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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear USC Dentistry Community,

Last week, we welcomed the 2023 cohort of Dental Explorers to the Norris Dental Science Center for four days of hands-on activities, information sessions and an overall introduction to the world of dentistry. The students, who come from traditionally underrepresented populations, learned about everything from injections and suturing to indirect vision and tooth sketches to taking impressions. I would like to thank all

who took part in introducing our Dental Explorers to our profession. I'd especially like to acknowledge **Rebeca Diaz** and **Christine Wade** from the Office of Admissions for all their work to make this another successful year. It's not uncommon for some of these Dental Explorers to show up again as one of our dental students, so this work is truly important in Ostrow's overall mission, particularly in further diversifying the dental workforce.

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We recently found out that **Jin-Ho Phark** has been named the president-elect of the International Academy of Adhesive Dentistry, an international organization and information platform meant to foster the benefits of adhesive and minimally invasive dentistry among researchers, dentists, dental students, the dental industry and patients. Jin-Ho is currently a treasurer for the international academy. He will serve as president-elect until 2025, at which point, he will begin his two-year term as president. It's a big deal to have a Trojan represent the USA in this esteemed international academy. Congratulations to Jin-Ho!

Finally, I'd like to wish you all the best of luck on your final exams and a restful trimester break. I look forward to kicking off the Fall Trimester on August 28. We will be welcoming the DDS Class of 2027 for Orientation Week on August 21, culminating in their (and the ASPID Class of 2025's) White Coat Ceremony, taking place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 27 in the Bovard Auditorium. Faculty and staff, if you plan to attend, please reach out to the **Office of Student Life** at ostrowsl@usc.edu so that they can reserve your seat.

Fight On!

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