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For Clinical Laboratory Sciences

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The Way I See It...



Dr. Craig R. Jackson, Dean of Allied Health

...the School of Allied Health Professions is poised for a great future. There are a lot of things I can say attribute to our success. The first would be a faculty that is dedicated to their work and their students. I am fortunate to interact with such a determined set of individuals. Their love and enthusiasm for their work is contagious, as I'm sure you all know. These individuals have dedicated their lives to the future of this institution and for that, I can tell, our potential is endless.

Our students are another aspect of our exciting future. They have come on the Loma Linda campus poised to embark on this educational journey that you were a part of not so long ago. When I look at them, I can see the determination in their eyes. They are eager to learn and excited to see what the future holds for them. Their future is bright and I can't think of a better view from my office than the anticipation of

service that I see from the way they study, learn, and live at LLU.

One of the brightest stars in our future is you, the alumni. You make us proud! And to be quite honest, we brag about you. You are a prime example of what we think about when the word success comes to mind. Alumni are the culmination of our vision for the school. You have taught us what we need to do and how we need to do it. We can't imagine what we would be without people like you who support us in so many ways.

With such an exciting outlook on our future we can't help but celebrate it. This newsletter that you are reading is the first of many improvements to our communication with you. We realize that what happens in your department is very important to you, so we want to keep you updated with the inside scoop. Expect to read about students, faculty, and even stories of other alumni. We want to link you to the important happenings in the school and specifically your department. So, please take the time right now to read through this newsletter and catch up on the activities of your school. This is your opportunity to share in our celebration of the School of Allied Health Professions.

The future looks extremely bright, with lots of possibilities ahead – big possibilities. Like the song says, "We've only just begun."

Sincerely,

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An Extreme Makeover to the CLS Laboratory

“Forty years ago we [CLS department] moved into Nichol Hall, and I believe this lab has looked the same since that very day,” remarks Rodney Roath, MBA, MT(ASCP), Chair of the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences. “It’s about time we upgraded our lab.”

Spring break 2008 will be an exciting time in the CLS department. “We’re moving out!” says Roath. This move will allow engineers, architects and builders to demolish the lab and redesign a new state-of-the-art facility. This will provide the CLS department with a much needed makeover for current and future students to enjoy. Much like the old lab, the remodeled lab will have 24 student workstations, but that’s where the similarities end. The low ceiling will be raised bringing much more open space and light to workstations. All the new lab tables will be one-sided facing a new feature, a teacher workstation. This teacher workstation will be used by instructors to demonstrate different procedures and to assist students in their work. The station will include a digital whiteboard, DVD player, a Personal Computer (PC), a digital microscope, and many other features to aid instructors in their lectures and demonstrations.

“The student workstations are a real highlight of this remodeling project,” says Roath. Each student workstation will also be equipped with digital microscopes replacing the current microscopes that have been in the department for its 40-year history in Nichol Hall. Each student station will contain a PC that will be connected with the teacher workstation to allow for the displaying of any illustration by the instructors. Other features on the student workstations are

a sink with running water and drawers for equipment storage.



Current Student Workstations

Not only is the lab section impressive, but the renovation plan includes the remodeling of the research area, the chemistry/hematology room, and the microbiology work room. Each of these areas will be used for storage of chemicals and equipment for laboratory procedures. This newly organized space will allow instructors and students to be more efficient in their work and research. The addition of the store room which will be used for lab supplies is sure to be welcome to this new space. Currently, instructors have to walk down the hall to retrieve supplies for their lab.

Additional features of the lab include cameras for teleconferencing instruction.

“This renovation is something that is a great benefit to our program,” Roath comments. “Our students need this new space to assist them in their quest for scientific study. This new lab will keep them excited about science and enhance their learning.”

During the renovation, students and instructors will use the microbiology lab in the Alumni Hall for Basic Science on the main Loma Linda University campus.

1 Teri Ross, an Outstanding Faculty Member

Among the many talented and wise professors at the School of Allied Health Professions, Teri Ross, MS, MT(ASCP)SBB, CLS(NCA), stands out in the eyes of her fellow faculty and staff as an exceptional instructor and a great addition to the SAHP family. So much so, that she was recognized during the National Allied Health Professions Week in November 2007 as *Clinical Laboratory Sciences' Outstanding Faculty Member*.



Teri is the Phlebotomy Program Director and a CLS Instructor at SAHP. For the past eight years Teri has taught Immunohematology I, II, and III, which is the study of blood transfusion medicine. In August of 2007, Teri was moved from the Clinical Laboratory in the Medical Center to a full time residence in Nichol Hall. Teri will begin teaching Phlebotomy in the 2008 Spring quarter, but currently teaches Immunohematology I and II and the occasional lecture in Immunology.

Teri has two degrees from LLU, a BS in Medical Technology ('82) and an MS in Health Professions Education ('07). She also has a Specialist in Blood Banking Certification (SBB).

As a native of Arizona, Teri made the move to California to attend La Sierra University and then LLU. "I find teaching very rewarding and enjoy working with students and helping them to develop skills that they can use to become a healthcare professional," says Teri. Since CLS is one of those professions that works "behind the scenes" and is not well known, she has worked with Marketing and the Recruitment committee in CLS to try and change that. In an effort to raise awareness, many faculty have visited colleges and high schools to educate students about this field. As a result, the department's enrollment has steadily grown.

2 National Allied Health Professions Week

The celebration of National Allied Health Professions Week from November 4-10, 2007 was a resounding success! The focus of the week was to promote the celebration of allied health careers. This time was not only spent honoring health care providers working in the more than 200 unique allied health professions, but it was designed to raise awareness of the school, its uniqueness and influence on health care. This is only the beginning of celebrations recognizing contributions that allied health professionals make to the health care team.



3 Class of 1992 Summer Reunion

On Sunday afternoon, August 26, eight graduates of the Clinical Lab Science department got together at classmate Shawn Suchow's house in Redlands for their 15 year reunion. The afternoon was filled with family fun as the adults visited and their kids swam in the pool. As the fellowship went on into the evening they shared a wonderful Italian dinner together. Those who attended this get-together were Aaron Fletcher, Shawn Suchow, Melanie Agustin-Rumbaoa, Kathleen Haagsma, David and Dhobie Wong, Jim Kim and Gretchen Merrill.



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