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Update #5

Dear Students and Volunteers,

It has been about two weeks since our last update. I hope that all of you are well and are continuing to shelter in place and maintain social distance when you are outside. Starting on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, everyone will be required to wear masks when they are outside. Cases in California still seem to be rising and most dental offices are still closed and only taking emergencies. Our Student-Run Free Dental Clinics will not be having any patient contact until after May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you know of any emergency situations, please contact Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi ([miss.sussiq@gmail.com](mailto:miss.sussiq@gmail.com)) so that we can figure out how these patients can be handled.

We have several new updates that we would like to share with you. First, we want to let you know that **OSHA make-up day** for our pre-dental students is still going to occur on June 6<sup>th</sup>. A certificate of OSHA training is needed if you want to volunteer in our clinics or participate in any of our humanitarian missions. This is the full OSHA class that will be taught by Joy Howard and will be given through zoom. You will get a certificate afterwards. If you are interested in this class, please contact Tuyet Duong at [btuyetduong@gmail.com](mailto:btuyetduong@gmail.com) for information on the cost and to register for the course.

A group of us from the Exec Team recently met to discuss the transitioning process that occurs each year, and to start reviewing people who wanted positions within our clinic and organization. Hopefully, we will be able to have some limited training sessions by zoom, facetime and possibly in small groups in the clinics without patients, depending on the pandemic situation. Dr. Sussi will be in charge of these. However, **if you are interested in any positions** or have questions, contact Dan Brohard at [danielbrohard@gmail.com](mailto:danielbrohard@gmail.com). He may have already reached out to some of you.

If you have already been accepted to dental school or a post-bac program, you may want to call your school and find out when they expect new students to have orientation and to start classes. Because of the pandemic, many schools have been forced to alter their schedules. Changes may depend on the specific pandemic situation of the state or city that they are in. Also, please let Dr. Donna Silverstein know which dental school or post-bac program you have decided to attend so that she can update our information.

If you are planning to apply for dental school in the coming cycle, here are a few things to keep in mind. The application for dental school will be opening as planned on the AADSAS website on May 12<sup>th</sup>. You can submit a completed application starting June 2<sup>nd</sup>. **We urge you to apply early.** Even if you have not taken your DAT yet, get your application in as soon as possible. It becomes like a placeholder in line, so that once it is complete, you are that much further in the line. Speaking of the DAT, as of right now, most testing centers in California are closed through May 31<sup>st</sup> but this could change. You may want to check other nearby states for open testing centers. Dental schools are reviewing their policies and deadlines because of the pandemic. Please check the websites of the schools in which you are interested, to see if they have a specific update to their deadlines. If you do submit an

application, let Joyce Jiang know ([joyce.jiang@ucsdpds.org](mailto:joyce.jiang@ucsdpds.org)) so that we can let schools know that you are part of our program. This has been helpful to many of our students. Dental schools do contact us.

Here is another thing that you might be interested in if you are planning to apply to dental school. ADEA is having a **2020 ADEA GoDental Virtual Fair** on line on Tuesday May 19, 2020. This is a free event that runs from 11 am – 6 pm (Pacific time). You will be able to hear from AADSAS representatives who will provide advice on successfully submitting your application. There will be an opportunity to speak to admissions officers from over 50 schools, and to chat with dental students. Go to <https://www.adea.org/GDVF20> and register in order to participate in this great opportunity.

We would also like to remind you about the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) externship. This is an amazing one-week experience during which you get to sit in on their dental school classes, assist in their clinics, and meet one-on-one with a member of the admissions committee to review your file. Right now, the exact dates are in flux. It will not be in June or July and might possibly be in late August or September. People who are interested should contact Dr. Donna Silverstein at [dsilverstein@ucsd.edu](mailto:dsilverstein@ucsd.edu). Remember, space is limited, so please **apply soon**. Participants need to be chosen, so that we are ready to go when we know the exact dates.

We would also like to remind you that the deadline for scholarship and awards applications is **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please email Joyce Jiang ([joyce.jiang@ucsdpds.org](mailto:joyce.jiang@ucsdpds.org)) to ask for an application and she will send it to you. Submit the completed application in to Dr. Donna Silverstein ([dsilverstein@ucsd.edu](mailto:dsilverstein@ucsd.edu)) as soon as possible. If you have already sent it out, please contact Dr. Donna Silverstein to make sure she received it if you have not done so previously.

Finally, each year, **the UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project has a gala celebration** and fundraiser. Because of the pandemic, this year's event, *Light Up the Night 2020*, will occur through zoom. This will be a virtual gathering of supporters, donors, volunteers, students, staff and alumni from around the country. This event is free and will take place on Thursday, May 14, 2020 from 5:30-7:30 pm. It would be nice to have some of our volunteer students, faculty and alumni attend. To get more information and to register, go to <https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/fmph/education/freeclinic/support/Pages/events.aspx>.

Please let Joyce Jiang ([joyce.jiang@ucsdpds.org](mailto:joyce.jiang@ucsdpds.org)) know if you are holding any dental supplies, posters, or other items for our free clinics or pre-dental society. We need these materials back before you leave. It costs us a lot of money to run the clinics and provide educational opportunities for students. Because of this pandemic, funds will be very limited for our programs. If you are holding any of the original **attendance sheets** for the past two years, please let Dan Nam [Daniel.nam@ucsdpds.org](mailto:Daniel.nam@ucsdpds.org) know so that he can make arrangements to get them.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Donna Silverstein ([dsilverstein@ucsd.edu](mailto:dsilverstein@ucsd.edu)) and Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi ([miss.sussiq@gmail.com](mailto:miss.sussiq@gmail.com)). Please stay strong, safe and well. We will update you with more information as it comes through.

Best wishes,  
Drs. Irvin and Donna Silverstein