

The Condenser



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Class of 2018 at their white coat ceremony in July 2016

WHITE COAT CEREMONY

By Kristoff Samm

Throughout recorded history, medicine has been a major pillar upon which human society has been built. Doctors carry out the act of healing by diagnosing, treating and preventing disease and society has always had a strong level of respect for it. Up until the late 19th century, medical professions would wear black as patients who had to be seen were generally already resigned to death. Black was considered to be a color associated with solemnity as depicted in the painting "The Gross Clinic" by Thomas Eakins. However, in the 20th century, medicine began to become more systematic, yielding reproducible results peaking with the advent

of antibiotics. Medicine had undergone a revelation and doctors wore white coats to treat their patients.

Dr. Arnold P. Gold, established the first "White Coat Ceremony" which served as a rite of passage for future medical professionals as they begin their careers treating patients in clinical situations. It was also meant to serve as a paragon of excellence in which the doctor would be expected to treat their patients to the best of their abilities and with fairness and respect.

In the dental arena, the "White Coat Ceremony" is relatively new. In the mid-1990s, while on a visit to the University of Michigan Medical School, our famed Dean Emeritus, Dr. Arthur Dugoni, stumbled upon a

ceremony that was taking place. Out of curiosity, he entered the room and observed the placing of "white coats" on the shoulders of the students. Inspired by this event, Dr. Dugoni decided to establish the "White Coat Ceremony" at the University of the Pacific and it was the first dental school in the United States to host one.

In recent years, the ceremony has been hosted at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco and is truly an auspicious occasion. The students of the second year DDS class, the first year IDS class and the first year Dental Hygiene class, are accompanied by their loved ones, to celebrate the fact they are transitioning to the world of treating patients.

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EVENT	DATE
FALL CARNIVAL	NOVEMBER 16
PRE-DENTAL DAY	DECEMBER 3
SANTA'S DELIVERY SYSTEM	DECEMBER 7
HOLIDAY PARTY	DECEMBER 7
PUPPIES DE-STRESS	DECEMBER 9

Come to our Fall Quarter events!

ASDA PENNY WARS

By Nischit Shah

We started from the bottom (with a penny), and now we are here - as a school we raised just over \$1000! ASDA's yearly Penny Wars fundraiser is a week-long interactive way to get students, faculty, and staff all involved in fundraising for a great cause. The rules are simple: donated pennies add points to a team while any other denomination will subtract points from a team. Many of our faculty and staff team came prepared with bottles and bags filled with pennies. Special thanks to Dr. Nate Yang, who made a very generous contribution and to the revered Dr. Art

Dugoni for contributing as well! Collectively, we were able to raise enough donations to fund a four-year position at a bank for two high schoolers. In addition to that great success, we were able to support suicide prevention. The donations from our last day honored the memory of one of our classmates, and we were able to raise over twice our goal for Dugoni Family - Team Zane! It is always great to see the Dugoni spirit trickle all the way down from faculty to the first year DDS students. Another successful effort by our ASDA members, with more great events like these are on the horizon.



Faculty getting competitive in penny wars.

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35 YEARS AT UOP!

An Interview with Patient Robert Kellman

By Joseph Hourany

When did you first become a patient at the University of Pacific and why?

"I first became a patient back in 1981 primarily for economic reasons. The economy wasn't great back then, not that it is much better now, and I was living paycheck to paycheck. I don't remember exactly how I learned about the school, but I'm glad I did because it's saved me a lot of money. I've tried to save money when I can and that's why I was able to retire early and just recently celebrated my 22nd year of retirement."

What is it about the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry that has convinced you to stay a patient here for so long?

"UOP always offered great value and great patient care. My very first student dentist, Ken, was really good at what he did, if he wasn't I wouldn't have stayed a patient there. But most of my other student dentists were really good too. Also the work I've had done there has lasted the test of time and I've grown to really trust my student dentists. In fact, I still have a gold foil that's been there since the early 80's that Ken did. You guys don't even do those anymore. I also loved volunteering for boards and getting free dental work done haha."

How many student dentists have you had, and who was your favorite?

"I know I've had more than 25 over the years, but I've lost count to be honest. I don't know if I could pick a favorite, but I'll tell you this, there was one student I used to go have a beer with after every appointment. His name was Ron and he was my 3rd student dentist. I really bonded with him and he felt more like a friend than my dentist."

What are some changes you've seen over the years that you like?

"I really liked it when they started using gloves! I still remember having the taste of cigarettes in my mouth from my dentist's fingers! That wasn't pleasant. I also never liked those rubber dam things either so I really appreciated when the school started using the Isolites."

Any changes that you haven't liked?

"Honestly, I don't like the way the new school is set up with the chairs facing the walls. I liked it when they used to face out. Now I feel like I'm in a closet."

Any words of advice for dental students or faculty?

"I always appreciated it when my student dentist would send me a letter in the mail with their business card and photo to introduce themselves. Some even included a photo of them and their family and it felt very personal. Also, meeting your patient or dentist for the first time is going on a first date. You gotta leave a good impression and communicate to build rapport with one another. Also, when you're dealing with a patient who's been there for a long time like myself, we know how long a 'minute' is when you say you're going to go get a faculty member and you'll 'be back in a minute.' Sit the patient up haha."