

ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

School of Dentistry

Graduates of the School of Dentistry organized the Alumni Association in 1957. Membership is extended to those who have earned degrees at this school. Student membership is extended to students of the school.

Primary purposes of the association are to promote the interests of the school, to secure unity among alumni, to foster alumni attachment to the alma mater, to enlist members as continuing participants in the association and as active participants in Christian activities and interests, to aid members in attaining to the highest ethical and scientific standards in the practice of their profession, and to aid in general charitable and educational purposes. Major interests of the association include:

1. Hosting the Alumni-Student Convention, including continuing education programs, class reunions, and spiritual events.
2. Advancing the Century Club. Members include alumni and others of the dental profession who contribute a qualifying amount annually to promote and support interests of the alumni and the school.
3. Preparing and distributing alumni and school news to faculty and staff members, students, donors, and alumni via the biannual *LLUSD Articulator* and continuous electronic media—such as, digital signage, social media, the Internet, and email communications.
4. Maintaining the online employment opportunities site where dentists and brokers can list practices for sale, associateships, and per diem positions. Students are regularly reminded to browse employment opportunities.

The School of Dentistry Alumni Association has made an ongoing commitment to students at the school by supporting a student loan fund and a scholarship endowment fund, both of which are administered by the University.

School of Medicine

Graduates of the School of Medicine organized an Alumni Association in 1915 when only two classes totaling 18 members had graduated. The organization has functioned continuously since that time. Membership is extended to alumni who have graduated with the Doctor of Medicine degree from Loma Linda University as well as to graduates of the American Medical Missionary College, operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Battle Creek, Michigan, from 1895 to 1910. Associate membership is extended to students of the School of Medicine, and affiliate membership is extended to faculty members who have earned degrees from other institutions. During the 1986–1987 school year, membership was extended to the basic science faculty.

Statement of mission and purpose

The Alumni Association provides opportunities for fellowship, scientific exchange, and continuing education among alumni and affiliates. The organization exists to serve the alumni, future alumni (the students), alumni missionaries, and the School of Medicine of Loma Linda University, while promoting excellence in worldwide health care.

CONNECT—For almost 100 years, the Alumni Association has been providing opportunities for members to connect with one another. Events such as the Annual Postgraduate Convention (APC), class reunions, and alumni trips help alumni strengthen bonds with each other. The

organization is always looking to improve and will continue to find meaningful ways to connect alumni.

CREATE—The Alumni Association aims to create a community where people work together for the greater good of humanity. Creativity thrives when alumni of similar goals, beliefs, and values combine their talents. Recently, this included creating several funds to support alumni missionaries' needs, the Emergency Student Fund for medical students facing unforeseen expenses, and the Paying It Forward scholarship—where alumni partner with the Alumni Association and the School of Medicine to provide 50 percent tuition scholarships for junior and senior students.

CARE—The Alumni Association is proud of the kind and caring hearts of Loma Linda University medical alumni. Their generosity extends beyond the hospital and clinic, and the organization wishes to thank each of its alumni for all they do to make the world a better place. The Alumni Association invites alumni to consider partnering with them to care for fellow alumni, students, and missionaries in both big and small ways so that their kindness may inspire others.

School of Nursing

The Loma Linda University School of Nursing Alumni Association (LLUSNAA) works through the School of Nursing. A board of officers and directors carries out the goals and ongoing activities of the association. New members are welcomed into the association at graduation. Associate membership may be extended to graduates of other accredited schools who are members of the profession in good standing, and who share the interests, ideals, and purposes of the Alumni Association.

Purpose

The purpose of LLUSNAA is to foster alumni unity, mobilize their support, and assist in an organized fashion to encourage continued interest in and commitment to the programs of the School of Nursing. The association promotes the missions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the School of Nursing, and the University. The goals of the association are to:

1. Promote communication among alumni of the School of Nursing.
2. Foster the advancement of education and science within the programs of the School of Nursing.
3. Support alumni nurses in mission programs at home and abroad.