

History of the University of California, San Diego

Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project & Pre-Dental Society

The UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project (SRFCP) began in 1996 and saw its first patient circa December of 1996. The UCSD Free Dental Clinics began as an offshoot of the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project in 1999. Coincidentally, the first patient of the SRFCP was seen by Eric Goldlust, who was later to become the founding Director / Coordinator of the Free Dental Clinics, along with Dr. Ellen Beck, Founder and Faculty Advisor for the SRFCP.

It became clear in the early days of the Free Clinic Project that there was a desperate need for dental care among its patrons. This need was highly acute in two senses: first, many of the SRFCP's patients were in severe dental pain, precluding adequate nutrition as well as productive activity; and second, poor dentition was keeping these people from securing gainful employment, especially in the service industries. It was therefore decided circa September of 1997 that the SRFCP would take on the task of starting a dental clinic, with the chief purposes of managing acute dental pain, and restoring dentition in an aesthetic manner through denture work.

Unfortunately, this task was rather daunting. As there is no dental school in San Diego County, there was no readily available pool of clinicians-in-training in need of experience on a pro bono basis. Additionally, there was no other free dental clinic in the county area, and therefore no obvious repository of expertise in starting such a clinic. The County Dental Society was a useful resource, and a number of young clinicians came to the fore and offered their time and expertise in designing Free Dental Clinic services. The most instrumental in the prehistory of the Clinic was Dr. Kent Howard. Dr. Howard's efforts in conjunction with Dr. Beck and Keith McKlentin, then a second-year medical student at UCSD, aided generously by Lee Palmer of Burkhart Dental Supply, yielded a list of needed equipment in order to support a single, minimal, dental operatory, with just one chair. The cost of this equipment, including donated, used and refurbished items whenever possible, came to almost \$12,000 - and so, the Dental Clinics remained only an idea for many months.

In July of 1998, Eric Goldlust, an MD-PhD student completing his second year of medical school and beginning his first year of graduate studies in epidemiology, took over for Keith McKlentin and began the search for funding sources. In October, 1998, the Eugene J. Mindlin Foundation, headed by Dr. Katherine Day, graciously donated funds sufficient to cover all of the aforementioned equipment, and with additional funding from the SRFCP, the Dental Clinics began to take

shape. By this time, Dr. Howard was no longer available to provide leadership for the Clinics, so this role was shared by four able young dentists based in various locations across San Diego: Dr. Dan Kershner, Dr. Melanie Parker, Dr. Sam Halabo, and Dr. Margaret Alai. These generous souls not only determined what services we would offer during the Clinic's rollout, and what supplies were necessary to ably perform them, but agreed to staff the Clinic until additional dental professionals could be enlisted to share these duties. Dental assisting would be taken up by Mr. Goldlust, as well as a fellow medical

student, Katie McKenzie, and a pre-dental student, Michael Magnani. These three were instrumental in sorting out many of the mundane and bureaucratic details inherent in an enterprise such as this, over many long months.

In January, 1999, the first of the Free Dental Clinics opened its doors, so to speak, at the Pacific Beach site. That first night, we saw only one patient, in part owing to a series of power outages coincident with use of the steam sterilizer. After a night or two of this, some creative redistribution of the electrical load (read: abundant use of extension cords and wiring diagrams from the church) resolved this problem, and soon we were seeing 4 to 6 patients on an efficient night. Clinic hours were from approximately 6pm to 9pm, subject to the SRFCP's own hours and the availability of dentists, who commonly worked until (or after) 5pm in their own offices before coming to clinic for several more hours.

In order to increase efficiency, more and more volunteers came to work - dentists, including Dr. Gaby Cosgrove, Dr. Andy Zakarian, and Dr. Anne Zimmerman; dental assistants, including Linda Graham, Judy Parks, Stacie Savage, Krista Seamans, and Nancy Smith; and pre-dental students, including Arash Saemi and Malek Rabadi. (Ironically, although the Dental Clinic was a project of the UCSD School of Medicine, no medical student other than Eric Goldlust provided a lasting influence in the early development of the Dental Clinic.) Additional services were offered, including not only X-rays and extractions, but fillings, root canal therapy, and dentures - this last through a generous, ongoing, weekly donation from E & S Laboratories. Additional supplies and equipment were donated and purchased, and eventually, a second chair was acquired and installed, in September of 1999. This allowed us to offer simultaneously the services of both a dentist and one of several dental hygienists, including Phuong Ngo, Natalie Lepelley, and Karen Brunsch. This expanded our services to include basic cleanings as well as ultrasonic scaling and root planing.

In April, 2000, it became clear that the limiting factor for the number of patients we could see was not the expertise of dental staff, nor even the equipment and

supplies available, but the sheer lack of manpower, both during and between Dental Clinic sessions. Since there was evidently little interest on the part of medical students, it was decided to cast a broader net in terms of undergraduate participation. Academic internships were offered to undergraduates at UCSD and SDSU, and soon other students began to offer their assistance without remuneration in the form of credit or otherwise. Soon over a dozen more students had arrived from UCSD (e.g., Tuan Le, Eleanor Chen, Annie Chow, Chad Hicks-Beach, Ann Nguyen, Jerry Liu, Mohammed Erakat, Mary Cheng, Tiffany Ma, Michael Carley, and Jaime Kuo), SDSU (e.g., Andrew Rivamonte, Chamonix Kinimaka, and Behrooz "Bruce" Alikhani), and even USD (Alicia Sifuentes). The dental staff continued to increase in number, including Drs. Preston Kaenel, Tonya Macknick, Keith Henderson, Tom Kerrian, Lee Fitzgerald, and Tom Keller, among others. New dental assistants included Denise Hanley, Misty Thompson, Eva Bonilla, Giselle Alberti, and Brandy Hellman. Debi Rowland, a dental office manager, graciously offered to share and improve some of the administrative duties, and occasionally serve chairside as a dental assistant when necessary. Meanwhile, our services were expanding, and we were able to offer occasional crown and bridge work, through the donated services of Burton Labs and Conley Crowns.

Soon we were actually turning away undergraduate volunteers, simply because we lacked the ability to manage them all effectively. As it became apparent that a number of them clearly possessed the skills to direct themselves, the reins slowly turned over to them. This new batch of volunteers included Daisy Kim, Cindy Ly, Joy Huang, Megan O'Neill, Yo Imai, Ervin Calvo, Erica Barba, Wilson Leung, Terry Tang, Carmen Ha, Han Vu, Tony Yoon, Mindy Misawa (all from UCSD), Pat Andres, Michael Dionne, and Roberto Lozado (from SDSU). The pre-dental volunteers were all given specific leadership roles, and they quickly rose to the occasion.

In March 2001, Eric Goldlust, still serving as Director, presented data on the Free Dental Clinic at the American Medical Student Association (AMSDA) National Conference. This presentation was given an award by the National Health Service Corps and singled out as the Best Community Service Project at that conference. The clinic continued to increase its numbers of dental staff, including Drs. Abe Romanowski, Marie Alejandrino, Stephen Lee, and David Milder - this last a board-certified oral surgeon, well known in San Diego for his generosity in treating patients with nowhere else to turn. By now we were seeing 6-8 patients a night, and over 50 patients a month. It was estimated that over \$102,000 worth of care (according to Medicare reimbursement) had been provided by March of 2001, all under an operating budget of less than \$50,000 since inception. It is of

note that Medicare reimbursement typically accounts for approximately 20% of usual and customary costs for dental services.

It was around time that the Dental Clinic began to establish itself as both a legitimate source and a viable destination for referral care. Calls came in from private patients and offices from Encinitas to El Cajon asking for help with denture work, and walk-in patients even reported hearing about us as far away as Tijuana. In turn, we were able to secure regular referral spots with three oral surgeons (including Dr. Milder) and an implantologist - although this last was only utilized once, for a particularly reliable and deserving patient.

Meanwhile, the Clinic was being piloted as a research site. In August, 1999, a patient requested - and received - acupuncture analgesia in place of anesthetic during a simple extraction (without any pain!), and so Mr. Goldlust chose for his dissertation project a series of clinical investigations into the use of acupuncture analgesia for pain control during invasive dental procedures. Patients were initially seen during regular Clinic hours, and later, during off-clinic hours, staffed by paid dentists and undergraduate research assistants, most of whom also volunteered during Clinic hours as well.

Additionally, plans had been drawn up by Lee Palmer (of Burkhart Dental Supply) for the addition of a Mobile Clinic. This Clinic was to have one medical area and two dental operatories, with a single X-ray machine, and a shared area for disinfection and storage. This was commissioned by Callen Campers in late 2000, and in August, 2001, the Mobile Clinic opened its doors. It began by serving the SRFCP's Baker Clinic population in Southeast San Diego, and by providing free orthodontic services to children, through the auspices of Dr. Parker and Dr. Missy Dempsey. Additionally, students of the newly opened Dental Hygiene program at Southwestern College underwent training to use the Mobile Clinic as a training site two days a week. Unfortunately, this partnership was short-lived, owing to acts of vandalism in the

Mobile Clinic's first month of existence. This was rectified and new security measures were put into place, but Southwestern College had already secured facilities elsewhere. The Mobile Clinic reopened in February, 2002, and has been open continuously ever since. Eventually, services were expanded to include general dentistry.

