



## First Friday.....May 4, 2012 (*IUSD Graduation edition*)

May is here and it is time once again for another edition of the IUSD Dean's Update to the dental school community. University Commencement and dental school pre-commencement exercises are only 1 week away on May 12 and 13th! With all these activities in May, the Kentucky Derby is this Saturday and the Indy 500 can't be far behind! Thank you for a productive academic year and come celebrate the success of all of our IUSD graduates on Commencement Weekend. Our journey continues to advance the Vision and Mission of IUSD to make *Indiana University School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

- **Competent IUSD Graduates – Our Role in Assuring the Public of Quality Care**

For about 130 years, IUSD has prided itself in preparing students to enter the independent practice of dentistry as competent graduates. At graduation, the public expects new dental graduates to be able to diagnose and treat a variety of dental conditions within the depth, breadth and scope of general practice. This is a major responsibility, and one we take very seriously. What does it mean to be "competent"? According to our national CODA accreditation standards, **Competent** means - *The levels of knowledge, skills and values required by the new graduates to begin independent, unsupervised dental practice.* IUSD, like all accredited dental education programs, has a set of institutionally defined and assessed **Competencies**. *These [competency] statements are written statements describing the levels of knowledge, skills and values expected of graduates.* Take pride in celebrating your achievements this year having prepared another graduating class of students to enter practice and thereby, assuring the public of quality care!

- **Code of Academic Ethics—Indiana University**

Indiana University has an extensive [Code of Academic Ethics](#) which outlines the roles and responsibilities for all members of the University community. As I reflect on ways that IUSD can build a more professional and civil climate, I recommend this time tested document to your reading. One of the benefits of my interim position as Executive Vice Chancellor is to read more extensively about the governance documents of IU. The Code states..*The central functions of an academic community are learning, teaching, and scholarship. They must be characterized by reasoned discourse, intellectual honesty, mutual respect, and openness to constructive change. By accepting membership in this community, an individual neither surrenders rights nor escapes fundamental responsibilities as a citizen, but acquires additional rights as well as responsibilities to the entire University community. They do not require the individual to be passive and silent. They do require recognition of how easily an academic community can be violated.*

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- **Applicability.** *The provisions of this Code apply to persons whose service to the University includes teaching, scholarship, librarianship, and academic administration. Such persons are referred to in the Code as "Academic Personnel." References in the Code to "Faculty" include tenured members of the faculty, librarians, and persons whose service to the University may lead to tenure.*
  - **PS:** On August 17<sup>th</sup>, IUSD will present a Faculty Workshop on Enhancing Professionalism so look for more details from Dr. Jeff Dean

- **Campus Facilities Update**

For those of you in attendance at the Town Hall meeting April 23<sup>rd</sup>, I was asked about the "rumor" that a dormitory would be built behind the dental school thus taking over more parking spaces, and I replied "not for many years to come." Well, I am apparently mistaken! I learned this Wednesday that there are 3 major campus facilities projects underway. First, most all have heard about the closure of the University Place Hotel and Conference Center and conversion of the guest rooms into dormitory rooms therefore adding over 530 rooms for on campus housing opening in June 2013. Second, the IUPUI campus is in the early planning of a new administration building to replace the metal building right next to the OHRI. Third, the campus is moving ahead to identify a private developer to build about 500 more dormitory rooms right behind the dental school along Vermont St. Estimated completion date is June 2014 so the rumor seems to be true.

- **Dean's Role as Interim Executive Vice Chancellor**

Soon after graduation, I will assume the role of interim Executive Vice Chancellor on the IUPUI campus to fill in with the departure of Dr. Uday Sukhatme who is leaving IUPUI to join Pace University. A search is underway for Dr. Sukhatme's replacement. I will retain my dental dean position, but limit my focus during the interim to more strategic and fundraising activities. This is a tremendous honor and an excellent learning opportunity to enhance my effectiveness as dental dean in the future. Click the link to learn more about the [EVC Office and Dean of Faculties Office](#)

- **IUSD & Kenya Dental School....ADA News Featured Article April 23, 2012**

Service learning is a strong component of the IUSD co-curriculum and certainly embraced by the IUPUI campus as an element of the RISE initiative (Research, International, Service Learning and Experiential). Tim Carlson and Karen Yoder continue their steadfast leadership in this regard. In the [April 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the ADA News](#) the history and plans for the emerging new dental school in Kenya are highlighted. The IU School of Medicine has maintained a presence in Kenya for over 20 years to support education, service and research. Bravo to Drs. Carlson & Yoder for this recognition for IUSD.

- **IUSD First Friday Factoid** (Source: ADA 2008-09 Survey of Dental Education volume 4 Curriculum)

IUSD has 4,641 hours devoted to the entire DDS curriculum broken down into 647 basic science, 3,229 clinical science, and 766 behavioral hours. Mean total instructional hours (all schools) 4,887.

Thanks to each of you for your dedication and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back next month with another edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.



-John

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