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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear USC Dentistry Community:

Welcome back from the trimester break! I hope you had a chance to relax and recharge and are ready for a great Summer Trimester.

As we begin to ramp up our activities for the summer, our Class of 2023 is winding

down, finishing their studies and beginning the next chapter of their professional journeys. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I'd like to congratulate the Class of 2023 for all of your accomplishments here at Ostrow. I am incredibly excited to celebrate all of you at the Senior Banquet on Thursday, May 11 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel and again formally at the main Commencement ceremony at 8:30 a.m. in Alumni Memorial Park and at our satellite Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 12 at 11 a.m. on Brittingham Field (behind Heritage Hall). I encourage all of our faculty and staff to attend the festivities to celebrate our graduates. The deadline to RSVP for the Senior Banquet is today, so, if you'd like to attend, make sure to [RSVP right away](#). There is no RSVP necessary for Commencement. If you are unable to attend Commencement, the ceremony will be streaming at commencement.usc.edu. I'd like to thank all who will be helping out at these events, especially the **Office of Development and Student Life**, which works so hard every year on the Senior Banquet and Commencement.

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WELCOME ASPID CLASS OF 2025

We recently welcomed the ASPID Class of 2025 to the Trojan Dental Family. The class underwent orientation last week, where they were brought up to speed on everything from financial aid to learner-centered education to infection control to sexual harassment prevention, etc. Here's a little bit to know about the class. It is 65 percent female, 35 percent male; hails from 20 countries across four different continents and has an average age of 34. I'd like to thank all who took part in their orientation last week — especially the **Office of Admissions** — and once again, we welcome this cohort to Ostrow!

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Later this month, we will celebrate our faculty at the Faculty Appreciation Awards and Dinner at Town and Gown on Wednesday, May 24 beginning at 6 p.m. As in years prior, we will hold a continuing education course — this year, it will be the “Changing Landscape of Implant Restorative Dentistry” taught by **Cheryl Park** — beforehand in the Century Club Auditorium at 5 p.m. We couldn't do all that we do without our accomplished, selfless and devoted faculty members, who educate generation after generation of dental professionals. I always look forward to honoring them every year. Make sure to [register for the event](#) by May 17.

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FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

In late April, our **Community Oral Health Programs** took part in the annual L.A. Times Festival of Books, distributing oral healthcare kits, oral health and nutritional information and making referrals when necessary to the book-loving masses. In total, we provided nearly 550 oral health kits and conducted nearly 400 dental screenings over the two-day event. I'd like to thank all the students, faculty and staff — in particular **Liz Brummel** and **Carlos Sanchez**, who led the efforts — that gave up some of their weekend to spread the word about the importance of good oral health.





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With that, I wish you a relaxing weekend, and I look forward to all the festivities next week.

Fight On!

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