A third site was opened in Downtown San Diego in April, 2002, under the able management of Wilson Leung. This Clinic, also with two operatory chairs, as well as a Panorex X-ray machine, flourished rapidly. In December, 2002, a third chair was added to the Pacific Beach site, and the Clinics reached their present functional capacity.

In summer of 2002, Eric Goldlust slowly stepped down as the Coordinator of the Free Dental Clinics in order to continue and finish medical school. Upon Mr. Goldlust's departure, he distributed his responsibilities and duties to the three clinic managers: Philippe Sebrechts (Baker Clinic), Jerry Liu (Pacific Beach Clinic), and Wilson Leung (Downtown Clinic). Unfortunately, Mr. Liu moved back home to Los Angeles after his graduation in June 2002. In turn, Mr. Liu passed on his role of Pacific Beach Clinic Manager to Jeremy Horst.

Without the direction of Eric Goldlust, the three clinic managers Mr. Sebrechts, Mr. Horst, and Mr. Leung were able to coordinate the volunteers as well as maintain the organization of the three dental clinics. In the winter quarter of 2002, Dr. Beck saw a need for someone who could find additional dental laboratories for the clinics to work with, order necessary dental supplies when the stock became low, and oversee the maintenance of the three dental clinics altogether. At the time, Dr. Beck received funding through a grant that allowed this job to be a part-time paid position. During the winter quarter of 2002, Dr. Beck offered the position to Jeremy Horst, the Pacific Beach Clinic Manager at the time. Eventually, this position became the Student Director position that would oversee all the student volunteers of the Free Dental Clinics.

In the 2002-2003 school year, the Free Dental Clinics was able to establish a student organization at UCSD. That organization became the Pre-Dental Society at UCSD. The forming of the Pre-Dental Society at UCSD was important to reach out to the pre-dental students of UCSD as well as other pre-dental students all over San Diego. Weekly and quarterly meetings were set up for organization of the dental clinics as well as for speakers presenting information on applying to dental schools and current topics within the field of dentistry. One of the speakers was Dr. Irvin Silverstein, a practicing periodontist in La Mesa, who spoke on periodontics and who would later become the Dental Advisor and Director of the Free Dental Clinics.

In the spring of 2003, Jeremy Horst organized a meeting of several people interested in expanding and improving the services at the UCSD Free Dental Clinics. Dr. Silverstein personally visited all three sites and compiled data on their operations. He met with student leaders such as Jeremy Horst, Wilson Leung, Philippe Sebrechts, and Charmaine Ng. From these meetings, Dr. Silverstein developed a plan to try to improve patient flow, volunteer dentists' experiences, and the amount of supplies and equipment for all three sites. To accomplish these goals, money would need to be raised and both the number of volunteer dentists and students would need to be increased. Unfortunately, the primary clinic site in

Pacific Beach needed to undergo extensive renovation. Dr.

Silverstein met with Dr. Beck, Susan Lovelace the Executive Director of the San Diego County Dental Society, and Peggy Yamagata, RDH, MEd, the Dental Health Specialist for the County of San Diego, at a Wendy's in Pacific Beach, to discuss the future of the Dental Clinics. It became clear that someone would need to direct and advise the UCSD Free Dental Clinic Project. Dr. Silverstein took on that role.

In the summer of 2003, Jeremy Horst pursued a research project at UCSF and passed his position of Student Director to Wilson Leung, the Downtown Clinic Manager. During that time, Dr. Irvin Silverstein became heavily involved with the Free Dental Clinics and the Pre-Dental Society at UCSD. Dr. Silverstein formed a steering committee who would help advise him with the Free Dental Clinic Project. The initial committee consisted of Dr. Ellen Beck, Wilson Leung, Dr. Melanie Parker, Lee Palmer, Dr. Jack Curren, Susan Lovelace and Peggy Yamagata. Dr. Silverstein tried to organize both the UCSD Predental Society and the UCSD Student Run Free Dental Clinic Project. Wilson Leung and Dr. Silverstein worked hard to improve the Free Clinics as well as the organization of the students running the Free Clinics. Dr. Silverstein was able to organize a superb weekly special speaker program, which served to increase student involvement and pre-dental education. By tapping students at an early age to understand the concepts of dentistry and access to care, he hoped it would improve student volunteerism at the Free Dental Clinic. He realized that since San Diego did not have a dental school, this was a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to learn about and become involved with dentistry. In turn, he also tried to get more volunteers from the dental profession to help teach students while providing care for the underserved. Each year, many of the experienced student volunteers get accepted into dental school and new ones come on board. Thus, because of the success of this program, there is a constant need for training new volunteers.

Mr. Leung helped organize the student volunteers to run the clinics and the weekly Special Speaker Series. The growth was tremendous. Dr. Silverstein met with Dr. Beck and decided that they would have to close the Pacific Beach clinic until they could obtain proper funding to totally renovate it into a safe and effective dental clinic. The Pacific Beach Clinic was closed in November 2003. However, operations at the two other sites increased; general dentistry could now be provided at the Baker site because of the joining of Dr. Lukacs and Dr. Refkin, and operation of the Downtown clinic increased to two evenings per week.

Dr. Silverstein helped bring in a large volume of funding for the Free Dental Clinics through writing grants and obtaining a large number of donations from various dental supply companies. He was able to provide the Free Dental Clinics with enough resources to make the clinics run smoothly throughout the year. Brock Lorenz, a new student volunteer, started to help writing grants with Dr. Silverstein. They worked countless hours and obtained a level of funding that the clinics never had before. With the additional funding, the renovation of the Pacific Beach Clinic began to be conceptualized in February, 2004. Actual construction did not begin until June 2004. Dr. Silverstein was volunteering so much of his time (while maintaining a full-time practice) in helping the Free Dental Clinics flourish that Dr. Beck appointed Dr. Silverstein as the Dental Advisor and Director of the Free Dental Clinics.

Under the guidance and direction of Dr. Silverstein, more and more practicing dentists wanted to volunteer their time and services to the Free Dental Clinics. At the same time, more and more students also wanted to volunteer at the Free Dental Clinics and join the Pre-Dental Society at UCSD. World-renowned speakers in dentistry from all over the United States came to UCSD to present at the weekly meetings of the Pre-Dental Society. This became known as the UCSD Special Speaker Series. The speakers included Dean Dr. Jack Dillenberg from Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, Dr. Harold Slafkin from USC Dental School, and other deans from dental schools all over the nation, ADA President Dr. Eugene Sekiguchi, dental forensics specialist Dr. Gerald Vale, and other dental specialists. These speakers inspired and educated pre-dental students to become leaders in their own right and emphasized the importance of giving back to one's community.

During the keynote speaker presentation of President of the ADA Dr. Eugene Sekiguchi in April 2004, the ADA Access to Care Award was presented to Dr. Beck. The award recognized her vision and success in founding the free dental clinics as an offshoot of the free medical clinics. A few months later, the ADA Access to Care Award was also presented to Dr. Silverstein and Dr. Melanie Parker for their efforts in making the Free Dental Clinics such a success.

In the spring of 2004, Wilson Leung was heading off to Dental School and passed his directorship to Brock Lorenz. Brock had a business degree from Tulane University and had been in the business world for three years prior to finding the UCSD program. His enthusiasm and organizational skills impressed Dr. Silverstein who strongly supported Brock as the next student director. Before becoming Student Director of the Free Clinics and Pre-Dental Society, Mr. Lorenz had spent hundreds of hours writing over twelve grants with Dr.

Silverstein requesting the assistance of various corporations and foundations in order to finance the future growth of the organizations. In all, Mr. Lorenz showed his commitment to the organization by contributing over 50 hours per week in organizational and clinical work.

Upon becoming Student Director, Mr. Lorenz held an organizational meeting that was to unveil a new structure and protocol for both the Pre-Dental Society and the Free Clinics. Over 80 undergraduate students attended this meeting in April of 2004. The goals of increasing the number of clinic sessions, the number of patients treated and improving the educational experience of the undergraduate students required the participation of as many students as possible. The new organizational structure enhanced the enthusiasm and direction of the students, and created a very high level of professionalism and unity amongst active student volunteers.

With more active students, the implementation of various projects began. More students received their x-ray and CPR certifications. Many Pre-Dental Society students became Dental Health Ambassadors, teaching elementary students the importance of oral hygiene. Improved organization systems were implemented in the areas of clinic management, storage, clinic supplies, donations, patient files and data, public relations, website presentation, treasury, and much more – all of which were coordinated by student leaders, under the direction of Mr. Lorenz and Dr. Silverstein.

More involvement and greater organizational unity was reflected in the swelling attendance levels at

Pre-Dental society special speaker meetings. Between 50-90 undergraduate students attended every weekly meeting, which featured deans from dental schools, local and national dental-related professionals and organized dentistry professionals. Please see our special speaker history for a complete list of this very impressive guest list.

Within a few months, the number of patients treated in our clinics tripled. This also equated to many more students receiving the incredible educational experience of hands-on assisting, taking x-rays, taking impressions, pouring stone and more.

