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Dental Director's Address

By *Richard D. Leathers DDS*

As I approach the beginning of my 24th year as Program Director, it is my pleasure to present to you our first annual alumni newsletter. It is our hope that this newsletter will help our alumni stay abreast in our progress as well as notify you of how your program is growing and contributing to the training of your future colleagues.

As the 2013-2014 academic year comes to a close, we reflect on all of the changes we have made to originally keep our program afloat but now to make it more vibrant than ever. Looking back at last year's 40th Anniversary and Graduate Celebration has encouraged me and I hope you as well to stay connected to one another as well as to your training program.

This year brought with it many positive changes. First, we have been so fortunate to have Jettie Uyanne join our faculty full-time. She brings with her private practice as well as part-time faculty experience at USC's school of Dentistry and OMS Department. We are also blessed in that our year has been a financially prosperous one starting with the generous donations from our alumni. The positive effects of this support will be mapped out in detail later in this article (Resident's Fund page 5) but needless to say, the residents have benefitted significantly.

Another change we have made, hopefully for the better, is that instead of only sponsoring our chief residents' attendance to a review course and AAOMS meeting, we have decided to send the third year residents to the review course to help prepare them for their chief year and give them an opportunity to bring back what they have learned. We feel that this will not only help their training but also keep the division on the forefront of new techniques and treatment modalities. Lastly, we have decided to pass on the torch of program director to Colonya C. Calhoun. She has worked closely with me for the past seven years and is well qualified to take our program to the next level. I will continue as Dental Director (Chair) to help her and the program transition but I know that this change will benefit our longevity.

As we begin the 2014-2015 school year, we look forward to continued growth and many more positive changes. If you have not been back to your alma mater, I encourage you to visit us to see these improvements for yourself. Please visit our website harboruclaomfsdentistry.org for any updates about our program.



40th Anniversary Celebration

Our alumni celebration not only included the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons but also the Pediatric and GPR graduates. In this photo with Drs. Beal, Joyner, Eaglen and Jackson (GPR Program Director) are Theba Ross and Monique Collins. **See Page 3 for full article.**



Residents Fund

Please see what your contributions have allowed our residents to accomplish! Pictured here are Drs. Rwigema, Wood, Campbell, Agatstein, Habashy, Wilson and Robinson. Dr. Gonzalez is missing from this photo. **See Page 5 for full article.**

2013 Graduates Update



Last year's graduates were fortunate to celebrate their graduation concurrent with the 40th Reunion which gave them a chance to network with the Alumni. We are pleased to share with you their progress in the last year.

Dr. Julian Wilson graduated UC Santa Barbara with a BS in Biochemistry in June 2006 and University of Pacific School of Dentistry in 2009 with a DDS degree. Dr. Wilson then entered Harbor UCLA Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program in 2009. During his residency Julian developed an interest in Orthognathic and TMJ surgery. He is now completing a 1 year fellowship at Kaiser Permanente at Sunset under the direction of Harry Schwartz.

Dr. Wilson's Scholarly Activity:
Brown Tumor of the Posterior Maxilla as Initial Manifestation of Primary Hyperparathyroidism: Case Report. Julian J. Wilson, Harry C. Schwartz, Gabriella M. Tehrany. Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Vol. 71, Issue 5, Pages 886-890.

"Challenges in Reconstruction of Mandibular Involving the Parasymphysis Defects" Residents' Night presentation September 5, 2012

Dr. Allen Robinson graduated Morgan State University in 2005 with a BS in Biology and The University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 2009 with DDS degree. Dr. Robinson then entered Harbor-UCLA Medical Center's Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program in 2009. During his residency Allen strived to be well rounded in all aspects of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery including Reconstruction, Orthognathic, TMJ and Cosmetics. He is now in private practice in the Maryland, Washington DC area at Maryland Oral Surgery Associates. Dr. Robinson prides himself on practicing full scope oral and maxillofacial surgery. Since graduation he has also been the keynote speaker at multiple study clubs lecturing on, "Principles and Considerations in Advanced Bone Grafting".

Dr. Robinson's Scholarly Activity:
Malignant Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma of the Lip: A Case Report and Comprehensive Literature Review. Allen A. Robinson, Lucilene F. Tolentino, Jettie Uyanne, Raymond Melrose, Colonya C. Calhoun. Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Vol. 72, Issue 4, Pages 695-701
Presenter at The Southern California Academy of Pathology



Congratulations to our 2014 Graduates

Dr. Jacob Agatstein graduated from Yeshiva University in 2005 and the University of Pennsylvania school of Dentistry in 2010 with a DMD. Dr. James Habashy completed his undergraduate training from University of Southern California in 2005 and USC School of Dentistry in 2010 with a DDS. Both Jacob and James began in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery training in July 2010. Drs. Agatstein and Habashy both plan to enter private practice upon graduating and would like to eventually come back to HUCLA as part-time faculty.



