LLU nursing graduate leads home care services

Health care information services said farewell to Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center vice president Robert Blades, MBA, at a reception on Tuesday, September 28. The reception was held from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in Wong Kerlee International Conference Center’s Shearer-Heidfar Room. Mr. Blades officially retired on September 30 from his post overseeing information services after eight years as vice president for the department.

Mr. Blades receives appreciation from Liz Dickinson, RN, CNOR, vice president for patient care services.

Nursing alumna’s legacy continues through family foundation’s work

For the second consecutive year, the Bonnie A. C. Lee Fang Foundation presented scholarships to two School of Nursing students, during an awards presentation in May, 2004. Students Kimmie Copen and Susan Hunt were each presented with award plaques from the foundation in recognition of their outstanding achievements in nursing by Bonnie Fang’s daughters, Doreen Fang and Robin Fang. Mr. Blades receives appreciation from Liz Dickinson, RN, CNOR, vice president for patient care services.

B. Lyn Behrens, MSBS, president and CEO, LLUAHSC, and Kevin J. Lang, MBA (right), executive vice president, finance and administration, and chief financial officer, LLUAHSC, thank Robert Blades, MBA, for his service.

W. Augustus Cheatham MSW, right), vice president for public affairs, and Leslie Pollard, DMin (middle), vice president for diversity, share a moment with Mr. Blades at his retirement reception.

School of Dentistry receives $1.05 million grant


The intent is to address the disparities in oral health care in America. Initially, 11 dental schools applied to participate in this initiative.

In 2003, the California Endowment collaborated with the RWJ Foundation allocating $5.2 million to facilitate the participation of four California dental schools (University of California, San Francisco, was previously involved). In August, 2003, the School of Dentistry was awarded $1,050,000 for a four-year Pipeline Grant.

The objectives of the grant parallel closely the goals and mission of LLUSD.

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Recipients of the Bonnie A. C. Lee Fang scholarship (from left) Kimmie Copen, 2004 recipient; Phoebe Kon, 2003 recipient; and Susan Hunt, 2004 recipient; pose for a picture.

United States to pursue his dream of becoming a physician. In February, 1965, after a long and treacherous journey by boat, the Fang family arrived at Loma Linda University, where Ms. Fang began work as a nurse’s aid at the Medical Center. During this time she supported the family while her husband began medical school. Ms. Fang was encouraged by the LLU registrar to continue her nursing studies and take the California Board of Nursing.
First-year dental, dental hygiene students receive training on new computers

In September, 2004, extensive computer training sessions were held during pre-session orientation for first-year dental (class of 2008) and dental hygiene (class of 2006) students in the School of Dentistry.

This year, for the first time, incoming students each purchased a personal Dell Latitude D800 computer.

An ever-increasing number of courses have switched from traditional lecture-style computer-based learning. This year, incoming students were given a D1 (first-year dental student) Supplemental DVD with lectures, PowerPoint presentations, images, and notes.

First-year dental and dental hygiene students will use the laptops to access educational material.

Prince Hall amphitheater (rooms 1101 and 1102) and rooms 1176 and 1177 (classrooms) have data and electrical outlets at each station. Students will be able to access Blackboard and other specific Internet sites.

According to Kathleen Moore, MHHS, assistant dean for educational support services, interactive, fully navigable educational material is one of the goals of Charles J. Goodacre, DDS, MSD, dean. Several programs have been developed here and are in use extensively in other dental schools around the nation.

Support for the development of electronic teaching material is provided through the School’s department of educational support services.

Several staff members are available to assist faculty: Richard Tinker, Sam Sadanala, and Joey Toliska for development and support of electronic navigable material. Leigh Ann Evans has recently accepted the position of Blackboard and web page development and support.

The new computer system requires much more capacity than was previously available. According to Ms. Moore, the School’s alumni generously donated funds to upgrade the School’s network to a gigabit backbone.