In April of 2005, the Pacific Beach clinic grand re-opening took place. Many students, community leaders and special guests were in attendance. Speakers included immediate past president of the ADA Dr. Eugene Sekiguchi, current President of the CDA Dr. Russell Webb, former Mayor of Coronado Mary Heron, Dr. Silverstein, Dr. Beck and Mr. Lorenz as Master of Ceremonies. A

proclamation from the office of San Diego County Supervisor Cox was presented to the organization as well.

In April of 2005 Dr. Arthur Dugoni, Dean of University of the Pacific visited UCSD. Dr. Dugoni spoke of his life experiences, the University of the Pacific, and the future of dentistry. He was impressed (as were many other eminent dental leaders), that our program has three dental clinics which are run and managed by undergraduate students under the supervision of dental professionals. He felt these pre-dental students were becoming well-trained for dental school. He observed the commitment to helping others in our students.

In May of 2005, our organization broke another attendance record by having more than 70 students attend the CDA Convention in Anaheim, CA. Our students manned a table during all three days of the convention, welcoming others to learn more about our organization. The Free Dental Clinics relies heavily on the generosity of dental corporations for donations, and the students requested and received supplies and materials from many exhibitors with much success. The students also learned much about organized dentistry as a special lecture was given by the Associate Dean of UOP, Dr. Craig Yarborough. They attended continuing education classes and learned about the technical aspects of dentistry from the exhibitors.

Foreseeing the importance of local and national awareness and attention, Dr. Silverstein and Mr. Lorenz facilitated the featuring of our organization in many articles. These articles appeared in publications including ADA Access, CDA Update, Facets, the San Diego Union Tribune, San Diego Aztec, The Guardian, and the UCSD alumni magazine. Two television appearances on San Diego channels 51 and 10 news programs provided more awareness of our organization as well.

In October of 2005, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project was awarded the 2005 American Dental Association Golden Apple Award for Achievement in Dental School/Student Involvement in Organized Dentistry. This award, the most prestigious given by the ADA, represented an enormous accomplishment for the organization. This was the first time an undergraduate organization had ever received a Golden Apple Award. This award represents a national recognition of the enormous success

our organization has had in providing comprehensive oral health care for the underserved while providing a hands-on education for undergraduate pre-dental students. In addition, Dr. Irvin Silverstein was presented with the Academy of General Dentistry James P. Verneti Award for Advancing the Profession of Dentistry in San Diego County.

His work in the Free Clinics, specifically mentoring students and volunteer dental professionals gained him the honor of receiving this award. Our unique model has proven to be successful and will hopefully be replicated in other cities across the country soon.

During the summer of 2005, clinic managers Randy Taylor and Andrew Pakchoian led an effort to renovate the downtown San Diego clinic. The extensive renovation involved many student volunteers and community members. This collaborative effort resulted in new flooring, walls, storage shelving, and electric wiring. A more professional, sanitary, and efficient clinic resulted.

The next clinic to receive a substantial renovation was the Baker Elementary clinic site. Student volunteer Kennie Kwok organized many students to improve the cabinetry and storage of the dental trailer. With the help of many students and Baker Elementary, the Baker Clinic site was able to improve its efficiency while improving outdated cabinetry.

In February of 2006, several of our students volunteered in New Orleans to assist in emergency dental services for Hurricane Katrina victims. Travelling with the Mission of Mercy (MOM) organization, these students provided much needed care to an area that was struggling for basic health care needs.

March 2006 saw the first ever UCSD Pre-Dental Digest Newsletter. Coordinated by Heather Hearon and Jeffrey Tsai, this multi-page newsletter featured articles written by several student volunteers and an organizational update column written by Dr. Silverstein. This newsletter was not only distributed to all undergraduate pre-dental students, but to all professional volunteers and friends of the organization as well.

During the spring of 2006, the UCSD Pre-Dental Society received some of the most prestigious awards that UCSD offers student organizations. For the second consecutive year, our organization won the UCSD SOLO Organization of the Year Award. The Dental Health Ambassadors program won the Special Program of the Year. In addition, in spring of 2007, Dr. Silverstein was awarded the mentor of year award for the third consecutive year.

In May of 2006, student director Brock Lorenz stepped down after leading the organization for two years. His departure to dental school led to a transition of leadership to three new student directors: Ricky Lugo, Malieka Johnson, and Marc Toso.

We opened a Pediatric dental clinic in June of 2006 for the first time in our clinic's history. Led by clinic managers Andrew Pakchoian and Maryam Meschi, supplies and materials were coordinated to help our new pediatric professional volunteer dentist, Richard Grabowsky. Our Baker Elementary clinic was now about to treat even more underserved children of the school where the clinic was located.

The summer of 2006 featured the greatest volunteer field trip experience the UCSD Student-Run Free

Dental Clinic Project has ever been a part of. Dr. Silverstein, with the help of Admiral Edward T. Reidy secured volunteer opportunities for himself and 9 students: Philippe Sebrechts, Brock Lorenz, Nicole Chung, Kristen Whetsell, Eric Sato, Andrew Weeks, Nicholas Marongiu, Ujval Gummi, Sheila Nguyen and himself upon the USNS Mercy Navy hospital ship. Students volunteered on the ship and on land while travelling to the Philippines, Singapore, Bangladesh, and Indonesia. Learning from and working alongside dentists from all branches of the US Armed Forces and from other countries around the world, our undergraduate pre-dental students were assisting with and performing procedures under the supervision of licensed professionals on the indigenous underserved populations of these third world countries. Articles detailing the volunteer experience of Dr. Silverstein and the student volunteers in southeast Asia have been featured in both San Diego County Dental Society, CDA Update Newspaper, and ADA News.

Near the end of this summer, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project began to see its philosophy come into play. The UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project's philosophy involved commitments to community and education. In September 2006, Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi became the first UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project Fellow. Dr. Yamaguchi volunteered in the UCSD Free Dental Clinics as a pre-dental student at UCSD. Upon graduating UCSD, she pursued her dental degree at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. Graduating in June of 2006, Dr. Yamaguchi returned to San Diego to continue serving the underserved. Her experiences as a pre-dental student instilled in her a desire to use her services to help the underserved. Dr. Yamaguchi became an integral part of this organization and her commitment has allowed the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project to operate at a higher efficiency and treat more patients.

At the beginning of the 2006-2007 academic school year, students from the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project travelled to Las Vegas for the American Dental Association Annual Session. Over 70 students attended the convention over the course of a weekend. All students attended continuing education courses and educational seminars related to the field of dentistry. In

addition, students worked to acquire donations for the Free Clinics. In October 2006, the American Academy of Periodontology also held their Annual Session in San Diego. Many students attended this convention, mainly for its educational seminars, which proved very beneficial to the students.

Another great educational experience for the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project occurred in November 2006 when the American Dental Education Association held the Dean's Conference in San Diego. During this first weekend in November, deans from all the dental schools in the country spoke on the future of dental education. Many students were able to attend these presentations put on by deans. In addition, the students put together a variety of poster boards with information about the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project. These poster boards were set up for the deans to read and learn more about the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project. Many deans also chose to take a tour of the three Free Clinics and were very impressed with the quality of care being provided. During the meeting, Dr. Silverstein gave a well-received presentation about the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project describing all of its achievements in terms of patient care, student involvement, education, and volunteer opportunities for practitioners.

With the demand for dental care in San Diego continuing to increase, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project opened another clinic night at all three clinic sites. These extra nights helped with the large overflow at all of the clinics. As a result, many more patients could be provided with dental care. Opening these clinic nights also allowed our organization to expand the ability to provide specialty services as the Pacific Beach clinic now offers Endodontic nights and Periodontic nights providing only specialty care during that clinic session.

The long-term idea of upgrading all three UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project sites to digital x-rays, electronic scheduling, and record keeping came to fruition in the spring of 2007. Long-term Baker Elementary clinic manager Phillippe Sebrechts had previously secured the necessary donations of computers, hardware, and software to make the endeavor possible. Thanks to Kathy Overman of the Kodak Corporation, all managers and x-ray technicians of the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project were properly trained on all the different aspects of digital x-rays. This new digital system not only improves the quality of care and decreases the normal x-ray radiation exposure for our patients, but the undergraduate student volunteers and professional volunteers are able to learn how to use cutting-edge technologies. All three clinic sites are now computerized and use digital x-rays.

The 2006-2007 academic school year proved to be another stellar year for the Special Speaker Series. With attendance hitting record numbers, the organization was seeing exponential growth with an increased role in the UCSD and San Diego community. Special Speakers for the 2006-2007 school year included Keynote Speaker Donald C. Arthur, Surgeon General of the United States Navy as well as other key administrators in the field of dentistry. The Special Speaker Series continues to be an integral part of the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project and has become very well known in the dental community. Previous student co-directors, Marc Toso and Malieka Johnson left for dental school in spring of 2007. At this time, Ricky Lugo assumed leadership as student director for his second year.

