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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear USC Dentistry Community,

We recently received some exciting news on the research front. **Yang Chai** and **Jianfu “Jeff” Chen** received a National Institutes of Health grant to assemble a comprehensive multi-institutional Center for TMD Improving Patient-Centered

Translational Research. The center, known as C-TMD IMPACT, will include clinicians, research scientists, regulatory experts and clinical trial specialists who will work to advance basic and clinical research, research training and evidence-based treatment for temporomandibular disorders. It's another testament to the strength of our research program that the NIH granted two Ostrow scientists the opportunity to lead this effort. Join me in congratulating Yang and Jeff.

Members of Ostrow's **Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery** recently attended the American Association for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Annual Meeting, where they really stood out from all other programs across the nation. The team, led by **Mark Urata** and **Nam Cho**, shared 16 research presentations and prepared two research abstract posters — nearly double the amount of any other school. Better still, they earned three Best Presentation Awards and one Best Poster Award for their efforts. Congratulations to all who earned recognition, and thanks for always making USC look so good!





GREAT SHAKEOUT

Yesterday, we held our annual Great Shakeout to make sure we're prepared for the next moderate to large earthquake. At 10:19 a.m., our Building Emergency Response Team (BERT) sprang to action while we all dropped, covered and held on in our offices, labs and public spaces. I'd like to thank our **BERT Team** for their time and efforts. I'd also like to acknowledge BERT Team Leader **Michael Navarrete**, Business Continuity Recovery Planner **Mei Tse** and Business Continuing Recovery Leader **Jill Yoshimi** for their leadership skills in helping to make sure Ostrow is prepared for whatever nature might send our way.

You probably saw there were a few mandatory trainings that are coming due in the near future. All Ostrow faculty and staff are required to complete "USC HIPAA Compliance and You" and "USC FERPA Awareness" trainings by October 31. You can find these trainings on [Trojan Learn](#) searching for the above titles. You should also have received an email from Trojan Learn confirming your registration to take "Harassment Prevention Training" by December 12. If you have any questions, reach out to your supervisors, the **Office of Human Resources** or the **Office of Faculty Affairs**. (Managers, your version is quite long, so you will need to set aside several hours for the training.)

Finally, earlier this week, we entered Open Enrollment for 2023 Benefits, which extends to October 30. Make sure to log in to Workday, where a task will await you in your inbox to carefully review all the health plans and benefit tiles before the October 30 deadline.

With that, I wish you all a relaxing post-midterm weekend.

Fight On!

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