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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear USC Dentistry Community:

With midterms in the rearview mirror, we are now in the final stretch of the spring trimester, with just a handful of weeks left until final exams and the trimester break. It's an incredibly busy time for everyone, especially for our fourth-year dental students working to complete their studies to be able to move on to the next chapters of their lives. The faculty and staff are here for you, ready to help and rooting you on every

step of the way.

Earlier this week, the **Office of Human Resources** helped us celebrate National Dentist's Day with pupusas and plantains from Vchos Pupuseria Moderna for our staff members. Thank you, **Renee Abumalhi, Fabian Castro, Jose Garcia, Irma Hernandez** and **Marielle Revillame**, for your efforts in putting this event together.

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GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

In February, the USC Mobile Dental Clinic held a patient care event in Montebello, Calif. During the 8-day clinic, they provided comprehensive treatment — including exams, radiographs, composite restorations, stainless steel crowns and extractions — to nearly 100 children. I had the privilege of dropping by on Give Kids A Smile Day, where our young patients in Montebello got to participate in face painting, toy giveaways, coloring and activity books as well as enjoy the mobile clinic’s book corner, which is available thanks to the generous contributions of the Ella Fitzgerald Foundation. Thank you to USC Mobile Clinic Director **Sunny Fereshteh** as well as the students, faculty and staff who participated in this mobile clinic stop.



DRIVE-THRU CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH

In late February, a group of our dental students volunteered with the Los Angeles Dental Society to celebrate Children’s Dental Health Month with a drive-thru health event. They provided families nutritional counseling and oral health instruction as well as goodie bags with toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, timers for brushing and xylitol pops. The event’s aim was to help children find a dental home. I would like to thank the 22 dental students who participated in this event and embodied the community-

minded spirit of a Trojan Dentist. I'd also like to recognize faculty member and Los Angeles Dental Society Student Liaison Chair **Na Eun (Sarah) Chung Grimes**, who served as the facilitator for this volunteer effort.

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Finally, as you might have seen in recent emails from **Yang Chai** and **Donna Castillo**, registration is now open for Research Day 2023. [Register here](#) by no later than Monday, March 13, 2023 by 5 p.m. PST. As you know, Research Day is always a really exciting day where our students and faculty get to explore their scientific curiosity and share their discoveries with us. You won't want to miss it.

With that, I wish you a nice weekend and safe travels to all who are attending the ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition this weekend.

Fight On!

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