In May of 2007, the pre-dental students took another trip to Anaheim for the CDA Annual Convention. Students asked various companies for donations, toured the different exhibit booths, and attended the educational courses. This convention has become a great opportunity to receive donations for the Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project. Pre-dental students got another opportunity to experience organized dentistry during the Academy of General Dentistry Annual Convention in San Diego during June of 2007. This convention allowed students to visit different vendors and attend classes on general dentistry. In addition, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project had a table at the convention to educate the dentists attending the convention about the work being done by San Diego pre-dental students.

Following in the successful path of the joint Navy trip in summer of 2006, Dr. Silverstein secured the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project another trip aboard another Navy ship, the USS Peliliu. During Summer 2007, 8 pre-dental students: Kennie Kwok, Kjeld Aamodt, Diana Lin, Ben Pham, Sheetal Ray, Stephanie Canton, Alex Nguyen, and Joanne Nguyen helped provide basic healthcare needs and build infrastructure for the underserved communities in the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, the Marshall Islands, the Phillipines, and Vietnam. This joint project with the United States Navy gave pre-dental students an in-depth view of Navy dentistry while helping the underserved communities of these

third-world countries.

Continuing in the tradition of previous years, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project students travelled to San Francisco for the ADA Annual Session. The convention in September 2007 had over 120 pre-dental students in attendance going to the educational courses and helping to acquire donations for the Free Dental Clinics. In addition, they toured local dental schools and attended many dean's receptions interacting with dental professionals. The San

Francisco ADA Annual Session was a unique convention for the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project as it was one of three ADA Featured Volunteer Organizations. As a featured volunteer organization, the ADA produced a video about volunteerism on the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project which was presented in front of thousands of dental professionals prior to Lance Armstrong's speech at ADA Annual Session. The ADA honored the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project due to its outstanding commitment to helping the underserved, educating future dental professionals, and involving dental professionals in the community.

In September of 2007, several students traveled to Ensenada, Mexico with the Thousand Smiles Foundation. Our organization has been involved with this group for many years helping them fulfill their mission of providing much needed care to the residents of Ensenada, Mexico. Specifically, the Thousand Smiles Foundation is focused on care of the less fortunate children in Mexico who suffer from lack of dental care and from maxillo-facial deformities such as cleft palate. Volunteer students are able to assist in dental procedures in addition to observing cleft palate surgeries. Over the years, this trip to Mexico with the Thousand Smiles Foundation has changed the lives of many pre-dental students. Similar to this trip, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project joined the Norcal Project, traveling to Ensenada, Mexico and providing free dental care using the Thousand Smiles Foundation facilities. Unlike the Thousand Smiles Foundation, the Norcal Project provides solely dental care to the underserved residents. This partnership with the Norcal Project began in May 2006 and continues to provide students with a great volunteer opportunity across the border.

The 2007-2008 school year began shortly after the ADA Annual Session with a record breaking attendance at the New Members Meeting. With over 160 students, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project has gained the respect of the UCSD students as positive role model for students and professionals. Also at this time, Brian Lu and Kristen Whetsell became Assistant Student Directors of the organization.

In January of 2008, the immediate past president of the ADA, Dr. Kathleen Roth, spoke at UCSD about her experiences in dentistry, the future of dentistry, and the access to care issue facing our country. Her presentation was attended by undergraduate students, dentists, hygienists, and other esteemed guests. Dr. Roth's presentation served as a great inspiration to many of the future dental professionals at UCSD. The same evening, Dr. Eugene Sekiguchi, also a Past President of the American Dental Association gave an inspiring presentation to the pre-dental students.

The UCSD FDCPDS, along with Dr. Ellen Beck were recognized by San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency in April of 2008. Dr. Ellen Beck was awarded the Public Health Champion Award. The

UCSD FDCPDS was similarly awarded an Outstanding Community Service Program serving the County of San Diego.

Following in previous years' traditions, over 100 pre-dental students traveled to Anaheim, California for the California Dental Association Convention in May of 2008. Using this convention as an educational experience, students attended seminars and visited company booths to gain more information about the field of dentistry. In addition, students visited various dental companies asking for donations for the Free Dental Clinics. Dr. Irvin Silverstein and many students were invited as guests to a special Access to Care Forum during the CDA Convention. Panel members included Deans from California Dental Schools, Heads from the California Licensure Board, President Elect of the California Dental Association, and Dr. Irvin Silverstein.

In May 2008, our organization offered its first dental student externship. Charmaine Ng, a UCSD FDCPDS alumni and fourth year dental student at Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, did a one month externship working at our clinics under the supervision of Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi.

During the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) Annual Awards Banquet in June 2008, the UCSD Pre-Dental Society/Free Dental Clinics earned two distinguished awards. For the third time in four years, the PDSFDC won the Student Organization of the Year Award out of over 425 student organizations. In addition, Dr. Irvin Silverstein won the Community Advisor of the Year for the third consecutive year.

On June 26-28, 2008, Dr. Irvin Silverstein, Director and Advisor of the FDCPDS was awarded the ADA Golden Apple: Outstanding Achievement in Leadership and Mentorship at the New Dentists' Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Students, new dentists Wilson Leung and Erick Sato, and former PDS members attended the award ceremony to witness Dr. Silverstein's second time winning the ADA Golden Apple Award.

In June 2008, the 2007-2008 Special Speaker Series concluded with Congress Bob Filner of 51st Congressional District. His presentation varied in topics from his involvement in government, education, and veterans' affairs to other factors that will influence healthcare in the United States. Throughout his talk though,

Congressman Filner emphasized the importance of getting involved to initiate change.

Also in June 2008, Student Director, Ricky Lugo, stepped down after two years to attend dental school; New Student Director and Co-directors were appointed: Abel Monzon, Diana Lin, Mykel Anderson, Sheetal Ray, and Joanne Nguyen.

Following in the footsteps of the successful USNS Mercy Trip of 2006 and USS Peleliu 2007, the UCSD FDCPDS was selected by the US Navy as one of the main Non-Governmental Organizations to partner with the USNS Mercy humanitarian mission 2008. The US Navy chose UCSD for its outstanding achievements in community service and education. The ADA News published an article regarding this mission to help recruit dentists, physicians, specialists, and students in those areas for this mission. 37 pre-dental, 2 pre-pharmacy, 3 pre-medical, 1 dental, 2 pharmacy, and 9 medical students along with 6

dentists, 2 pharmacists, and 5 physicians volunteer on the USNS Mercy in Southeast Asia providing healthcare and humanitarian care to largely underserved populations.

In August of 2008, Students travel to Ensenada, Mexico with the Thousand Smiles Foundation to provide dental care to children suffering from cleft lip/palate deformities. Activities include assisting in dental procedures, observation in emergency room surgeries, and miscellaneous volunteering tasks.

In early September 2008, The International Academy of Periodontology awards Dr. Irvin Silverstein with the Humanitarian of the Year for 2008 at its annual meeting held in Seattle, Washington. His award was directly related to his work done at the UCSD FDCPDS.

Following in previous years' traditions, over 100 pre-dental students traveled to San Francisco, California for the California Dental Association Convention in September of 2008. Using this convention as an educational experience, students attended seminars and visited company booths to gain more information about the field of dentistry. Students also manned a booth and were able to get materials and supplies donated for the free clinics.

In October of 2008, Congresswoman Susan Davis of 53rd Congressional District came to speak as part of the Special Speaker Series. She presented Special Certificates of Congressional Recognition to students who volunteered on the USNS Mercy 2008.

Continuing in the tradition of previous years, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project students traveled to San Antonio for the ADA Annual Session. In October 2008, approximately 30 pre-dental students attended the convention and had the opportunity to go to educational courses and attend dean's receptions. Students were also able to meet and speak with Tom Brokaw and Bob & Lee Woodruff of ABC News who were the special speakers at this convention.

In November of 2008, Students attended the Continuing Education Adventures (CEA) Dental San Diego Convention. Educational courses were attended by students who also volunteered to help run the convention.

For the first time, several students volunteered with Project Homeless Connect to assist with dental screenings for the homeless community in December 2008. Project Homeless Connect is a joint effort of different organizations to help the homeless community get back on their feet and off the streets.

In April 2009, the UCSD Free Clinic Project held its annual awards banquet and fundraiser. Dr. Chang and Diana Lin received Dan Kerschener Awards. Rachel Paik received the Scott Perry Award.

Also during the month of April 2009, the Dental Health Ambassadors program expands and is very active in putting on academic lectures about dentistry to over 10 local elementary schools, shelters, health fairs, and other community groups.

During the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) Annual Awards Banquet in June 2009, the UCSD Pre-Dental Society/Free Dental Clinics earned four distinguished awards. Out of over 450 registered student organizations at UCSD, our organization was awarded the Outstanding Student Organization Program

Award for Dental Health Ambassadors, Outstanding Community Service Program, and Outstanding Team Effort in partnership with Health and Medical Professions Preparation Program. In addition, Dr. Irvin Silverstein won the Outstanding Community Advisor of the Year for the fourth consecutive year.

