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## New Campus Gets State-of-the-Art Touches

Preparations continue for March 7 dedication and July grand opening

Like its neighbors in the tech hub of San Francisco's South of Market neighborhood, Pacific Dugoni is taking a high-tech approach to its facilities.

A state-of-the-art Simulation Laboratory under construction at the 155 Fifth Street campus will be a place first-year students will get to know intimately as they practice hand skills, learn about materials and bond as a class. Fortunately, students who spend so much time in the pre-clinical space will have a world-class lab filled with light and learning opportunities.

The Sim Lab will feature cutting-edge technology developed out of the school's partnership with KaVoKerr Group, one of the world's leading dental manufacturers. The simulators feature custom-designed mannequin heads engineered to provide a more life-like experience for students.

In fact, the Dugoni School will be the first dental school in the world to use the simulator heads. The school and KaVoKerr Group hold a co-patent on the mannequin heads, which were designed from concept through production with extensive input from the school's faculty.

"Students will now have a mannequin that has life-like eyes, ears, nose, tongue and detailed soft tissues in addition anatomically correct teeth," said Dr. Parag Kachalia, Vice Chair: Simulation, Technology and Research, and Associate Professor of Reconstructive Dentistry in the Department of Integrated Reconstructive Dental Sciences. "These features will allow students to feel as though they are treating a human being from day one and not just a tooth."



A view of part of the custom mannequin designed for Pacific Dugoni.



New equipment and upgraded technology is being installed this spring at 155 Fifth Street.

Chairs, cabinets and other equipment have been installed into operatories located on the second and third floors. Technology yet to be installed includes electric hand pieces, mounted microscopes in each operatory in the endodontic clinic, mobile microscopes and NOMAD hand-held portable X-ray units. The school will also expand the use of CAD/CAM technology, with a dedicated room featuring four machines.

The general clinics are designed as eight small-group practices where students and faculty will work closely together in a setting more closely resembling a private practice. Clinic floors feature suites for oral surgery, orthodontics, endodontics and pediatrics, as well as dedicated areas for special care and faculty practice.

Cameras will have the capability to broadcast video to seminar or huddle rooms, providing a way to extend learning opportunities beyond the clinic walls.

Technology will improve the patient experience as well. Patients will use interactive kiosks in order to more efficiently check in for their appointments.

Digital screens are being installed in learning spaces to provide convenient ways to display images, radiographs and other procedures. The small-group, case-based approach to learning is one hallmark of the Pacific Dental Helix Curriculum, which was a key consideration as school leaders planned the new campus.

**"We are excited to be able to offer new technological tools for teaching, learning and patient care as part of this new, world-class facility." – Dean Patrick J. Ferrillo, Jr.**



A rendering shows a sample station in the new Sim Lab. (rendering by SmithGroupJJR)

Study spaces and communal areas are also getting finishing touches. Crews are working hard on carpeting, painting, way-finding signage and the installation of digital screens for internal communications.

There is still much work to be done to get the building ready for July when classes and clinics move to the new campus.

"Innovation and leadership are two of our school's core values," said Dr. Patrick J. Ferrillo, Jr., Dean of Pacific Dugoni. "We're excited to offer new tools for teaching, learning and patient care as part of this world-class facility."

Of course, all the technology in the world won't create a world-class dental school. But when you combine our talented people with the latest tools to help them learn and care for patients, it's a powerful combination.

The tremendous generosity of school supporters is fueling the project's success. For those interested in showing support, naming opportunities are available throughout the building. For details, contact Jeff Rhode, Associate Dean for Development, at 415.749.3349 or jrhode@pacific.edu.



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## You Are Invited to Celebrate Pacific Dugoni's New Home!

If you are visiting San Francisco for the 115th Annual Alumni Meeting, there are several special events taking place to celebrate the dedication of Pacific Dugoni's new home. We hope you'll join us!

### 155 Fifth Street Dedication Ceremony and Reception

Friday, March 7

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Attendees will include the Board of Regents, President Eibeck, the University of the Pacific three-city community and civic leaders. All Pacific Dugoni students, faculty, staff and alumni who are in town for the Alumni Weekend are also invited. Please RSVP by emailing [dedication@pacific.edu](mailto:dedication@pacific.edu).

