

# Dental Hygiene Program

Riverside Community College

## Greetings and Updates

Greetings to all RCC Dental Hygiene Alumni! It has been some time since we've had a newsletter so this newsletter is an update on the happenings of the RCC Dental Hygiene Program.

The 2008-2009 year has been a wonderful and exciting time for the program. On June 11, 2009, the program graduated 21 students. This is the largest class to graduate in the history of the program. The celebration included

the acknowledgement of another 100% pass rate on the Dental Hygiene National Boards. Everyone was thrilled with the outcome of the National Board Examination.

This year was the first year for the Ethics and Law portion of the California Dental Hygiene State Board Examination

to be given on-line. The outcome of this was that the graduates were not able to schedule this portion of the exam until after August 8, 2009. The clinical portion of the exam was taken at the University of Southern California, School of Dentistry, on July 10 and 11.



Class of 2009

The Class of 2011, the incoming juniors, were selected and have started their fall semester. We are very excited for this year and wish them a successful 2009-2010 year. The Class of 2011 is the seventh class to be admitted into the program. It seems like just yesterday that we welcomed the Class of 2005. Where

has the time gone?

The Dental Hygiene Program will be getting a new home in the near future. The current March Dental Education Center (MDEC) and the adjacent hospital will be demolished and a health campus will be built in its location. Our new

home will be located on the corner of Cactus Avenue and Riverside Avenue. Our projected move date is late 2010.

The program has been fortunate to receive multiple grants in the last couple of months, one being from the Riverside Community Health Foundation, that will support the purchase of a new dental chair and unit for each operator. This will mean that the new clinic will have state-of-the-art equipment.

## Greetings and Updates cont...

The Dental Hygiene National Board has finally been converted to an online format. As of July 2009, all individuals taking the Dental Hygiene National Board Examination must take it online. This is going to be an

interesting transition for students and the RCC Dental Hygiene Program. In order to prepare students to take an online, eight-hour test, many of the final exams will be converted to this format. Individuals often find that

reading on a computer is much different than reading from a hard copy. Therefore, our hope is that converting tests to an on-line format will allow them to get used to this format.

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# News and Events

## SAVE THE DATE

### Continuing Education Course

March 12, 2010, is our next continuing education fundraiser event. We hope that we see all of the alumni at this event. For more information on this event to be coming to you in January 2010.

## Faculty Updates

The program welcomes Linda Bushman, RDH, BS, as the third full-time faculty member in the program. Linda will take over the responsibility of junior clinic coordinator. She will be working closely with Nicole Snitker, senior clinic coordinator. All the alumni can rest assured that

### Moreno Valley Campus Accreditation Process

The Moreno Valley Campus is hosting a four-day accreditation site visit is on October 18 through October 22, 2009. If all goes as plans we will become the Moreno Valley College in 2010. This means that the graduating

class of 2010 may be the first graduating class from the Moreno Valley College.



the clinical component of the program is going to get stronger with the addition of Linda.

Denise Van Holland is expecting in November and we are thrilled that she is going to be a mother. We all wish her a quick and safe delivery.

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## Alumni, We Need Your Help

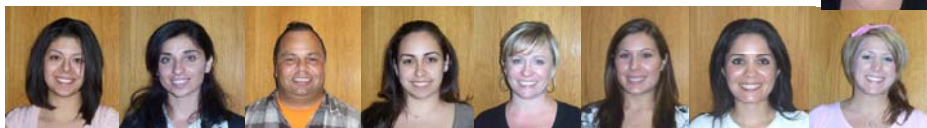
The program would like to ask the alumni to become actively involved in the Class of 2010 Table Clinic process. The students will start the process in the fall, which will include the selection of the topic and the research behind it. They will then put a mock Table Clinic board together in December.

We need your help! If you are willing to provide guidance and assistance to a member of the Class of 2010, please e-mail Donna Lesser at [donna.lesser@rcc.edu](mailto:donna.lesser@rcc.edu). We hope that we will have enough alumni volunteer that each member of the Class of 2010 will receive two mentors for this process.



“Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe you were meant to be.”

By George Sheehan



## Word from the Director

*Life at the RCC Dental Hygiene Program is never dull or stagnant. We are starting to prepare for our 2012 accreditation visit by reviewing all the documents, clinical evaluation tools, courses and their evaluation tools, and the overall outcomes of our alumni. I would like to encourage you to provide feedback. No one knows better whether the curriculum works or not than our alumni.*

*As RCC moves forward with the design of our new building, we are trying to anticipate the future of dental hygiene and design the interior accordingly. If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me.*