The UCSD PDS was heavily involved in the pre-planning of two US Navy missions. In Summer 2009, 108 civilian volunteers were placed on the USNS Comfort Continuing Promise mission through the UCSD Pre-Dental Society Non-Governmental Organization to go to South America to provide healthcare and humanitarian care to largely underserved populations. Volunteers included: 25

dentists, 5 dental hygienists, 11 dental students, 23 pre-dental students, 14 medical students, 13 pre-medical students, 1 pharmacist, 4 pharmacy students, 2 acupuncturists, 8 political science students, and 2 other professional volunteers. Also, in this group we had one dentist from Canada and one student from Colombia. There were 73 students representing 24 universities. The universities that students came from were: Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bogota University (Colombia), California State University Los Angeles, Central Florida College, Columbia University, Harvard University, Howard Payne University, Jefferson Medical College, Long Beach State University, Loyola Marymount University, Maryland University, Nova Southeastern University, San Diego State University, Southeast Missouri State University, UC San Diego, University of Buffalo, University of Florida, University of Illinois, University of Iowa, University of Michigan, University of Nebraska, University of Tampa, University of Texas, Webster University.

An additional seven civilians were involved with Pacific Partnership 2009 for an educational humanitarian mission going to the Oceania Islands. They included two pre-dental students, three dentists, and two engineering students from the University of Virginia. The UCSD PDS is still the non-governmental organization that brings the most civilians on Navy humanitarian missions.

Statistics calculated in June 2009 show that over the last five years, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project has provided an amazing amount of service to the community. The Free Clinics have provided volunteer pre-dental students with over 39,000 hours of hands-on experience and 4,000 volunteer hours for dental professionals. With these volunteer hours, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project has produced over 2.1 million dollars of free dental services to the underserved. The Free Clinics have changed the lives of patients, students, and professionals.

In June 2009, Student Director, Abel Monzon and Co-Directors: Diana Lin, Sheetal Ray, and Joanne Nguyen stepped down. Abel Monzon, Diana Lin, and Sheetal Ray left to attend dental school and Joanne Nguyen left to attend dental hygiene school. Mykel Anderson assumed leadership as the new Student Director.

In early September 2009, ten pre-dental students had an exclusive opportunity to go on an externship to the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry for one week. The students had the chance to attend their classes, volunteer at their clinics and meet the dean, faculty, students, and alumni. The visit was an opportunity for UCSD PDS students to fully experience this dental school and

also to inspire the Detroit Mercy pre-dental students to start their own student-run free dental clinics in

Detroit.

Following in previous years' traditions, over 50 pre-dental students traveled to San Francisco, California for the California Dental Association Convention in September of 2009. Using this convention as an educational experience, students attended seminars and visited various company booths to gain more knowledge and information about the advancing field of dentistry. Students manned a booth to pass out brochures and spread awareness of the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental clinics in order to recruit additional volunteer dentists who were interested. Students were also able to get much needed dental materials and supplies donated for the free clinics.

Continuing in the tradition of previous years, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project students traveled to Hawaii for the American Dental Association Annual Session. In October 2009, approximately 31 pre-dental students attended the convention and had the opportunity to go to continuing educational courses and attend various dental schools' receptions to meet and talk with deans and alumni. Students were also able to meet and listen to Academy-award winning actor Sidney Poitier, who was the distinguished speaker.

In November of 2009, students were invited to assist the Dental Continuing Education Adventures (CEA) at the San Diego Convention Center. Student volunteers not only helped to run the convention but also got a chance to sit in on lectures and learn about new technologies and dental procedures.

In December of 2009, Dr. Irvin Silverstein received the Trudi Birger Award for volunteerism from the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity.

In April of 2010, the special speaker series included Congressman Bob Filner of the 51st Congressional District. His presentation included various topics ranging from his involvement in government, education, and veterans' affairs to other factors that will influence healthcare in the United States. Throughout his talk though, Congressman Filner emphasized the importance of getting involved to initiate change.

In April 2010, the UCSD Free Clinic Project held its annual Annual Benefit and Award Celebration. Dr. Robert Hanlon received the Dan Kerschner Award and Tiki Le received the Dan Kerschner Student Award. San Diego County Dental Society Executive Director Mike Koonce received the Community Champion Award. Mike Duong received the Scott Perry Award.

Also during the month of April 2010, the Dental Health Ambassador program expanded and was very active in putting on oral health presentations to educate children about the importance of oral health and how it affects one's overall well being. Presentations were made to local elementary schools, shelters, health fairs, and other community groups. The program's goal is to teach about the importance of good oral hygiene and nutrition to the community, particularly to children.

In May of 2010, 100 pre-dental students traveled to Anaheim, California for the California Dental Association Convention. Using this convention as an educational experience, students attended seminars and visited vendors to gain more information about the field of dentistry. Students also

manned a booth and were able to get materials and supplies donated for the free clinics.

Also during the month of May 2010, Dr. Silverstein received the Pierre Fauchard Academy Honor Award also known as the Dentist of Year Award for his outstanding and dedicated service to the dental profession.

In June 2010, Student Director, Mykel Anderson stepped down to pursue higher education. New Student Co-Directors Cuong Nguyen and Kevin Lor were appointed.

In August of 2010, students traveled to Ensenada, Mexico with the Thousand Smiles Foundation to provide dental care to children suffering from cleft lip and palate deformities. Activities included assisting in dental procedures, observation in emergency room surgeries, and miscellaneous volunteering tasks.

Following in the footsteps of the successful USNS Comfort Continuing Promise 2009 and Pacific Partnership 2009, the UCSD PDS was selected by the US Navy as one of the main Non-Governmental Organizations to partner with the USNS Mercy's Pacific Partnership 2010. The US Navy chose UCSD for its outstanding achievements in community service and education. The ADA News published an article regarding this mission to help recruit dentists, physicians, specialists, and students in those areas for this mission. There were 133 civilian volunteers onboard: 19 dentists, 5 dental hygienists, 44 dental assistants (3 oral surgery technicians), 28 medical humanitarian assistants, 11 translators, 2 pharmacists, 6 pharmacy technicians, 3 physical therapy technicians, 4 engineers, 3 nurses, and 5 other professionals. There were 101 students representing 34 universities and 21 professionals representing 11 states and 2 countries who provided 4386 days of healthcare and humanitarian care to largely underserved populations.

Statistics calculated in June 2010 show that over the years, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project has provided an amazing amount of service to the community. The Free Clinics have provided volunteer pre-dental students with over 49,000 hours of hands-on experience, over 6,000 volunteer hours for dental professionals, and over 9,000 patient visits. With these volunteer hours, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project has produced over 3.2 million dollars of free dental services to the underserved. The Free Clinics have changed the lives of patients, students, and professionals.

The UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project is constantly evolving and continues to provide quality dental care to the underserved community in San Diego and it continues to grow in the number of student members. All projects assumed by the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project in the past are still operational due to the help of many dedicated volunteers. There are also many projects which are still in the early planning stages. One goal of the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project is to develop a pipeline for underserved and underrepresented minority youths to enter higher education. The commitment to education and the community are always the driving forces behind the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project's goals.

In April of 2011, Dr. Irvin Silverstein won the Public Health Champion Award from the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). This award recognized Dr. Silverstein's role in helping

to improve access to care to the under-served.

In May 2011, students attended the California Dental Association's biannual conference in Anaheim, California.

In June 2011, Coung Nguyen stepped down as Student Director to attend dental school. Kevin Lor, Daniel Cabrera and Mindy Li became Student Co-Directors; Nargiz Zadeh was appointed the title of Clinic Director.

In July of 2011, Drs. Ellen Beck, Donna Kritz-Silverstein and Irvin Silverstein with assistance from Ernest Anastos, Superintendent of Lemon Grove School District, completed and submitted a grant proposal through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The grant proposal highlighted plans for the creation of a fourth free clinic. It would be located on the campus of Golden Avenue Elementary School and would serve the children attending all the elementary and middle schools in lemon grove.

During April through September of 2011, student involvement in Continuing Promise (CP) and Pacific Partnership (PP) 2011 marked UCSD Pre-Dental Society NGO's seventh and eighth missions with the US Navy. Kevin To and Sami Baho were Co-coordinators of all missions, but by mid-summer they had moved on to dental and medical school, respectively, Edmund Monsef, Chris Traxler and Diewitt Duong took over. Through Continuing Promise, 39 civilian volunteers (17 dentists, 3 dental hygienists, 2 dental students, 11 pre-dental students, 2 medical students, 4 pre-medical students) were placed onboard the USNS Comfort hospital ship to help provide care to underserved communities in the Caribbean, Central & South America (Jamaica, Peru, Ecuador, Columbia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Haiti). There were 19 students representing 10 universities (Arizona State University, Barry University, Harvard University, Nova Southeastern University, University of Maryland, University of Pennsylvania, UC San Diego, UC San Francisco, University of San Diego, and University of Texas). Dental services treated a total of 10,061 patients with a service value of \$3,365,624 (USD). There were also 11,853 Oral Health Promotion encounters and 14 Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEE) with 227 SMEE participants. Team leads for Continuing Promise were Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi, Devin Bernhardt, Kevin Lor and Mindy Li.