School of Medicine faculty member publishes easy access guide to infectious diseases

Donald Janner, MD, associate professor of pediatrics, School of Medicine, and attending physician at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital, recently saw the final product of what he terms his “two-and-a-half year gestational period” in the form of the new text A Clinical Guide to Pediatric Infectious Disease.

The 20-chapter book, published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, delivers a practical how-to perspective on diagnosis and treatment for a broad base of commonly encountered childhood infections born out of 10 years of lecturing and the subsequent creation of Janner’s Laws, personal observations Dr. Janner adds to his lectures.

“I feel that the idea and conception and execution went as extremely well,” says Dr. Janner, though he is somewhat suffering from postpartum syndrome. Dr. Janner created the book specifically for medical students, pediatric residents, and family medicine practitioners.

“I remember being a medical student on rounds and not knowing a good portion of what was going on,” remarks Dr. Janner. “I felt like I was on another planet.” This book was written to help everyone know where we were starting from.

“The problem of medical texts is their size,” notes Dr. Janner, holding a hefty bound volume, just one of many in a set on infectious disease. “This book is written at a specialty level but as accessible.” Several chapters are geared toward specialists such as neonatology, says Dr. Janner.

Dr. Janner enjoyed the process of writing the book, for the most part, and is indebted to the support the pediatrics department offered during the writing.

“John Mace was a huge supporter of the project,” remembers Dr. Janner, thankful for the former pediatric chair’s encouragement that project more than two years ago.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

Due to national shortage, flu shots will not be provided this year at the family health fair on October 31.

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• increase the number of days students spend in local community sites treating underserved patients;
• participate in doubling in four years the number of students from disadvantaged backgrounds enrolled in the California dental school-based program;
• develop and implement a plan to increase cultural competence among both faculty and students; and
• work cooperatively with other California dental schools to develop statewide and national policies which will support community-based education, improve recruitment of students from disadvantaged backgrounds and reduce the disparities in oral health.

The School is pleased to be in compliance with the objectives and is working to grow even more in each area.

• Seven local community service sites are currently being served: Compassion Clinic, Mecca Community Health Center, Victoria Elementary School, Lugonia Elementary School, Jerry L. Pettis VA Memorial Medical Center, and a military post-baccalaureate program in 2004.

A cultural awareness training program was initiated at the School’s June 11 faculty advance seminar. Components of cultural education have been interjected into several classes for students.

There are ongoing collaboration activities with the California Endowment Health Policy committee to develop favorable legislation making oral health delivery available to all people in California.

In November, 2004, a team of Pipeline Grant evaluators will engage in a site visit to LLUSD. They will interview students and faculty regarding the School’s participation in meeting the objectives of the Pipeline Grant. Service learning activities, recruitment efforts of students from disadvantaged backgrounds, as well as learning opportunities to increase cultural awareness, will be discussed and reviewed.
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Continued from page 1 examination. Since she was the first nurse from Taiwan Sanitarium Hospital to come to California, she worked hard to convince the board to accept her degree from there and allow her to take the exam, which she passed with the highest marks. It was her efforts that opened the doors for future nurses from Taiwan.

Ms. Fang’s generosity was well known among her classmates and students. Her home was open to all the nurses from Taiwan and many others in need. She helped them in many ways, from studying for their board exams and teaching them how to drive, even when she was pregnant, to helping each one establish a permanent life in the United States.

“Mom left behind a legacy of good works and touched so many lives,” says Robin Lee.

“We hope that through this foundation, we can continue her work and make a difference in other people’s lives.”

The Fang Foundation strives to support with financial assistance, those individuals demonstrating a genuine commitment to the nursing profession. In addition, aspiring nurses should possess the attributes of selflessness, dedication, leadership, and an inextinguishable inner spirit—qualities that capture the essence of Bonnie A. C. Lee Fang. Eventually, the Fang family hopes to provide full scholarships for nursing students.

Coca Cola HR manager to speak for chapel

The Loma Linda University chapel program for October 27 highlights Milagros Tomei, corporate human resources manager, The Coca Cola Company, Atlanta, Georgia. The program is presented by the Loma Linda University student association.

