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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear USC Dentistry Community:

Earlier this week, we held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the long-anticipated opening of the newly renovated Sim Lab A. It was such a momentous occasion, bringing to a close the largest capital construction project we've had here at the Norris Dental Science Center in nearly two decades. Thank you to all of those who were able to make it to the third floor for the ceremonial re-opening of the Sim Lab. I'd also like to

once again recognize **Ms. Marshall Miller-Barber, Mr. Dan Cheock, Mr. De’Juan Parrish** and **Ms. Jill Yoshimi** for their efforts in bringing this project to fruition. We couldn’t have done it without your hard work and continued support. Finally, I would like to thank our community for your understanding, adaptability and resilience throughout the construction process. With school going year-round, there’s never really an ideal time to close such an active educational space.

It will be vitally important for our faculty, staff and students to treat this new space with the care it deserves. You are the first classes to have the fortune to enjoy this space in its most pristine condition; please keep the space in tip-top shape for all the students to come who will spend hours in that space just as you are.

After the ceremony, we got some much needed time together over breakfast, provided by food trucks Something Good LA and Crepes Bonaparte. It was so nice to be able to spend some quality time with our faculty, staff and students in one of our first school-wide events in years. Thanks goes out to the **Office of External Relations and Student Life**, especially **Ms. Christie D.C. Van Paepeghem**, for their efforts to put together this fun event.

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SIM Lab Ribbon Cutting Ceremony







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Finally, in case you missed it, DDS Class of 2024 President and incoming Associated Student Body President **Ms. Deena Fatehi** was featured by the California Dental Association in its Student Spotlight — a monthly interview with students from California’s seven dental schools. In her two-minute interview, Deena shared her most memorable moment in dental school, which faculty member has had the biggest impact on her and which dental specialty she would like to pursue. You did a terrific job, Deena! You can [watch the interview here](#).

With that, I wish you a nice, relaxing weekend.

Stay safe, stay healthy and Fight On!

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