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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear USC Dentistry Community:

This past weekend, the **Office of Student Life** and the **Associated Student Body (ASB) Executive Board** (partnered with the Century Club Alumni Association) held its annual Business Symposium, where Ostrow students get the opportunity to learn from industry experts on best practices for dental practice management, legalities and finance. The event was very well-attended

and has become an annual favorite. I'd like to thank all who participated in the event, as well as the Office of Student Life's **Kim Eeles** and **Vianca Marquez** for their efforts in organizing this event.

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HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month is Black History Month, and we are thrilled to celebrate alongside the **Student National Dental Association**, who put together this table showcasing milestones in Black history. Thank you **Oluwaferanmi Balogun** for your work on this informative and well-done display table. Additionally, on Instagram, the student group (under the leadership of SNDA President **Peter Kalu**) shared videos of SNDA members honoring Black excellence — describing the contributions of people like Marian R. Croak, a Trojan engineer

behind Zoom, Skype and other videoconferencing technology as well as current leaders like Ostrow's own Djavan Wharton-Lake (see video below), an Ostrow alumnus who completed his advanced specialty in endodontics in 2018. Be on the lookout for more videos on Instagram at [@usc_snda](https://www.instagram.com/usc_snda). I would like to thank the SNDA, who under the supervision of **Kim Austin** and **Corey Berry**, have done such a great job with the month-long celebration.





SWEET START TO THE DAY

On Valentine's Day, Ostrow's **Office of Human Resources** shared its gratitude — a sentiment I certainly share — to our hardworking staff with cookies in the East Lobby. Staffers had their choice between chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin walnut, sugar cinnamon, vegan/gluten free chocolate chip or vegan birthday cake. I'd like to thank them for the Valentine's treats. (Pictured L-R, **Renee Abumalhi**, me, **Fabian Castro**, **Marielle Revillame** and **Jose Garcia**)

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

Fight On!

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