### Legacy Ball

Saturday, March 8

7:30 pm – 11:30 pm

Honoring our school's spirit of philanthropy and celebrating the new campus, the 2014 Legacy Ball will be held at 155 Fifth Street. Enjoy food, music, dancing, an open house and more. Join the party by purchasing a ticket for the Legacy Ball today! Ticket information is available online at [dental.pacific.edu](http://dental.pacific.edu).

### Farewell Brunch at 2155 Webster Street

Sunday, March 9

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

All alumni registered to attend the alumni weekend are invited to a farewell brunch at 2155 Webster Street for an opportunity to visit the school one last time and relive memories of the Pacific Heights campus. Pacific Dugoni students, faculty and staff are also welcome. Please RSVP in advance by emailing [jfox@pacific.edu](mailto:jfox@pacific.edu).

Please RSVP for these events by February 21.

To register for the Alumni Meeting, please visit [dugonionline.org](http://dugonionline.org) or contact the Alumni Association office at 415.929.6423.

## Dixon Scholarship Award Honors IDS Students

Thanks to support from generous donors, two International Dental Studies (IDS) students were recently honored by the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry for their exemplary work and community involvement. Drs. Jignesh Parmar and Zhanna Konovalenko, both members of the IDS Class of 2014, were presented with the 8th Annual Dr. F. Gene and Rosemary Dixon Scholarship Award acknowledging their achievements during their first year in the dental school's IDS program. Each will receive a check for \$5,472 during graduation.

The Dixons, longtime donors and friends of the dental school, created the Dr. F. Gene and Rosemary Dixon IDS Endowment in Spring 2005 to provide scholarships for international dental students at the Dugoni School. Recipients are selected based on demonstrated leadership qualities and academic accomplishments made during their time in the IDS program.

Dr. Yuly Vilderman, an alumnus from IDS class of 1993, also contributes generously to the Dixon IDS Endowment. His additional funding was instrumental in making the student scholarships the largest to date.

Dr. Jignesh Parmar earned his dental degree in India from the S.J. Dental College and Hospital in Chitradurga, Karnataka, India. In his time at the Dugoni School, he has been involved with many student groups including the American Student Dental Association (ASDA), in which he serves as a representative for his class. Parmar was responsible for organizing the largest ever Bridge Builders event in May 2013, which is an annual celebration of the cultural diversity at the dental school and gives students, faculty and staff a chance to share their cultures and backgrounds with others.



From left: Dean Patrick J. Ferrillo, Jr., Dr. Zhanna Konovalenko, Rosemary Dixon, Dr. Jignesh Parmar and Dean Emeritus Arthur A. Dugoni

Dr. Zhanna Konovalenko received her dental degree from the Charles University in Prague, First Faculty of Medicine in Prague, Czech Republic. Since joining Pacific, she has been heavily involved in the California Dental Association (CDA), serving as a class representative and a delegation member. Konovalenko received an Honorary Mention at the CDA conference last April. In addition to her work with the CDA, she is also a member of the Associated Student Body and actively volunteers at Student Community Outreach for Public Education (SCOPE) events.

IDS students hold dental degrees from schools outside the U.S., but need accreditation to practice in the United States. By completing the IDS program at the Dugoni School, students earn a U.S. Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and eligibility to sit for any state or regional dental board in the country. The two-year accelerated program is very popular, receiving more than 650 applications and enrolling just 22 students in July of each year.



From left: Rosemary Dixon, Dr. Pat King



## Giving Back: Project Homeless Connect and CDA Cares

### Pacific Dugoni celebrates fifth year of providing dental services and supporting smiles



More than 125 homeless individuals in San Francisco and thousands of underserved people in San Diego received the gift of oral healthcare this holiday season thanks to student, faculty, staff and alumni volunteers.