Through Pacific Partnership, 8 volunteers (1 dentist, 1 dental hygienist, and 6 pre-dental students) were placed onboard the USS Cleveland, a grey hull amphibious war ship, to help provide care to remote and underserved communities in the South Pacific and Oceania island nations (Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, and the Federated States of Micronesia). The 6 students represented 5 universities (Concordia University Irvine, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, UC San Francisco, and University of Pennsylvania). The Cleveland was the third oldest ship in the fleet; PP11 was its final voyage and it was decommissioned afterwards. This was the first PP to visit Vanuatu and the first to visit all four states of the Federated States of Micronesia; 38,696 patients (both medical and dental), and 933 animals were treated. Additionally, 21,232 eye glasses were provided, 22 engineering projects were completed with 38 water catchment tanks were installed and 58 community service events were conducted. This mission placed a bigger emphasis on providing Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE) in order to promote sustainability in the host nations; 22,349 hours of SMEE occurred with a total audience of

10,435 host nation personnel. Our volunteers not only helped assist with dental care but developed and delivered an educational component to host nation audiences that covered oral and personal hygiene, nutrition and physical fitness to groups of varying ages and comprehension of English. Team leads were Edmund Monsef and Diewitt Duong.

Summer, 2011 also marked a pioneer collaboration of the UCSD Pre-Dental Society's NGO with the U.S. Air Force in the New Horizons Medical Readiness Training Exercise (MEDRETE). This was the first time the US Air Force partnered with a civilian non-governmental organization (NGO). Four UCSD Pre-Dental Society students (Petrus Chan, Daphne Lin, Michael Wang, and Michelle Yang) embarked to Suriname from August 6 - 20, 2011 as civilian volunteers. Working at 3 clinics sites in rural Suriname villages in the Brokopondo District of northern Suriname, the students increased the efficiency of the humanitarian team, assisted military dentists throughout surgical procedures, triaged patients, and sterilized dental instruments, and helped make this inaugural U.S. Air Force and NGO partnership a tremendous success. A total of 567 patients of all ages were treated, and 1,076 dental procedures were carried out, including 694 oral surgery treatments, 98 fluoride treatments, and 245 oral hygiene instructions. Michael Wang was team lead.

In July of 2011, students involved in the UCSD Pre-Dental Society and Free Dental Clinic Project participated in an outreach mission hosted by the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD). Students helped assist and take x-rays for members of the underserved veteran community at the San Diego Convention Center during the ADG's annual meeting.

In early September 2011, eleven pre-dental students participated in the third annual externship to the University Of Detroit Mercy School Of Dentistry. This week long program allowing students a look into the life of real dental students by allowing them to attend dental school classes, volunteer in a clinic, and interact with students and faculty. On September 22, 2011, students of the UCSD Pre-dental Society also attended the California Dental Association's annual convention in San Francisco. This large convention provided opportunities for students to learn about recent topics in dentistry and obtain new donors to help supply the growing free clinic system. Also, they got professional volunteers to sign up and work at the free clinics.

At the end of September in 2011, the UCSD Free Dental Clinics received an \$800,000 grant awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration in yearly \$200,000 payments. This grant would make it possible to establish the free dental clinic at Golden Avenue Elementary School.

Students attended the Hispanic Dental Association's meeting in San Diego in October. This convention highlighted issues relating to oral health disparities between different ethnic groups. UCSD Pre-Dental Society alumnus, Ricardo Lugo, was recognized for his research relating diabetes and dental care that used data from our free clinics during this meeting. His research noted increased control in blood sugar levels for diabetic patients who received certain types of dental care. Dr. Donna Kritz-Silverstein from our free clinics co-mentored Ricky with Dr. George Taylor from UCSF.

In November of 2011, students were invited to attend the local Continuing Education Adventures (CEA) dental trade show in San Diego. Students helped run and organize continuing education classes for

dental professionals while promoting the free clinics and sitting in on professional lectures. Also in November, a grant was awarded to the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinics by the Pierre Fauchard Academy. This would also help provide funding for endodontic and orthodontic supplies as well as for dentures and partials.

In December of 2011, The Flying Samaritans, a nonprofit organization, took a group of pre-dental students to Erendira, Mexico to help assist at a dental clinic in the impoverished town.

In January of 2012 students were given the special opportunity to visit the County of San Diego Department of Medical Examiners as guests. They were able to learn head, neck, and full body anatomy while observing an autopsy. Henry Schein donated several palette shipments of dental materials to the free clinics during the year. Much needed supplies were sorted and distributed to each clinic site upon arrival. The CDA Foundation also awarded a grant to the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project in January that would fund new computer equipment to help continue the success of the clinics as well as pay for student educational materials and endodontic equipment.

The Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health hosted 15 UCSD Pre-Dental students during its annual Pre-dental Workshop in February. They spent time interacting with dental students and exploring many different aspects the dental school through hands-on workshops and classes. Also in February, the UCSD Free Dental Clinics made significant upgrades with the acquisition of new digital x-ray sensors, new laptops and hard drives obtained by pre-dental student Cliff Lee using funding from the CDA grant.

In March 2012, the UCSD Free Clinic Project held its annual Benefit and Award Celebration. Dr. William Jungman received the Dan Kerschner Award. Lee Palmer, a representative of Burkhart Dental, won the community champion award. PDS student Cliff Lee received the Scott Perry Award. Also in March, the San Diego County Employees' Charitable Organization (CECO) awarded a grant to the UCSD Student-run Free Clinic Project in order to purchase a new sterilization unit for the Lemon Grove clinic.

In April of 2012, Dr. Randy Jungman and Dr. Randy Taylor helped update the charting system within the free clinics to include more comprehensive patient forms to facilitate communication between all treating dentists.

May 29, 2012 marked the opening of the temporary location of our fourth free dental clinic site at Golden Avenue Elementary School in Lemon Grove, CA. A two chair clinic, the new Lemon Grove clinic will treat students at the Golden Avenue Elementary and Lemon Grove Middle Schools. The clinic began screening first and fourth graders at the elementary school. The partnership with the Lemon Grove School District is an effort to provide youth in the district with high quality health care and encourage them to focus on their education. The clinic is the product of over 7 months of careful planning by PDS advisor Dr. Irvin Silverstein, Dr. Donna Silverstein, Dr. Ellen Beck, dental fellow Dr. Randy Taylor as well as Lemon Grove School District Superintendent Ernest Anastos, Assistant Superintendent Gina Potter, and Golden Avenue Elementary School Principal Rick Oser. Clinic manager Diewitt Duong, and Lee Palmer of Burkhart Dental helped with the physical set up of the clinic and obtaining equipment. Clinic managers Cliff Lee and Dale Lai and dental fellow Dr. Randy Taylor organized the clinic equipment and instruments in April and May of 2012. Dr. Silverstein also obtained new dental instruments to provide

efficient and high quality patient care. Much of the new equipment and supplies were obtained through generous donations by Henry Schein, Burkhart Dental, and Kodak Carestream Dental. In February 2013, the free dental clinic will move to a space designed for a six to eight chair clinic at the middle school.

May 3rd The USNS Mercy hospital ship left from San Diego for a five month humanitarian deployment as part of Pacific Partnership 2012. They provided humanitarian aid and disaster relief training for the underserved civilian population in Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia. The UCSD Pre-Dental Society NGO was one of the major civilian volunteer organizations on the ship with approximately 114 civilian volunteers from all healthcare fields, engineers, and translators. These volunteers came from forty-two different universities and private practices.

On May 10th, 2012, 5 students from the pre-dental society were awarded scholarships by the San Diego Dental Health Foundation during their 54th Annual Military Dental Symposium. Scholarship recipients were Daniel Cabrera, Cliff Lee, Michael Wang, Mindy Li and Tessa Miller. Also in May, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry gave students the opportunity to attend their annual conference held in San Diego. Students were able to learn about specific topics in pediatric dentistry while networking with professionals from all over the world. In mid-May, student managers repainted the Pacific Beach clinic site for the first time in ten years. Toward the end of May, students also attended the CDA's Annual Convention in Anaheim.

The leadership change took place in May 2012 and Diewitt Duong was appointed the new Student Director, Monica Yeo the new Assistant Director and Tommy Bordieri and Luana Choi were appointed the new General Clinic Managers.

In June 2012, the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project was awarded a California Dental Association Foundation grant to fund purchase brand new computers for each of the four clinics, providing a necessary modernization of each site. The laptops were installed in all the clinics by PDS student Shane Byun and were compatible with the existing Kodak x-ray software.

In September 2012, twelve UCSD Pre-Dental students participated in the 4th Annual University of Detroit Mercy Dental School Externship Program. Students were able to spend three days at the dental school interacting with dental students and faculty. In addition, they presented information about the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project and the Pre-Dental Society to undergraduate pre-dental students at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Also in September 2012, the American Academy of Periodontology hosted its annual convention in Los Angeles, California with twenty six students from UCSD PDS attending. Students attended classes and were exposed to the latest advances in periodontology. The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons also held its annual convention in San Diego, CA that same month and forty-four students attended.

The new members meeting for the 2012-2013 school year was held on October 4, 2012 at the Price Center Forum Room, featuring several PDS alumni who returned after graduating dental school and special speaker, Dr. Jack Dillenberg from ASDOH. Over 170 undergraduate students attended this

meeting.