The incoming Chief Residents

Veronica Gonzalez (UCLA) and Aaron Campbell (University of Florida) are ready to take the reins and work hard to become the oral surgeons that we expect them to be.



Graduation Invitation

See this year's graduation invitation postcard on [page 7](#) which can be mailed back to 1000 W. Carson St., Mailbox #19 Torrance, CA 90509.



Dr. Newton Gordon

We were honored to have Dr. Newton Gordon as our keynote speaker for the 40th Anniversary Celebration. Dr. Newton Gordon is the Chief of Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center.



NSOMS at AAOMS San Diego 2013

This year at the San Diego AAOMS meeting, the NSOMS elected Reginald Gowans as president elect. Congratulations!!!



40th Anniversary Celebration

By Reginald E. Gowans DDS and Gloria Cruse



"Out of the huts of history's shame, I rise up from a past that's rooted in pain, I rise" This quote from Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise" was the inspiration for the theme "Like a Phoenix, We Rise" for the 40th anniversary of residents graduating from the educational programs at King/Drew Medical Center and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. These programs have and currently include residencies in Pediatric Dentistry, General Practice of Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Like our programs, the Phoenix represents a new beginning and that no matter how "hot" things may get we will "rise out of the ashes"!

Martin Luther King, Jr. /Drew Medical Center graduated its first OMFS resident in 1973. On June 22, 2013, we celebrated our current Resident's academic achievement and also honored all of our past Alumni at a 40th anniversary gala. The event was held at Ports O' Call Waterfront Dining in San Pedro, California. In addition to our current Staff, Residents, Nursing Staff and Support Staff, the event was well attended by several of our resident alumni of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, General Practice of Dentistry and Pediatric Dentistry. Among our guests were past employees who worked with our service over the years including dental Assistants, clerical staff, nursing staff and financial workers. Also in attendance were a few of our long-time vendors, Brent Rubin, Synthes Representative and Erika D. Larson, Zimmer representative, with their table displays and Chris Caira, Financial Planner. The events of the evening began with a meet & greet cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, getting reacquainted, taking photos and enjoying music from the band. Reginald Gowans, DDS, Master of Ceremonies, began the program by welcoming everyone for coming out to help celebrate this milestone. We were also graced with a powerful solo by our alumni and current faculty member, Colonya C. Calhoun, DDS, PhD. Alumni, Richard

D. Meekins, DDS gave an inspirational invocation and everyone enjoyed dinner.

Dr. Newton Gordon, Chief of OMFS and Dentistry at San Francisco General Hospital who is also Dr. Reginald Gowans' mentor, gave an inspiring keynote address. Our graduates received their certificates and the new incoming residents were introduced. Our 3rd year resident, James Habashy, DDS received the 2013 Edward E. Black, DDS Resident of the Year Award. The evening ended with dancing and mingling.

Overall, the evening was enjoyed by all in attendance and we appreciate everyone who helped to make this a successful occasion. Your continued support of our academic program is appreciated. To date, the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Training Program at King/Drew and Harbor UCLA has graduated a total of 69 graduates.



Clinical Trials Methods Course Drs. Jettie Uyanne and Colonya C. Calhoun both attended the OMSF sponsored Clinical Trials Methods Course held on May 16-18, 2012 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The TMJ group which included Dr. Calhoun won the proposal competition titled "Botox Used to Reduce Myofascial Pain". See Page 7 for full article.

Residents Fund

By *Colonya C. Calhoun DDS, PhD*

The Residents Educational Fund ("RED" Fund) is a depository for those monies remitted or donated for the purpose of promoting the education, academic enrichment, and professional development of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Division which includes the General Practice Residency programs. These monies were traditionally used to send chief residents to both the AAOMS meeting as well as to one review course. After the change of sponsorship from MLK to Harbor-UCLA, our program revamped how we would supplement the residents' education to not only enhance their learning but also give them an opportunity to solidify what they have learned while still in residency. As a result, we decided to allow the 3rd year residents to attend one review course each during that academic year and both chief residents the ability to attend the AAOMS Annual Meeting. In the past we were able to provide travel, accommodations and registration for the review course and AAOMS but over the past few years donations have gone down substantially. So now we provide funds for registration and airfare to the review course and airfare to the annual AAOMS meeting. In order for us to continue this level of support, we put on a fundraising campaign prior to the 40th Alumni and Graduation Celebration and we raised approximately \$23,000! Many thanks for your support!!! We also extend special thanks to those who supported at the level of \$1000 or more and are now immortalized on the Edward E. Black Wall of Recognition. Your financial support helps us to sustain a formal tradition supplementing the education of our future Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. To continue your support, please make check payable to LA Biomed (the educational fund depository for the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center) and add account # 200324-00-00 to the memo line to designate the OMFS program and mail to 1000 W. Carson St. mailbox #19, Torrance, California 90509, in c/o Gloria Cruse or Dr. Reginald Gowans, Alumni Support Coordinator.