Ms. Tomei has extensive domestic, local, and international experience in the area of employee relations, training and development, organizational change and design, capability building, employment law and cultural change through people engagement.

As a guest speaker for women and family conferences and retreats, human resources organizations, Hispanic events, etc., she has had the opportunity to work with different countries and cultures around the world, impacting the organizations in a positive way.

Ms. Tomei has been married to Pastor Pascual Ortiz for 34 years. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Milagros Tomei

The chapel program for November 3 features James L. Kyle II, MD, MDiv, dean, School of Public Health, Loma Linda University, etc. Dr. Kyle is chair of the department of health administration in the School of Public Health.

Prior to that, Dr. Kyle was president and CEO of Genesis Healthcare Strategies, and administrative dean, College of Medicine, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.

From 1997 to 2004, Dr. Kyle served as a pastor for the Rebirth of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church in Westchester, California. Loma Linda University chapel programs are sponsored by the office of student affairs and are held in Gentry Gymnasium on the Loma Linda campus.

Programs are held every Wednesday from 8:10 to 9:00 a.m.

Glen Helen/Chaparral/Racer X raises more than $55,000 with motocross industry to benefit emergency trauma

Glen Helen Raceway raised more than $55,000, with the help of the motocross industry, during its annual golf benefit held on September 10. One-hundred percent of the funds were donated to Loma Linda University Medical Center’s emergency trauma center and used to purchase equipment and conduct research to help make motocross racing a safer sport. Since the first golf benefit five years ago Glen Helen has raised more than $415,000.

“We are very proud to participate in such a worthwhile endeavor, providing new technology and emergency care facilities to motocross riders,” said Bud Feldkamp, chief executive officer, Glen Helen Raceway.

“We are especially thankful to our sponsors: Yamaha, GE Commercial Dist. Finance, McKesson Healthcare, American Suzuki Motor Company, Motosport Outlet, The Garage People, Team Samsung/Radio Shack, 661-Sunline, Motorcycle Industry Council, Renthal, BikeBelletz.com, Red Bull, JZ’s Party Charm, Hansen’s Monster Drinks, Maui Jim’s, Dutton Motors, Lexus of Riverside, Jamex, LLU Catering, and LLUMC.”

“We are extremely grateful to Glen Helen, Chaparral, Racer X and event sponsors for supporting the cause of emergency trauma care services,” said William A. Wittlake, MD, chair of the department of emergency medicine, Loma Linda University Medical Center.

“Funds raised to date have allowed us to conduct emergency trauma research and develop a mobile first aid station and transport unit. This unit has become a useful addition to existing medical care at race tracks, off-road recreational areas, forest fires, search and rescue operations, county fairs, and rodeos.”

Motocross champions who participated in the event included Phil Lawrence, Kent Denmark, MD, pediatric emergency department physician, warms up on the driving range before the tournament.

Michael Byrne, David Pingree, Mike Healey, Grant Langston, Mike Tripes, Tom Hofmaster, and Paul Lindsey.

Congratulations to the tournament winners:

1st Place—Team Renthal
Shawn Norfolk, David Kusser, Ted Studdard, Mike Tripes
2nd Place—Motorcycle Tires and Accessories West
Jason Williams, John Edwards, Ron Sims, Ken Faught
3rd Place—Team RacerX
Davey Coombs, David Pingree, Michael Byrne, Danny Dobey

Cynthia Greber volunteers at the registration booth before the tournament begins.

Brett McPherson, RN, nurse manager for the emergency department, participates in the Glen Helen golf tournament.

FACULTY NOTES

Mark G. Haviland, PhD, professor of psychiatry, School of Medicine, had his Observer Alexithymia Scale (which measures the experience and expression of emotion) translated into Chinese. Psychometric data were presented in August by his Chinese colleagues at Central South University, China, in an article concerning the Scale (which measures the experience and expression of emotion) translated into Chinese.
**School of Dentistry focuses on disaster preparedness**

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During a September staff meeting Nancy Pulliam, disaster preparedness chair, tells School of Dentistry employees what to include in an emergency survival kit.

