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President's Message

by Dr. Jim Loos



“It just gets more interesting”

The 2016 USC Orthodontic Residents are here and studying diligently.

They have now finished their first two typodont courses (Dr. Loos and then with Dr. Digiulio). Currently they are learning diagnosis, treatment planning, and cephalometrics from Doctors Sameshima, Sinclair, Dougherty Jr., Grauer and the clinical faculty. They are taking beginning records on their first patients and presenting treatment plans to the respective instructors.

Older orthodontic alumni can relate to all of the above, **HOWEVER:**

Not only do they now have to learn how to straighten teeth properly and write a formal thesis, they must learn about documentation standards and electronic charting, CBCT (cone beam 3D Imaging), Dolphin Imaging, digitizing headfilms for headfilm tracing analysis, digitizing plaster models, intra-oral scanning, TADs (temporary anchorage implants), Wilckodontics, OSHA, HIPAA, American Board scoring, Workplace Harassment Prevention, and Sexual Harassment Prevention.

Orthodontic education at USC also includes the Tweed Course, the McLaughlin Course, Invisalign Classes, taking the American Boards, attend GORP (Graduate Orthodontic Residents Program) which is a meeting with over 380 orthodontic residents from across the U.S. and Canada, PCSO meetings, Angle meetings, AAO meetings, and educational trips and meetings outside the US.

If most of this is unfamiliar to you must have graduated “a while back”.

The good news is that the last class (2013) made it through, and they all found jobs.

USC Graduate Orthodontics is one of the most, if not the most, highly regarded program in the world.

Make sure you save the date for the **Steiner Sinclair meeting Jan 31, 2014**. We have a great speaker presenting excellent material in a unique way.

**See you at the
Steiner Sinclair meeting on January 31st**

Department Update

by Dr. Glenn Sameshima



I remember Dr. T telling me that it hardly seems like the residents are here at all and the next thing you know they are graduating, and like everything else the Zen Master of USC said, he was right on. We said a fond farewell to an outstanding class of talented new SC orthodontists: Drs Nathan Coughlin, Ryan Hecht, Bita Moalej, Scott Morita, Thao Nguyen, and Virginia Pham. We celebrated their graduation in Palm Springs in early April, and this time the seniors were the presenters; each showed a case or talked about their research. Thao Nguyen received the Harry Dougherty award for clinical achievement. Virginia Pham received the Sakae Tanaka award for her commitment to the program as class president all three years. And Ryan Hecht received the Peter Sinclair award for best original research. The graduating seniors selected Dr. Richard Mays, as their instructor of the year. Dick has been a loyal and reliable instructor for us for a long time. “Steady as she goes” would be the most apt description of him, not just for the nautical reference but his skill at teaching and emphasis on fundamentals and time proven techniques.

Last month we welcomed the class of 2016. Our future alumni are: Drs. Laura Rein, Katherine Wong, Robert Hann, Paula Zabalegui, Tina Park, and Sean Gardner. They come from a wide variety of backgrounds, but all graduated from dental school this year. One of the younger classes in recent times, they have already demonstrated a high level of energy and enthusiasm in Dr. Loos’ typodont course, and my diagnosis and treatment planning sessions.

We have to have standards in our profession and board certification is the defining measure. You must be board certified in order to teach in our program. This includes didactic course instructors too. Our faculty and residents have done a great job in making board certification a priority. Five grads of both the class of 2011 and 2012 have already become certified or banked cases; it will be interesting to see which class becomes the first one where all members of the class achieve board certification. The Class of 2013’s Virginia Pham took the exam in June (one month after graduation) and passed – setting a standard that we would like to see every one of our graduates meet.

Our clinic has been busier than ever with historical highs in production and starts. Dental School Dean Avishai Sadan took the time to express his appreciation to our staff by hosting them at a private dinner in the Faculty Center. Our dedicated staff under the leadership of Ellen Grady: George Rosado, Glenda Franco, Victor Diaz, June Cromwell, Helen Wong, Rosie Bermudez, and Felicia Centavo. What a great group of diligent and wonderful people. I cannot express my gratitude enough for their efforts.

