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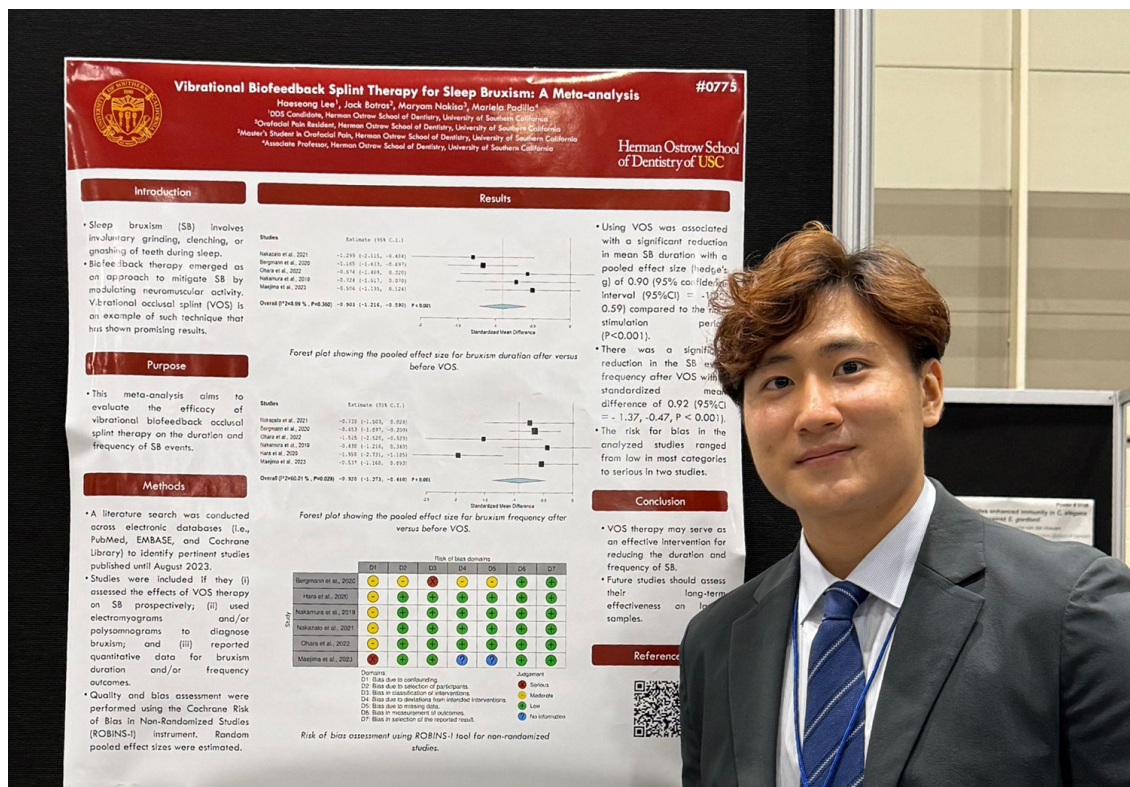
Dear USC Dentistry Community:

In early March, Ostrow students, faculty and staff attended the 2024 annual American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Session and Exhibition in New Orleans. Our **Office of Admissions** was present to answer prospective students' questions, and community members were honored with awards.

**George Parisi** DDS '24 was recognized as one of three winners of the Power

of a Smile Colgate Award for his winning case study. This is the first time someone has earned this award from Ostrow. The award was given for having the most complete dental evaluation; risk assessments; and treatment plan including preventive treatments, oral care recommendations, cultural and socioeconomic considerations and patient outcomes. **Haeseong Lee DDS '25** also earned accolades for his research poster, titled “Vibrational Biofeedback Splint Therapy for Sleep Bruxism: A Meta-Analysis,” exploring vibrational feedback splint therapy to reduce the duration and frequency of sleep bruxism episodes. Mentored by faculty members **Mariela Padilla** and **Parish Sedghizadeh**, Haeseong was one of six individuals to present their research at the Student Competition for Advancing Dental Research and Its Application. Finally, **Corey Berry** — who co-presented a session titled “ADEA CAAPID: Hot Topics for International Dental Programs” — was elected secretary for the ADEA Section-Dental School Admissions Office and Student Affairs/Financial Aid Members. Congratulations Corey, and thank you to all who attended for making us look so good!

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*Haeseong Lee DDS '25 was awarded at the Student Competition for Advancing Dental Research and Its Application for his poster titled, "Vibrational Biofeedback Splint Therapy for Sleep Bruxism: A Meta-Analysis."*

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This coming weekend, we hold our annual Business Symposium, where alumni and industry experts have been invited to the school to share their experience and knowledge with our student body. This year, speakers will present on everything from the first five years of finances as a dentist to navigating HMO, PPO and Medi-Cal payment plans to owning your own private practice. It's always such an informative day for our students. Thank you to the **Office of External Relations and Student Life** — particularly **Kim Eeles** and **Vianca Marquez** — for their efforts in putting this annual event together. I'd also like to acknowledge the **ASB Executive Board** (including **Steffi Chen**, **Daniel Khoramian**, **Austin Nahouray** and **Patrick Yu**) as well as Patterson Dental for co-sponsoring the event. Thank you to all our speakers participating, including Western Region President of Patterson Dental **Paul Guggenheim** who will deliver the symposium's keynote address.

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## SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

The **Persian Dental Student Association (PDSA)** has put together a ceremonial table called a *haft-sin* in the East Lobby to celebrate the arrival of Nowruz. The *haft-sin* table contains items symbolizing aspirations and goals for the New Year, including knowledge, health and beauty, prosperity, etc. Thank you to the PDSA for sharing a bit of your culture with us.

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## MAKING *HER*-STORY IN DENTISTRY

The **Lucy Hobbs Taylor Society** constructed a ceremonial table of their own in the East Lobby, celebrating Women's History Month, taking place throughout March. The tabletop display features notable women in dentistry throughout history, including Vada Watson Somerville (USC's first Black female dental graduate), Vida Latham (pioneering female in dentistry who believed dental training should include more medical training rather than just focusing on mechanical skills) and the student club's namesake, Lucy Beaman Hobbs Taylor (the first woman to graduate from any dental school). Thank you to the Lucy Hobbs Society for sharing this enriching information with us for Women's History Month.

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This past weekend, we held another round of the ADEX Exam here at the

Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC. I'd like to acknowledge **Anita Tourah, Tami Oshiro** and all the **IMS, Facilities** and **Dispensary Staff** members who participated, making the exam a success.

Finally, just a reminder that **USC Information Technology Services** sent us an email notification about a mandatory training, titled "TrojanSecure: Information Security 101," due by April 1, 2024. The 75-minute online course covers topics such as acceptable use of USC technology, email and password security, data privacy considerations, multifactor authentication, cybersecurity considerations for the use of AI tools, etc. You must still take this recent training even if you did so in November 2022; this course has been updated with critical information regarding recent threats. You can find the training at [Trojan Learn](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Ostrow's **Office of Technology Services**.

With that, I wish you a nice, relaxing weekend.

Fight On!

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