Mary Hartwell, dental clinics manager, receives the vest she earned by becoming certified as evacuation director.

During a disaster, the exit coordinators can be recognized by their bright yellow vests.

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At the jacketing ceremony for the physician assistant (PA) program, department of cardipulmonary sciences, School of Allied Health Professions, the class of 2006 proudly dons their white coats. The 26-member class, faculty, friends, and family gathered October 7 to honor the incoming students as they begin the two-year course. After the keynote address by Gail Rice, EdD, professor of physical therapy, School of Allied Health Professions, each student was called on stage to receive his or her white jacket. Friends, family members, or PA faculty members assisted in the symbolic ceremony by helping students into the coats. The class then recited the PA pledge, dedicating themselves to their studies and profession.

**Physician assistant students receive jackets**

The re-entry team, led by Chuck Yetter, director, dental maintenance, marches in to demonstrate a rescue.

The re-entry team evaluates a “victim” of a fallen wall.

Kena Shaddox (seated, second from left) played a person scared after a disaster. She is reassured by comfort team Michelle Arambula (left), William Loveless, Joy Pastor, and Joni Stephens.

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SPH professor’s book hits bookstores

Barbara Anderson, DrPH, chair and professor of global health, SPH, recently got her second book, published. Reproductive Health: Women and Men’s Shared Responsibility debunks the common misconception that reproductive rights are synonymous solely with women’s health. Instead, Dr. Anderson proposes that both men and women should be involved in reproductive health, and that their involvement should be accompanied by support from the community and governed by human rights and social justice.

“The global agenda of shared responsibility for the reproductive health of men, women, and children is heartening,” shares Dr. Anderson. “Global chaos affecting millions makes one wonder if reproductive health for all can ever become a reality. A mandate for ensuring the reproductive health of our world is responsible for ensuring the reproductive health of our world is a mandate for ensuring the reproductive health for all.”

“The book also addresses: • global action and advocacy, sexuality, family decisions, and factors undermining reproductive health; • highly controversial contemporary issues such as assisted reproductive technology, birth control, selective abortion, and genital mutilation; • the premise that reproductive health is also about men, the young, the aging, homosexuals, refugees, the disabled, and the infertile; and • widely divergent cultural and societal factors, and the community-based solutions are necessary to support the wide range of persons needing reproduction health services.”

Reproductive Health: Women and Men’s Shared Responsibility can be purchased at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

Orthopaedic group attends ISTA-2004 meeting in Rome

This past September, Ian Clarke, PhD, and Sharon Brown, both from the department of orthopaedics at Loma Linda University Medical Center, attended a four-day scientific and clinical meeting held in the historic city of Rome. This was the 17th meeting of the International Society for Technology in Arthroplasty (ISTA-2004).

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Last year, LLUMC faculty Dr. Clarke; Tom Donaldson, MD, director of the joint replacement center, Loma Linda University Medical Center; Allen Grantson, MD, and orthopaedic chair Chris Jobe, MD, organized the “ISTA-2003” conference, held in San Francisco. As the past president of ISTA, Dr. Clarke had the honor of transferring the role to Giorgio Gasparini of Catholice University Rome, Italy, department of orthopaedics and traumatology.

Sharon Brown, in collaboration with Dr. Donaldson, presented her research study on the mechanisms of damage seen on zirconia hip balls recovered at revision surgeries.
Orthopaedics department holds 6th annual total hip and knee workshop