TABLE OF RESIDENTS SUPPORTED BY MLK-HUCLA "RED" FUND

Date of receipt	Resident	Year of graduation
2006-2007	Wilson	2008
2007-2008	Marhabi	2009
	Watkins	2009
2008-2009	Williams	2010
	Chopra	2010
2009-2010	Aklilu	2011
	Carter	2011
2010-2011	Berry	2012
	Crum	2012
2011-2012	Robinson	2013
	Wilson	2013
2012-2013	Agatstein	2014
	Habashy	2014



Alumni on the E.E. Black Wall of Recognition	
Barry Johnsin, DDS	Keith Taylor, DDS, MPH
Joseph L. McQuirter, DDS	Juan F. Luque, DDS
Stanley Koh, DDS	Roland Williams, DDS
Reginald Gowans, DDS	Dennis Gorospe, DDS
Ashraf Sedhom, BDS, MD	Thad Taylor IV, DDS
Monty Wilson, DDS	Darryl L. Morris, DDS
Antwan Treadway, DMD	Edmund Watkins, DDS
Michael D. Sheppard, DDS	Dorothea Berry, DDS
Omel Cardenas, DDS	



2013 Residents Night Presentation

James Habashy along with residents from UCLA, USC, Loma Linda and San Diego Naval posing for "photo op" after completing their presentations.



Volunteering

Allen Robinson and Aaron Campbell both were giving a portion of their weekend to help inform kids and their parents about the importance of oral health.



In the OR

Drs. Jettie Uyanne and Veronica Gonzalez performing endoscopic removal of impacted tooth. Dr. Allen Robinson scrubbing prior to his first nerve lateralization procedure. Drs. Aaron Campbell and Jacob Agatstein scrubbing prior to open reduction internal fixation of mandible fracture.

Alumni Profile

By Jettie Uyanne DDS

Last year our residents and alumni celebrated a momentous occasion, the 40th anniversary of MLK -Harbor UCLA Oral and Maxillofacial and Dental Training Programs.

The event was in honor of the late Dr. Edward E. Black. Dr. Black was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma July 25, 1937. He obtained his Bachelors of Science degree in 1959 from San Jose State University in California. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1964, and Master of Science degree in Oral Biology in 1966, from Loyola University in Chicago IL. Dr. Black completed his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency training in 1969 at the Veteran Administration Hospital/ Long Beach Naval Hospital in Long Beach, and became a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 1977. He practiced full scope of maxillofacial surgery. He was involved in many research projects and had numerous publications. He also had academic appointments both at UCLA and Charles Drew University and was an active staff in several hospitals in LA Metropolitan area.

Dr. Black's contributions to the MLK Oral & Maxillofacial surgery program were immeasurable. He joined the oral surgery department in 1973 and served as acting Chief of Oral Surgery. He served as an attending staff at MLK for 34 years. Over the history of MLK, Dr. Black has trained and equipped numerous oral surgery residents to practice the full scope of oral maxillofacial surgery.

All of us, at one time, can remember doing a "big case" with Dr. Black, whether it was an orthognathic case, a total joint replacement, or a trauma surgery. He was the attending to go to if you want to operate and get the job done. When you were in surgery with him, you knew it would be efficiently done in comparatively little time. Of course, before you stepped in the OR with him you had to be on top of your game.

This unequivocally meant that you had gone through the rough passage of working the case up and presenting it in conference, preparing for any challenging or gruesome questions related to topics ranging from anatomy, anesthesia, materials, instruments and medicine. Conference was open game for questions and all residents' regardless of level must be able to answer. I can vividly remember those days and I am sure you do to. The residents, whom Dr. Black trained, graduated MLK with a level of confidence and competence in oral surgery.... Under his tutelage, our graduates are performing top notch surgery all over the globe. We thank you Dr. Black for your service and dedication to our training. Your memory lives on with us.

Today MLK, renamed Harbor-UCLA oral surgery, continues the Legacy of MLK and the service that Dr. Black started, to train and prepare our Oral surgery graduates to be a pillar Oral surgeon, as was Dr. Black. As an additional memorial, we have renamed the annual resident of the year award to The Edward E. Black Resident of the Year award.



