



# The Condenser

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The Condenser is now the official publication of not only Pacific Dugoni ASDA, but the ADEA and CDA student chapters as well!

## Upcoming Events:

- 1/11/12 @ 1PM: Lunch and Learn with Pacific Dental Services discussing career opportunities
- 1/12/12 @ 1PM: Lunch and Learn with Eagleston Financial on avoiding common financial mistakes made by dentists
- 1/28/12: Over the Hump for the DDS Class of 2013
- 2/13/12 @ 1PM: Lunch and Learn with MedPro where they will discuss malpractice insurance

\*Keep checking your email inboxes for more great events!

## ADPAC Week

ASDA's ADPAC Week was October 17-21st and was more successful than it's been in years. If you didn't know what ADPAC was at the start of this year, you hopefully do now, but if not: the American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC) is the legislative branch of the ADA that supports "dental friendly" legislators. ASDA leaders made an extraordinary effort to market ADPAC and to promote political awareness on our campus. "It's very important for us to have a say in the policies that are shaping our profession. Contributing to ADPAC is one way for students to do this," commented Ivan Chicchon, ASDA's Legislative Liaison.

Over 80 students signed up as ADPAC members, roughly 20% of the student body, surpassing goals and setting high hopes for future years!

## Pacific's First Bone Marrow Donor Drive

Linh Tran (DDS 2013) organized a very efficacious drive with ASDA, SCOPE, and AADP (Asian American Donor Program) October 10 & 11. 65 students, faculty, and staff were signed up for the National Donor Registry.



Linh was inspired to bring a drive to Pacific for very personal reasons. In her own words: "In 2007 my college roommate, Michelle, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia at the age of 25. In response to her illness my friends and I created Project Michelle in San Francisco where we hosted numerous bone marrow drives recruiting over 18,000 minorities for the National Marrow Donor Registry. In the process we found matches for 4 patients; unfortunately Michelle never found her match and passed away in 2009."

Marrow transplants require matching certain genetic tissue traits of the donor and the patient. A patient's most likely match is within their own family, unfortunately this doesn't work for 70% of pa-

tients and they must find a match from an unrelated, willing donor. While the probability of finding a match for a Caucasian individual is 1 in 15, the odds for a minority patient are closer to 1 in 20,000 (0.005% chance).

Future goals are to integrate the opportunity for patients in our clinic to become a part of the registry. This would enable possible registrants to learn more about marrow donation and increase the donor pool for people like Michelle.

The registration process is simple: 4 cheek swabs. The donation process has also become a lot easier (and less painful) than ever before.

There is a possibility of another registration drive in the Spring and there will definitely be another one next Fall. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help with the logistics of the drive, Linh for bringing this great opportunity to Pacific, and to everyone who took the time and made the commitment to join the registry.



## Clinton Global Initiative—Be a Part!

Each year Pacific sends 15 students to represent our campus at the Clinton Global Initiative University in Washington. Each CGI member creates a Commitment to Action - a concrete plan to address a major global challenge. Commitments can be small or large, global or local. No matter their size or scope, commitments help CGI members translate practical goals into meaningful and measurable results. CGI works with each member to develop an

achievable plan, and members report back on the progress they make over time.

Congratulations to Linh Tran for representing Dugoni at CGIU this past year! Her Commitment was focused on raising awareness around bone marrow donation—see page 1 to learn more about her success.

Applications for the Clinton Global initiative are due Dec 21. Apply at: <http://globalctr.org/855/>

## SCOPE:

### Reaching out

Student officers of SCOPE (Student Community Outreach for Public Education), along with several UOP faculty members and students of the DDS and IDS classes, have been graciously donating their time and skills to improve oral health care for people in San Francisco and surrounding communities. Since July, they have participated in a wide variety of ways such as oral health screenings at health fairs, dental procedures through Project Homeless Connect, intake and assisting for Dentistry from the Heart, and staffing the bone marrow registration drive. That's just the beginning - SCOPE will really swing into full gear in 2012, with dozens more events currently in the planning phase. If you are interested in volunteering for a worthy cause, please periodically check for updates to the SCOPE Volunteer Event Calendar on the UOP web page.

## DPLI: Dugoni Practical Leadership Initiative

DPLI is working hard again this year bringing fabulous speakers in to share their experiences and expertise with us all.

sharing his experiences working in public health, Dr. Paul Subar discussing hospital dentistry and special care clinics, and Dr. Paul Glassman informing all of us on the research he does in community services.



The first core event took place on November 16 and was all about learning how to lead while staying true to one's own personality attributes and traits. Dr. Kachalia led a lively discussion

and group/self-exploration exercise.

We held our second core event: "Playing the Field: Beyond Private Practice" earlier this week on November 29. This evening brought together Dr. Brad Morris talking about military dentistry, Dr. Eric Salmon

We're off to a great start and would love for you to join us for a future event. Everyone is welcome to any event regardless of whether you plan on completing the program. Continue to check your inbox for updates!

Have something you'd like to share?

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