In Northern California, at San Francisco's Project Homeless Connect (PHC) Dec. 11 event, volunteers provided free dental screenings to homeless individuals at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium. More than 125 PHC clients received screenings, triage and referrals. Selected individuals received treatment at three public health clinics in the city, including Pacific's Oral Surgery Clinic, which treated approximately 40 people who were brought to the school by van service. More than two dozen PHC clients were enrolled in the Pacific Dugoni - PHC Denture Program, which provides dentures for clients in need. Overall, PHC provided a variety of health services and resources to approximately 1,800 people throughout the day.

The Dugoni School has been a lead provider of dental services at PHC for the last five years. PHC takes place in San Francisco several times each year. Homeless individuals receive free medical and dental care, mental health services, haircuts, employment and legal counseling, food and other services.

In Southern California, several faculty members joined with Pacific alumni from throughout the region to volunteer at CDA Cares in San

Diego. Dentists, hygienists, lab technicians and others gave up their weekend to assist at the event, held Dec. 7-8 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. People started gathering outside the fairground on Friday even though clinic doors did not open until Saturday morning.

Approximately 1,700 volunteers, including 900 dental volunteers, provided \$1.62 million in dental care to 2,203 individuals.

The Alumni Association hosted a gathering for alumni and school volunteers in town for the event.

"Pacific Dugoni Cares' was the theme of our reception and it highlighted the tremendous volunteerism and philanthropy that are hallmarks of our alumni," said Dr. Cheri Howell Reynolds, a member of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

According to the California Dental Association, an estimated 10 million Californians experience barriers to dental care. To find out more about CDA Cares, including how to volunteer at an event on April 25-26 in Vallejo, Calif., visit [www.cdafoundation.org/cdacares](http://www.cdafoundation.org/cdacares).

The Alumni Association will host a "Pacific Dugoni Cares" reception for alumni involved in the CDA Cares event in Vallejo. Details will be announced closer to the date.



Dr. John Muller, Dr. Cheri Howell Reynolds, Dr. Cindy Lyon and Elena Francisco, RDH at CDA Cares in San Diego



## Support our People and Programs!

Do you have an interest in giving back and supporting the success of Pacific Dugoni and its people and programs? The school's Development team is available to answer questions and guide donors through a range of exciting philanthropic initiatives and priority projects. Contact the team at 415.929.6431 or go to the school web site at [www.dental.pacific.edu](http://www.dental.pacific.edu) and click on "Support the School." Thank you for supporting continued excellence at Pacific Dugoni!



# Reunion Class Gifts Showcase Spirit of Philanthropy

Is your class celebrating a reunion in March during the 115th Annual Alumni Weekend? If so, don't forget to support your class gift by donating to the Pacific Dugoni Annual Fund. Classes compete for the honor of six awards including:

**Boxton Bowl**— the largest Reunion Class Gift

**Dugoni Bowl**— highest percentage of a class in the Endowment & Legacy Society

**McDowell Bowl**— the largest gift to the Pacific Dugoni Annual Fund

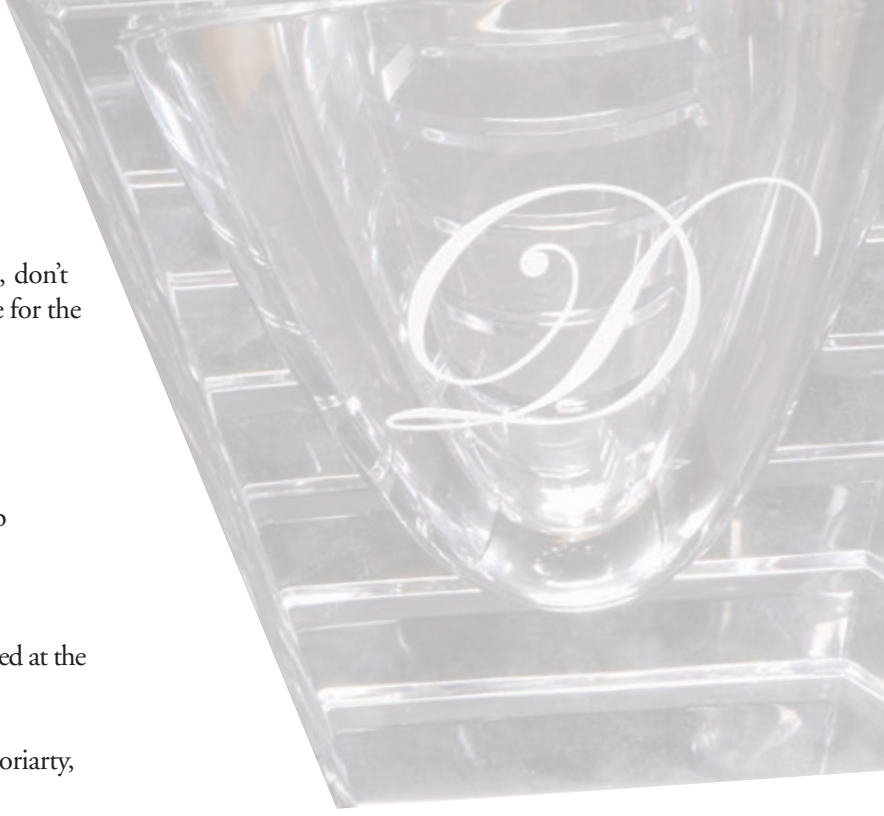
**Redig Bowl**— highest percentage of a class in the Pacific Dugoni Annual Fund Leadership Club

**Sloman Bowl**— highest percentage of a class attending reunion

**Tocchini Bowl**— highest percentage of a class participating in the Class Gift

Make a five year pledge and your total commitment will count towards your class check being presented at the Recognition Luncheon on March 7.

To make your gift, visit our secure online giving page at [www.dentalgifts.org](http://www.dentalgifts.org) or contact Molly Moriarty, Annual Fund Manager, at 415.929.6402 or [mmoriarty@pacific.edu](mailto:mmoriarty@pacific.edu).



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## Annual Fund Supports Student Learning Experiences Faculty cross training, other initiatives become reality thanks to donor gifts

Each year, thanks to donations from generous supporters to the Pacific Dugoni Annual Fund, the school undertakes a special project to enhance the vision and mission of the school. This year the focus is on enhancing the student and patient experience through faculty cross training and administrative reorganization.

Faculty members are expanding the number of procedure types they teach and grade by attending weekly cross-training sessions. As the school's clinics move into the group practice model of education, the need for faculty to teach a wider range of procedures was identified early on.

The group practice model intends to further personalize education for students and provide higher quality care to patients by reflecting as closely as possible the way most private practice dental clinics are run today.

Previously, faculty members were assigned to a specialty and only taught within that subject — the result was that they “floated” around the whole clinic area of 141 chairs. Now, faculty members are dedicated to one of eight student groups, which are established from the first day a student is on campus. Each student group is assigned an area in the clinic where they see patients all year. Having dedicated faculty to each clinic group means faculty teach in a variety of subject areas based on the patients being seen in their clinic group that day. The result: a closer teaching/learning relationship

between professor and student, and a more personal treatment experience for patients. When the school opens its new building in July, clinic spaces will be much more clearly defined and separated than they are presently, making the need for dedicated faculty to be well versed in a wide range of procedures even more evident.



In addition to supporting faculty cross training, the Pacific Dugoni Annual Fund is being used to enhance the patient experience this year by providing more direct access to staff over the phone and attempting to decrease the waiting time to receive treatment. Other improvements are currently being evaluated and identified, and will continue to be implemented as the clinic moves operations to the new building.

These enhancements made possible by the Annual Fund will maintain Pacific Dugoni's position as a leader in dental education. Further, it will ensure that students receive the best education and

patients receive the best care possible. Donors to the Annual Fund are partners with the school, and are demonstrating their desire to uphold high-quality, personalized dental education.

Those interested in supporting the Pacific Dugoni Annual Fund should visit [www.dentalgifts.org](http://www.dentalgifts.org) to make an online gift. For more information, contact Molly Moriarty at 415.929.6402 or [mmoriarty@pacific.edu](mailto:mmoriarty@pacific.edu).