Loma Linda University Medical Center's department of orthopaedics held the 6th annual total hip and knee workshop at Mammoth Mountain Resort September 9 and 10. Co-chairs of the workshop Tom Donaldson, MD, director of the joint replacement center at Loma Linda University Medical Center, and Ian Clarke, PhD, director of the implant tribology lab at LLUMC, hosted the two-day event. This year was the first meeting CME accredited and was also attended by the four major university systems in Southern California. The two-day meeting included more than 40 attendees. Distinguished faculty included Chris Jobe, MD, chair of the department of orthopaedics at LLUMC, and Harry Skinner, MD, chair of the department of orthopaedics at the University of California Irvine, helped provide key education at the workshop. Also attending this year were Harry McKellop, MD, director of the J. Vernon Luck Laboratories at Orthopaedic Hospital-UCLA and Ed McPherson, MD, director of the joint replacement services, orthopaedic department, University of Southern California. Special guest faculty included Paul Burton, MD, Jerry L. Petris Memorial VA Medical Center; Kevin Lester, MD, Fresno Orthopaedics; and Tim McTighe, PhD, executive director of the JSB Foundation in Florida. Two LLUMC senior residents, Brian Beardsley, MD, and Troy Dickson, MD, presented their research papers on limb salvage and biomechanics of the patella, respectively.

The small meeting format offered excellent access to the faculty during and after presentations, creating an atmosphere conducive to the educational experience. The residents voted this an extremely valuable workshop and requested a similar format in 2005. Dr. Donaldson noted after the meeting that such resident commendations made all his preparations worthwhile. He first launched this meeting six years ago to expose the orthopaedic residents to this kind of expert debate.

Faculty member Chris Jobe, MD (left), chair of the department of orthopaedics at Loma Linda University Medical Center, and guest faculty Harry Skinner, MD, chair of the department of orthopaedics at University of California Irvine, share a moment of quiet reflection during the workshop.

Carmen Ashford and Fred Kasischke, DMin

Oakwood senior studies at LLU

School of Dentistry

The School of Dentistry welcomed Carmen Marie Ashford to Loma Linda for fall quarter, 2004. Ms. Ashford is currently a senior at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and is taking classwork with the first-year dental school applicants. The students spend a quarter studying at the School of Dentistry, then return to their own schools. Recently, Fred Kasischke, DMin, assistant dean for admissions, met with Ms. Ashford for a quick interview.

Q: How were you selected to be part of ESP?
A: I wrote an essay stating why I wanted to participate. I then gathered three letters of reference. Then I interviewed with the pre-professional advisory committee at Oakwood College, and was so delighted to be chosen.

Q: What sparked your interest in dentistry?
A: My dentist is an African-American female who has been a real inspiration to me. She told me I could do anything I set my mind to do, so I decided to become a dentist.

Q: What fears did you have about coming to LLUSD?
A: Earthquakes and the separation from my family. I also hated to give up the comfort of being a senior to come to a strange place where I knew no one. I also feared not having a car in Southern California.

Q: What have been the positives of being at LLUSD so far?
A: Everyone has been so friendly. Dr. Hooker's [William Hooker, PhD, MFCC, associate dean, student affairs] office has been supportive and so have the students I have met. I really enjoyed a seminar with Shirani Chand, PhD, and the time I have spent in Dr. Alan Woodson's [a 1987 graduate of the School of Dentistry] office. I just feel so many people have embraced me and made me feel accepted.

Q: What are you expecting with your time at LLUSD?
A: I'm excited to be taking classes with the dental students and having the chance to learn what it is actually like to be in dental school.
Alan Nelson, MD, assumed the full responsibilities of the psychiatry chair on October 1.

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School of Medicine welcomes new chair to department of psychiatry

Alan Nelson, MD, began his new position as chair of the psychiatry department for Loma Linda University School of Medicine after a 10-day transition period under George Harding, MD, recently retired former chair.

A graduate of the School of Medicine class of 1979, Dr. Nelson did not envision himself returning to Southern California after 12 years of private practice in Carbondale, Colorado.

“I call it highly unusual to be back,” says Dr. Nelson. “But over the last year I’ve had the burden to get back into academics to pass on the learning I’ve received.” Dr. Nelson attributes much of his expertise to the special mentors he has studied with throughout his career and practice. Pioneers such as Richard Nies, PhD, in Glendale; Wil Alexander, PhD, at Loma Linda during his education as a medical student; and Bill Wilson, MD, who stood at the forefront of Christian psychiatry at Duke Medical Center during his residency in psychiatry.

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