

Rethinking Education in the COVID Era

Education is changing rapidly in the COVID era. For the first time, LSUSD's Alumni Day program was held remotely. The day featured experts in the field of orofacial pain and lasted almost 7 hours. The event was a team effort from the LSU School of Dentistry Alumni Affairs and the Continuing Dental Education teams.

Live-streaming video conference CE enables dentists and hygienists in rural and small communities to easily and safely attend CE in the comfort and convenience of their homes or offices while minimizing time away from their practices.

According to Bob Leaman, LSUSD's CE Director, "Nationwide during 2020, we have seen the vast majority of continuing dental education courses convert from live, in-person CE courses to live-streaming CE courses; and we have also seen the number of "hands-on" participation courses available decrease significantly. During 2021, I believe we will continue to see a growth in the number of live-streaming video conference courses available as well as growth in the number of "hybrid" CE courses that are part online (either live-streaming or pre-recorded) and part live, in-person."

Upcoming Courses

NOV

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**14th Annual Clifton O. Dummett, Jr.
Memorial Lecture**

DEC

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**Last Chance Course;
Diagnostically Driven Dentistry**

JAN

15-18

Perio Review Course

Live-stream ONLY

Welcome to our New Post Graduate Directors

A two-time graduate of LSU Health School of Dentistry, Dr. Albert Fred McMullen was recently appointed as the Post-Graduate Director for the Department of Endodontics. Dr. McMullen Graduated from LSUSD with his DDS in 1987 and received his specialty in Endodontics in 1989.

Dr. Dale Misiak was appointed as the Post Graduate Director in the Department of Oral Surgery. Dr. Misiak joined LSUSD as a Professor in 1982. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut where he received his DMD. He completed his Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at LSU in 1982.

Welcome to New Faculty Members

In July, in the Department of Prosthodontics, Dr. Amir Nejat joined as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Nejat completed a Prosthodontics residency at LSUSD. He received his Master of Science in Dentistry from the University of Alabama in 2017, before that, he received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Mashhad Dental School in Mashhad, Iran.

Also in July, Dr. Jorge Perera joined as a Clinical Assistant Professor in Comprehensive Dentistry. Dr. Perera graduated from LSUSD with a DDS in 1990.

In August, Dr. Eswar Kandaswamy joined the LSUSD Periodontics department as an Assistant Professor.

Dr. Kandaswamy joins us from Ohio State University where he served as the Chief Resident in his Graduate Periodontics Class this year. He is a graduate of the Sri Ramachandra University in Chennai, India.