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Despite a stiff competitive environment for external funding and a shift to more translational research, the revenue of Keck School of Medicine research grant funding has grown in recent years. More than doubling during fiscal year (FY) 2011, the Keck School received $248.3 million in grant awards—a 14 percent increase from FY 2010 and a 43 percent increase over the past four fiscal years (the largest four-year increase over the past 13 years). Other recent highlights include:

• Keck School plus its affiliates received $12.2 million in grant awards during FY 2011, representing a 13 percent increase over the previous year.

• Keck School affiliate Children’s Hospital Los Angeles received $2.4 million in grant awards at FY 2011 than at FY 2010.

Spencer’s primary care graduates who matched into certain primary care residencies.

April 12—Representation of the Donald B. and Doris H. Fishman Foundation celebrated the Keck School of Medicine in the annual event. From Spencer, with Foundation Trustees Donald B. and Doris H. Fishman and Keck School Dean Carmen Puliafito.

May 5—Dean Puliafito and USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center Director Stephen B. Gruber visited the Keck School.

May 12—Dean Puliafito met with Donald B. Gruber, president and CEO of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) during a visit to the Keck School of Medicine.

Oct 3—Dean Puliafito chats with Camillo Ricordi, of the Diabetes Research Institute at the University of Miami during the World Stem Cell Summit, an international gathering of scientists, business leaders, regulators, policymakers, advocates, academic-development officers and experts in law and ethics attended, discussing the latest scientific discoveries, business models, legal and regulatory solutions, and their practices.

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"Gruber is ideally suited to lead USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center," said University of Southern California foundation of the Keck School of Medicine.

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Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California
Bridging the Gap brings minority undergrads to Keck School on June 13 at the dean's home. summer program at a reception held in cancer care, I’ve really been looking for ways to optimize our continued from page 1 disparities and received formal instruction in basic physiology. Additionally, the students attended weekly seminars on health sciences last summer.

Dr. Richard Ford, Joyce Richey and Erin Offringa, director of Programs in the Keck School. “Through this program, very outstanding minority students, especially African students with the right Keck Sciences at USC. Offringa, director of Programs in the Keck School of Medicine brought 12 undergraduate students to the Health program’s opening day events with the Master of Public Health program, Keck School of Medicine’s Connect Program, and their year off doing research and clinical programs—and, organizers hope, to choose to pursue research and clinical programs—and, to choose to pursue.

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In his speech in the fourth Annual National Hispanic Health Foundation grant, Dr. Zlokovic, in a research leader, named professor and chair of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the Keck School of Medicine, effective Dec. 15. Zlokovic has also been named the director of the new Center for Neurodegeneration and Brain Vascular Disease.

Kathryn A. Puliafito, director of the USC Norris Cancer Center, who has been named the director of the University of California, Los Angeles Comprehensive Cancer Center, effective Sept. 26.

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Dr. Zlokovic returns to the Keck School after spending the past seven years at the University of California, Los Angeles Comprehensive Cancer Center, where he has been a leader in the field of cancer research.

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level for minority students, especially African American and Latino.


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Stephen Gruber comes to USC from the University of Michigan School of Public Health, where he has been professor of epidemiology since 1998, chair of the department of public health sciences and chair of the department of health policy and management. He said he always found it interesting that a Mexican

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Erich L. Chang, was named professor and head of the Department of Radiation Oncology at the Keck School of Medicine at USC, effective Sept. 20.

Gruber succeeds Peter Jones, who has led the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center since 1994 and earlier served as director of the Center for Cancer Research at the University of Miami Comprehensive Cancer Center, where he was the associate director for cancer prevention and control.

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The Watt Family Chair in Head and Neck Cancer was established by the Watt Family and recognized head and neck surgeon Uttam Sinha, born and raised in India, was a medical resident from 1991 to 1994. After he made a full recovery, Spencer and his wife, Nancy, realized they wanted to do something to make a difference. They decided to double the amount to establish the Watt Family Chair in Head and Neck Cancer.

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