Later in October, students traveled to San Francisco, CA to attend the ADA Annual Convention. Students promoted the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project in the exhibit hall and obtained donations for our clinics from many vendors and corporate partners. The UCSD Pre-Dental Society also hosted its first Alumni Reception during the ADA meeting at the Parc 55 Hotel on October 20, 2012, reuniting current members, alumni, volunteers, and affiliates.

During the week of October 22-26, 14 students and advisors Dr. Silverstein and Dr. Yamaguchi, participated in Oral Health Week at Lemon Grove Academy for the Sciences and Humanities, teaching a week-long course about oral health and careers in dentistry to 7th and 8th graders. Topics included oral health and hygiene, tooth decay and acidity, manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination, college and careers in dentistry, and a review game on the last day.

On November 2, 2012, Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi and six students traveled to Ensenada, Mexico to volunteer at a cleft-lip and palate clinic for two days. UCSD PDS students are in charge of all of the back office operations, including sterilization, x-ray, and chair-side assisting. They also manage and coordinate the other dental assistants and dental/pre-dental students who volunteer from other universities.

The San Diego Repertory Theatre hosted a sponsored night of its musical, "A Hammer, a Bell, and a Song to Sing" with a portion of each ticket sold that evening donated back to the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinics. Approximately sixty nine students were able to attend the musical over its three week showing. Students also volunteered at and attended the Continuing Education Adventures (CEA) San Diego Dental Convention.

In December 2012, UCSD PDS continued its partnership with the UCSD Flying Samaritans chapter, allowing students to participate in dental and medical missions in Mexico. Dr. Silverstein and pre-dental student Benjamin Hwang also attended the Pacific Partnership 2013 Initial Planning Conference in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Following that, Dr. Silverstein attended the Continuing Promise 2013 Mid-Planning Conference with pre-dental student, Diewitt Duong in Jacksonville, Florida.

On January 10, 2013, Samson Yang, DDS, joined the UCSD Pre-Dental Society and Student-Run Free Dental Clinics as the third dental fellow. Dr. Yang was a former PDS member and attended ASDOH for dental school. When Dr. Yang was a PDS member, he managed the Pacific Beach clinic in addition to other positions. Now returning as a dentist, Dr. Yang works at the Lemon Grove clinic twice per week in addition to providing time at the other three clinic sites.

On February 28, 2013, Rear Admiral Forrest Faison III, Commander of Navy Medicine West spoke to the UCSD Pre-Dental Society and guests in the Telemedicine Building regarding Navy Medicine and healthcare. The Lemon Grove Clinic began having Tuesday clinic sessions in addition to the existing Thursday sessions in February, expanding the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project to 9-10 clinic sessions per week between its four free dental clinics in San Diego.

Also in February 2013, 45 students attended the Son of the Sheik Silent Film at the San Diego Copley

Symphony Hall. In addition, six pre-dental students attended another Thousand Smiles event. UCSD PDS students are in charge of all of the back office operations, including sterilization, x-ray, and chair-side assisting. They also manage and coordinate the other dental assistants and dental/pre-dental students who volunteer from other universities.

In March 2013, the first week of a three-week Dental School Faculty Development Course in Underserved Dentistry was begun. This course is hosted by Dr. Irvin Silverstein, Dr. Donna Silverstein, and Dr. Ellen Beck, and funded by a HRSA grant. Fifteen faculty members from various dental schools across the country travelled to San Diego to learn how to teach their dental students how to better treat the underserved in their communities and how to start their own dental clinic.

During March 3-5, 2013, students Diewitt Duong, Monica Yeo, Dale Lai, and Shane Byun participated in the UDM-Zimmer Dental Implant Course in Carlsbad, CA. The students assisted dentists and were exposed to techniques on the placement of implants and prosthetics.

Unfortunately, in March, news was received that Continuing Promise 2013 would be cancelled due to political and financial reasons.

Also in March 2013, six students participated in a clinical outreach event with Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health at the King-Chavez San Ysidro Health Center as dental assistants and x-ray technicians. In addition, students travelled to Ensenada, Mexico for the Norcal Project.

In the 2012-2013 year, DHA visited many organizations and schools including: Kimball Elementary, Neighborhood Healthcare, Lincoln Elementary, Lemon Grove Academy, Marshall Elementary, Golden Avenue Elementary, Loma Verde Elementary, Head Start Programs, Patrick Henry High School, Storefront Teenage Shelter, La Maestra, and more! Monica Yeo, Leeann Chu, and Shane Byun will be stepping down as DHA coordinators, with Nicole Tasooji, Christiane Chammas, and Nicole Chhea taking over leadership as the DHA Team for the 2013-2014 school year.

In April 2013, over sixty students traveled to Anaheim, California and attend the California Dental Association Convention. The students participated in classes, attended receptions, and spoke to dentists, vendors, and companies in the exhibit hall to raise donations, generate funds, and find new volunteers for the free clinics.

The Final Planning Conference for the Pacific Partnership 2013 onboard the USNS Pearl Harbor took place, but manning was cut back by two-thirds due to political and economic issues. The UCSD PDS NGO designated twelve volunteers, including three pre-dental students/dental assistants, three engineers, five dentists, and one oral surgeon, for the mission to participate in providing healthcare and education (with a heavy emphasis on teaching).

On May 8, 2013, the San Diego Dental Health Foundation awarded Monica Yeo, Teddy Eusebio, Ladam Kuang, Diewitt Duong, Rose Le, and Bonnie Le scholarships for dental school.

In May 5 - 9, 2013, the second week of the Faculty Development program took place, and was very well received with positive feedback from participants.

On May 16, 2013, the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project Gala was held in May, honoring Mayor Bob Filner as Community Champion. He was a former congressman for twenty years and a Freedom Rider in the 60s during the Civil Rights Movement. He has always been a strong advocate for all human and civil rights issues and has spoken to PDS as part of the Special Speaker Series on several occasions

During the week of May 20-24, Pre-dental Students participated in a second Oral Health week at the Lemon Grove Academy of Sciences and Humanities. This class focused on dentistry, college, and careers in the healthcare professions.

Also in May 2013, clinic plans for the Lemon Grove clinic were finalized for the permanent location at the Lemon Grove Academy of Sciences and Humanities. Dr. Silverstein and Diewitt Duong attended the ADA Washington Leadership Conference in order to speak to Congressional and Senate leaders.

Pacific Partnership 2013 launched in May, and eight UCSD PDS NGO members boarded the USS Pearl Harbor in Honolulu to travel to Samoa. Four more members joined at Tonga and Marshall Islands.

For the 2012-2013 academic year, approximately forty students were accepted into dental programs across the country for the Class of 2017.

Diewitt Duong and Shane Byun received Navy HSCP scholarships, and Sumei Mai and Su Ping Mai received Army HPSP scholarships. To date, the total number of military scholarships for pre-dental and pre-medical students from PDS is over thirty five.

In June 2013, Diewitt Duong and Monica Yeo stepped down as Student Director and Assistant Director with Tommy Bordieri and Nicole Tasooji being appointed in their places, respectively, for the 2013-2014 academic year.

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The new members meeting for the 2013-2014 school year was held on October 3, 2013 at the Price Center Forum Room and featured special speaker Dr. Jack Dillenberg from ASDOH along with several PDS alumni who were returning after graduating dental school and. Over 200 undergraduate students attended this meeting. The night ended with a multicultural potluck and great mingling.

On July 29, Meagan Lorenz, DMD, joined the UCSD Pre-Dental Society and the Student-Run Free Dental Clinics as the fourth dental fellow. Dr. Lorenz was a former PDS member who attended Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health (ASDOH) for dental school. After marrying Dr. Brock Lorenz, a past Student Director of the UCSD PDS, she spent two years in Florida. Dr. Lorenz mostly works at the Lemon Grove clinic twice per week.

From September 9-13, 2013, twelve UCSD Pre-Dental students participated in the 5th Annual

University of Detroit Mercy Dental School (UDM) Externship Program (Joanna Lee, Annabelle Lee, Jennifer Kuang, Jenny Huang, Vijal Vadecha, Valerie Le, Cameron Freelove, Benjamin Hwang, Daniel Stuardo, Narek Akopyan, Randy Abdou, and Peter Garcia). Students spend 4 days at UDM interacting with dental students and faculty. In addition, they presented information about the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project and the Pre-Dental Society to undergraduate pre-dental students at UDM.

Between October 31 and November 3, 2013, seven PDS members along with Drs. Irvin and Donna Silverstein attend the American Dental Association annual convention in New Orleans, LA. The weekend included attending courses, attending alumni receptions, and meeting faculty and alumni from dental schools around the country as well as obtaining donations.

During October 21-25, 14 PDS students and advisors Dr. Silverstein, Dr. Lorenz, and Dr. Yamaguchi participated in Oral Health Week at Lemon Grove Academy for the Sciences and Humanities, teaching a week-long course about oral health and careers in dentistry to 7th and 8th graders. Topics included oral health and hygiene, tooth decay and acidity, manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination, college and careers in dentistry, and a review Jeopardy game on the last day.