Thus we are treating more cases in the clinic, and seeing better quality as evidenced by the ABO standards. We are also advancing along other fronts. Part time faculty member Dr Hong Sheng Tong has won a couple of highly competitive awards through the Stevens and Coulter institutes on campus – these are groups that link innovative ideas with private funding and cross campus collaboration. Much of what he is pursuing is proprietary so unfortunately Tong has to play this close to the vest before he can let us know what exactly his work is about. Back here on planet Earth our relatively pedestrian efforts in research are in practical uses of 3d imaging (finally the pie-in-the-sky days are over and we really have a good idea of what 3D is useful for) in studying tooth movement, root resorption, and finishing.

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Dougherty-Tanaka Orthodontic Foundation 2013 Fundraising Campaign

As the Campaign Chairman, I'm pleased to announce that the DTOF 2013 Fundraising Campaign is finally off the ground. After a few stutter steps and hiccups, the Foundation Board has hired a campaign consultant from a nationally prominent firm, Marts and Lundy. Our consultant, Martha Keates, and I have worked together in the past; I'm delighted to have her onboard.

We're developing our "case statement", creating campaign literature, and reviewing donor lists. Martha and I will conduct a feasibility study over the next few months, and then launch the campaign.

I will keep you advised regarding our progress, and hope you will be available for our campaign kick-off in the Fall.

Ron Redmond DDS, MS
USC Orthodontics '70

Department Update Continued

We are very interested in some areas that we do not have enough cases to study, so if any of you out there have a decent number of Wilcko cases or molar distalization cases or TAD intrusion cases please contact me. We are also looking for cases where the patient had severe root shortening from ortho and you have >20 year follow up.

Our junior faculty Dr Dan Grauer recently organized a meeting in his home town of Barcelona that was awesome – great speakers (Proffit, Zachrisson) in an absolutely amazing city. We had a small SC reunion with me, Serge Kazandjian, Steven Olsburgh, Enrique Grageda, and Chris Roncone. The next one will be in April or May of 2015. Mark your calendars!

When I was as dental student a few millennia ago, I remember thinking that if dentists could eliminate injections and impressions then our patients would be a lot happier. Well we still have injections that have not changed one iota, but it looks like the days of alginate and rubber base are coming to an end – didn't think it would take a lifetime but better late than never. The technology has been there for a long time but finally the new intraoral scanners look pretty good. Originally developed for single tooth restorative reasons, the new ones adapted for full arch now have a good track record and are into the second generation. Thanks to the generosity of the DTOF and Ron Redmond we will be soon acquiring an iTero scanner in the clinic. Several of our alumni have been using it so we aren't beta testing something for a welcome change. This is going to be like digital watches, smartphones, and personal computers - where in a short time the scanners will be cheaper, faster, smaller, and easier to use. We hope to be plaster free by this time next year.

Fight on!

Congratulations to the 2013 Graduates Seems like only yesterday...



Spring 2010



Spring 2013

Where are they now?

Dr. Nathan Coughlin - Dallas, TX

Dr. Ryan Hecht - Roseville, CA

Dr. Scott Morita - Honolulu, HI working with father, Randy (USC Ortho 82)

Dr. Bitu Moalej - Encino, CA in a partnership.

Dr. Thao Nguyen - Orange County, CA as an associate working on opening own practice.

Dr. Virginia Pham - Chicago, IL working as an associate.

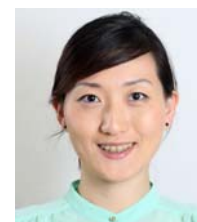
Welcome Class of 2016



Dr. Sean Gardner



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Scenes from Graduation 2013



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See you January 31, 2014