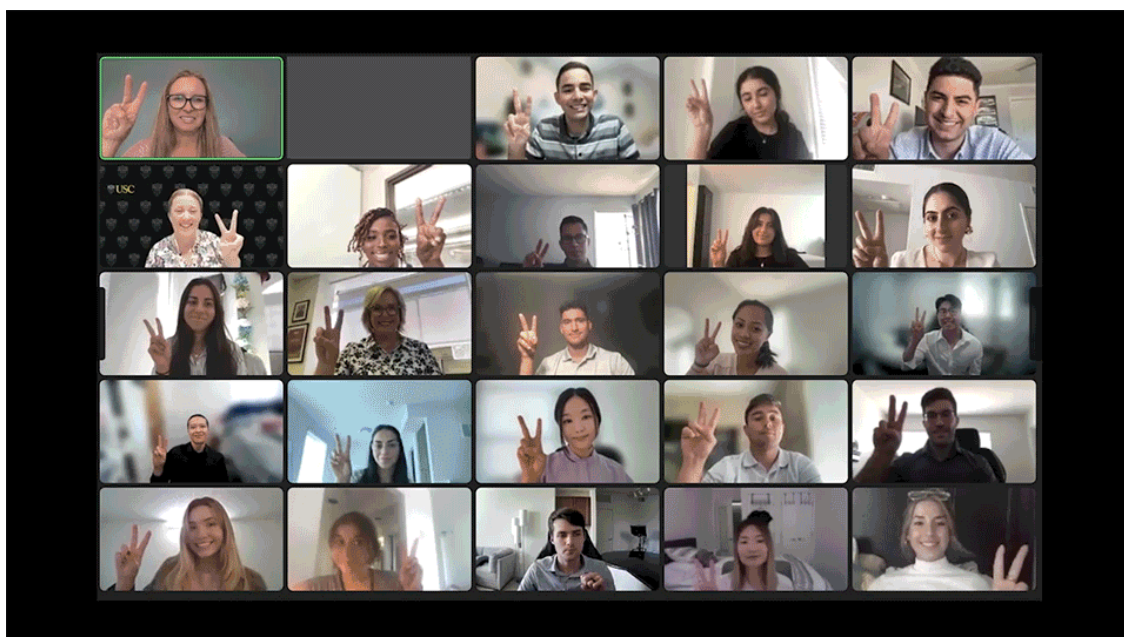


DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear USC Dentistry Community:

Welcome to the Fall Trimester 2022! I hope you got the opportunity over the trimester break to relax, reset and re-energize for another terrific academic year at Ostrow.

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MEET THE NEW CLASS

Last week, we welcomed the newest members of the Trojan Dental Family with the DDS Class of 2026 joining us for Orientation Week. I would like to acknowledge **Dr. Arek Horozyan** for his efforts in putting the orientation week together as well as the entire Office of Admissions (**Mr. Corey Berry**, **Ms. Rebecca Diaz**, **Mr. Sergio Estavillo**, **Ms. Vianca Marquez**, **Ms. Christy Wade** and **Ms. Jennese Wang**) for their help in making the week successful. Here's a few interesting data points about the class. It's composed of 56 percent women and 44 percent men; the class comes to us from 20 U.S. states and 72 undergraduate institutions, with the top feeder schools being UCLA, UC Irvine, USC and UC San Diego; and there's one person in the class with a PhD and 6 with a master's degree. I'd be remiss if I didn't thank **Dr. Anita Tourah**, **Dr. Joyce Galligan** and the **Admissions Committee** (the faculty members who dedicate their time and effort to review applications) for their tireless work to make sure we

enroll the best of the best here at USC. Your work is so appreciated.

The first day of the orientation week included presentations on learner-centered education; the patient-centered comprehensive care model; exposure to a number of evolving learning and assessment platforms; professionalism and ethics; diversity, inclusion and access; implicit bias and gender identity awareness; and cloud desktop service technology. I would like to thank **Dr. Mahvash Navazesh, Dr. Karrie Kingsley, Ms. Jessica Ostroff, Mr. Ben Creighton, Mr. Larry Eisenberg and Mr. Camil Kassar** for their hard work and excellent presentations.

During the ensuing days, the students received infection control and CPR training, received their dental equipment and were fitted for N95 masks and scrubs. I would like to acknowledge **Ms. Jill Yoshimi** and her entire team for their efforts.

On the last two days of the orientation week, students received a lecture on cariology and microdentistry, had their very first quiz and used their handpieces for the first time in the simulation lab under the supervision of **Dr. Jin Ho Phark, Dr. Alena Knezevic, Dr. Howard Fleiner and Dr. Waad Mzain**. I can't thank them enough for making this very first hands-on workshop so informative and productive.

The DDS Class of 2026 and the ASPID Class of 2024 will put on their white coats for the first time and take the oath of a health professional at their White Coat Ceremony, taking place this year on Sunday, Sept. 18. I encourage our faculty to drop by and get to meet this new class. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to **Ms. Kim Eeles** at keeles@ostrow.usc.edu.

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SIM LAB A RENOVATIONS

The renovation of Sim Lab A continues, and we've made some great progress over the course of the trimester break. So far, we've managed to redo the flooring across the entire space and to begin to build out the benches and install the X-ray machines. As a reminder, the renovations will include the replacement of all 150 benches with sleek, modern workspaces, offering more counterspace than ever before; the installation of all new computers, mobile units and manikin heads; and the addition of 5 x-ray machines. The project represents our largest construction project in nearly two decades. We cannot wait to see the newly renovated space once it's complete later this fall.

With that I wish you a relaxing Labor Day weekend.

Stay safe, stay healthy and Fight On!

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