On August 2, 2013, UCSD Pre-Dental students attended the Thousand Smiles Foundation clinic (Nicole Tasooji, Maria Angle, Vijal Vadecha, Jorge Espindola, Narek Akopyan, Ian Wolf, and Peter Garcia). During this clinic, the students assisted in providing treatment to children with cleft lip and palate malformations. On October 2, 2013, students attended the NorCal Project in Ensenada, Mexico (Jorge Espindola, Valeria Lopez-Ramirez, Patrick Anghel, Teny Matavoosi, Daniel Ho, Joanna Lee). The students assisted in providing dental treatment and oral health instruction to the undeserved children of the city. On November 1, 2013, UCSD Pre-Dental students attended the Thousand Smiles Foundation clinic (Jorge Espindola, Valeria Lopez-Ramirez, Daniel Ho, Brian Lien, Willie Gordon) and assisted in providing treatment to children with cleft lip and palate malformations.

On December 5, 2013, Erick Sato, DDS, who is a UCSD alumni and a previous UCSD Pre-Dental Society member, gave the students a lecture on Endodontics 101. Dr. Sato graduated from the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry at the University of the Pacific in 2008 then attended a two year general residency at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA, continuing his dental career in Endodontology and received his Certificate of Endodontics in 2012 from Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland. He explained about what an endodontist does and why root canals are one of many avenues to saving a tooth. Dr. Sato volunteers once a month at our Pacific Beach emergency nights providing root canal therapy to our patients.

From December 9, 2013 the UCSD PDS members volunteered at CDA Cares Missions of Mercy to help 2,203 patients receive treatment valued at \$1.62 million. Volunteer volunteers helped with taking x-rays, assisting in oral surgery, general dentistry, endodontics, and prosthodontics.

Rear Admiral (RADM) William (Bill) Bailey currently serves as the Chief Professional Officer for the Dental Category of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS). He came to speak to our group on Feb, 6, 2014 about his career path, his work with the implementation of water fluoridation and disease

prevention. He also spoke about dental careers in the military.

On February 11th, 2014, the San Diego County Dental Society hosted a Pizza Party Social with local dentists. UCSD pre-dental students networked and established relationships with local general dentists, orthodontists, and periodontists from all parts of San Diego.

On February 28th, the Lemon Grove clinic opened to the middle school campus of Lemon Grove Academy. The new clinic has 5 fixed chairs, 3 mobile units, and serves the students attending elementary and middle school.

In March 2014, the first week of the second year of the three-week Dental School Faculty Development Course in Underserved Dentistry began. This course is hosted by Dr. Irvin Silverstein, Dr. Donna Silverstein, and Dr. Ellen Beck, and funded by a HRSA grant. 13 faculty members from various dental schools across the country traveled to San Diego to learn how to teach their dental students how to better treat the underserved in their communities and how to start their own dental clinic

On March 6, 2014, Dr. Stanley Malamed an expert in dental anesthesiology, IV and oral sedation, and dental and medical emergencies. He was a former professor at USC Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry and is a well-renowned lecturer in his areas of expertise. He brought along Dr. Jason Brady, who was a former PDS member and is now a dental anesthesiologist. Both Dr. Malamed and Dr. Brady presented on pain management, dental emergencies, and other topics pertaining to sedation and anesthesiology. There were 15 faculty members from various dental schools across the nation that included UCSD, UOP, ASDOH, Roseman, Texas, Georgia, MeHarry, Columbia, and a few others that came to attend this special lecture.

On March 7-8, 2014, 12 volunteers headed by Philip Yoong, Raime Shah, Jonathan Wong, and Jonathan Gao attended the Continuing Education Adventures (CEA) at the San Diego Marina Village and Conference Center. Our volunteers assisted with organizing and running the courses, as well as handing out certificates to the attendees. We also sat in on many professional lectures that showcased up-and-coming dental technologies, while also promoting the student-run free clinic project to those who were interested in volunteering.

On March 10th, 2014, Principal Rick Oser of the Lemon Grove Academy of Sciences and Humanities came to speak to the Pre-Dental Society. Mr. Oser is a strong partner of the Free Clinic Projects and instrumental in establishing the clinic at Lemon Grove Academy. Mr. Oser spoke about his career path, his role as principal, and the concepts used to turn Lemon Grove Academy into one of the top schools in the district.

In March 2014, the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project was awarded a grant from the CECO organization for approximately \$8,500. The money was used to purchase a new dental microscope to expand our endodontic treatment capabilities.

From March 22 to March 30, 2014, eight pre-dental students and two dentists from the UCSD Pre-Dental society embarked on a humanitarian mission to the Dominican Republic to provide free dental care and services to under-resourced civilians of the Dominican Republic. This was the first

time UCSD PDS had partnered with dental students/faculty from Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, dental students/faculty from Roseman's College of Dental Medicine, and dental students/faculty of the Universidad Central Del Este – School of Dental Medicine (located in the Dominican Republic) through the organization called Bright Island Outreach. UCSD pre-dental students provided chair-side assistance,, translation, sterilization of instruments, managed patient flow, and provided oral health instructions to the people of the Dominican Republic.

During the week of March 31- April 4, 10 students and advisors Dr. Silverstein and Dr. Lorenz, participated in the second Oral Health Week at Lemon Grove Academy for the Sciences and Humanities. They taught a week-long course to middle school students covering topics such as oral health, hygiene, going on to college, and careers in dentistry. The students enjoyed the presentations and were interested in hearing more about orthodontics, geriatric dental care, and the effects of drugs and alcohol on your oral health.

On April 25, 2014 students attended the NorCal Project in Ensenada, Mexico. The students assisted in providing dental treatment and oral health instruction to the undeserved children of the city. In addition, students attended the Thousand Smiles Foundation clinic on May 2, 2014. During this clinic, the students assisted in providing treatment to children with cleft lip and palate malformations

On May 1, 2014, Dr. Larry Garretto, MS, PhD, who was the former dean of student affairs at the Indiana University School of Dentistry, spoke to our students about his path in dentistry. Dr. Garretto was also the past president of the American Society of Dental Ethics. His presentation was very thought provoking for all health care professionals. He discussed real life cases in many different areas.

The UCSD Pre-Dental Society hosted its annual Honors Banquet at the Star of the Sea on May 3, 2014. We honored our active student volunteers going on to dental school or graduate school. Drs. Mehrack Kaijan and Pranab Dutt were honored with the Dan Kershner Award. Principal Rick Oser was honored with the Community Champion Award. Norika Kotani received the Scott Perry Award. Tommy Bordieri and Nicole Tasooji honored Dr. Silverstein with the Lifetime Achievement Award for over a decade of service and commitment to the UCSD Pre-Dental Society and Free Dental Clinic Project

“Light Up the Night”, the Student-Run Free Clinic Project Gala was hosted at the Great Hall at UCSD on May 12th. It was a fantastic event that raised over \$55,000 for the clinics.

On May 15th, 2014 Congressman Scott Peters came to speak to PDS. Scott Peters is the representative of California's 52nd district. He discussed his background and the issues surrounding education, healthcare and any other questions we had regarding what is going on in Washington. A potluck reception followed.

On May 15-17, 2014, over 70 of our PDS students traveled over to the biannual CDA Convention located in Anaheim, California. Students helped to promote the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project, while also raising donations from various vendors. In addition, students generated funds for the free clinics and found new volunteer dentists.

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On May 22, 2014 the Center for Student Involvement held an award ceremony that recognized the UCSD student organization for outstanding service locally and globally. The UCSD Pre-Dental Society won two awards out of the nine given. Dr. Irvin Silverstein won Community Advisor of the Year making this the seventh year he has won this award. Jorge Espindola won the Community Service Individual Leadership of the Year Award.

From May 19-22, 2014, Dr. Irvin Silverstein and Justin Montenegro attended the 2014 ADA Washing Leadership Conference in Washington D.C to lobby members of Congress on issues of access to dental healthcare and student loans. The California Delegation consisted of Dr.s Robert Hanlon, Harriet Seldin, Lilian Larin, Bud Rubin and student Justin Montenegro who advocated dental polices concerning access to dental health care, auditing oversight, and student loans. Dr. Silverstein and Justin Montenegro also met with Rear Admiral Steven Pechuta, Director of Medical Services, Plans and Policy Division of the Navy Dental Corps. to discuss humanitarian mission initiatives.

From May 25th to June 1st, three pre-dental students, two general dentist, one endodontist, one dental hygienist, and one ophthalmology technician from the UCSD PDS NGO embarked on a humanitarian mission to Jamaica. UCSD PDS partnered with the organization Caribbean Health Outreach who were in need of a dental team to deliver dental services to the underserved communities in Hanover, Jamaica.

In May 2014 Peter Garcia received the Navy HSCP scholarship and Ben Hwang received the Navy HPSP scholarships.

In June 2014 Nicole Tasooji stepped down as Assistant student direction, Faith Barreyo and Peter Garcia stepped down as Clinic Directors. Charlotte Chiu will be taking over as Assistant Student Director. Nicole Chhea and Justin Montenegro will be the new Clinic Directors

Approximately 45 members of the UCSD PDS and FDC program were admitted to dental school for the class of 2018.

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