Edward E. Black DDS, MS



MLK Faculty

Drs. Joseph McQuirter, Edward E. Black, Anh D. Le, Reginald E. Gowans, Fredrick Rutherford and Richard Leathers

Announcements

- Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 2013-2014 Graduation Dinner 6/21/14
Keynote speaker: Anh D. Le, DDS, PhD Chair and Norman Vine Endowed Professor of Oral Rehabilitation Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery/ Pharmacology University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. May have a surprise special guest: well known trauma surgeon and author...
For more details Call Gloria Cruse at 310-668-3322 or email Gloria Cruse gcruse@dhs.lacounty.gov
- Dr. Thaddeus Boucree was appointed as Chairman of the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at Larkin Community Hospital July 2013.
- Dr. Anh D. Le, DDS, PhD, joined Penn Dental Medicine as Norman Vine Endowed Professor of Oral Rehabilitation and Chair of the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery/ Pharmacology. Dr. Le was faculty at Martin Luther King/Charles R. Drew 1999-2004.

- We successfully underwent our program's site visit in April 2013
- CODA has implemented some changes in the anesthesia requirements for all OMFS programs
 - five (5) months is spent on the anesthesia service
 - minimum of 300 general anesthetics and deep sedations/graduating resident
 - minimum of 150 of outpatient anesthetics/graduating resident
 - A minimum of 50 pediatric (18 years of age of younger) patients/graduating resident



New ER and OR at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center Opening 2014



New MLK Outpatient Center Opening Spring 2014



New MLK Community Hospital

Research Corner

By Colonya C. Calhoun DDS, PhD and Jettie Uyanne DDS

Over the past five years HUCLA has continued its mission to be on the forefront of OMS research. Our division has sent faculty representatives to the Annual OMS Foundation sponsored Clinical Trials Course in Michigan.

In 2013, Drs. Jettie Uyanne and Colonya C Calhoun participated in two focus groups, Pain Management and TMJ. The goal of this course is to develop clinical trials that can be eventually presented to the OMS Foundation for research support. Each year, the different groups collaborate and present a research proposal. A winning group is selected and is encouraged to submit their proposal to the Foundation. This year, Dr. Calhoun's group presented "Botox Used to Reduce Myofascial Pain" which won first place. Dr. Uyanne's group presented Efficacy of Pre-emptive Analgesia with Pregabalin and Celecoxib for Orthognathic Surgery which was close second! At the 2012 AAOMS meeting, Dr. Calhoun was also asked to present how the clinical trials course helped her develop her clinical trial "The MAMBA Trial" as well as the how the OMSF has provided financial support throughout her career. "The project described was supported by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences through UCLA CTSI Grant UL1TR000124.

This spring HUCLA will become a site for USC Multicenter Study titled "Predictors of BRONJ in Cancer Patients on IV Bisphosphonate Chemotherapy". This project is supported by Intramural Funding (CTSI & Zumberge Award) NIH/NIDCR 019932. Dr. Uyanne will be the PI for this site; Dr. Anh D. Le is the head PI for the entire study.

Recent Faculty Publications:

1. Antiresorptive-Related Drug Osteonecrosis of the Jaw **Uyanne, J Calhoun, CC Le AD**. Dent Clin North Am. 2014 Apr;58(2):369-384.
2. Malignant epithelioid hemangioma of the lip; A case report and a comprehensive literature review. Robinson AA, Tolentino LF, **Uyanne J, Melrose R, Calhoun CC**. J Oral Maxillofac Surg. 2014 Apr; 72(4):695-701.
3. Mesenchymal stem cells derived from human gingiva are capable of immunomodulatory functions and ameliorate inflammation-related tissue destruction in experimental colitis. Zhang Q, Shi S, Liu Y, **Uyanne J**, Shi Y, Shi S, Le AD. J Immunol. 2009 Dec 15; 183(12):7787-98.

4. Office based management of dental alveolar trauma. **Leathers RD, Gowans RE**. Atlas Oral Maxillofac Surg Clin North Am. 2013 Sep; 21(2):185-97.
5. Knockdown endogenous CypA with siRNA in U2OS cells results in disruption of F-actin structure and alters tumor phenotype. **Calhoun C**, Song J, Lu Y, Chiu R: Mol Cell Biochem. 2009 Jan;320(1-2):35-43.
6. **Calhoun C**, Cardenes O, Ducksworth J, Le A. Topical Becaplermin Gel (Recombinant Platelet Derived Growth Factor-BB) for the Treatment of Mucosal Defect after Cortical Cancellous Bone Graft: A Case Report and Review of the Literature, J Oral Maxillofac Surg 67:2516-520, 2009
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Harbor UCLA Medical Center Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Class of 2013-2014 Graduation Celebration

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Ports O'Call Waterfront Dinning
San Pedro, California
At 6:00pm

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A donation of \$1000 or more will include a) Two (2) tickets to the ceremony and a name plate on the "Edward E. Black Wall of Recognition" which will be placed in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Division.

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