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## Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC

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### DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear USC Dentistry Community,

I'd like to start by taking an opportunity to thank all who attended the Homecoming Tailgate earlier this month. The **Office of External Relations and Student Life** did a tremendous job putting together this fun event for faculty,

staff, students, residents and alumni. A big kudos goes to **Christie D.C. Van Paepeghem** for her hard work in coordinating this event.

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## A WARM WELCOME

Earlier this month, I had the privilege of attending the USC **Korean Dental Alumni Association's** Freshman Welcoming Dinner, where students, faculty and alumni welcome first-year Korean dental students to the community. I'd like to thank the Korean Dental Alumni Association for inviting me to such a great feel-good event.

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As part of his role as the Chair of the ADEA Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID) Advisory Group, Ostrow's own **Corey Berry** recently co-led the 2023 ADEA CAAPID Virtual Fair, where he and 30-plus other admissions officers met online with internationally educated dentists interested in practicing dentistry here in the United States. The officers gave the prospective students tips about applying (and re-applying) to advanced standing programs as well as submitting their ADEA

CAAPID applications. Great job, Corey! You make us proud.

Finally, the **Student National Dental Association** is once again holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive, collecting canned meat and fish, canned fruit and vegetables, canned chili/soup as well as dry goods to take to the Union Rescue Mission next week. There are just a few days left of their drive, which ends on November 21, so if you have donations, make sure to drop them off in the containers in the East Lobby. And thank you for organizing this, SNDA!

With that, I wish you all a nice weekend and a terrific Thanksgiving holiday.

Fight On!

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