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First Friday

Dean's Update to the IUSD Community

ADEA President's Musing

Dr. Richard Valachovic has had a unique vantage point of dental education and research the past 22 years. As ADEA's chief executive officer in a time of association transition – from an organization primarily serving dental schools to a member-driven association representing the multiple communities within dental education – he has gained insights that have guided his stewardship during this period.

Dr. Valachovic offers 10 tips, captured in mantras, maxims, and musings over his career. He retires in June 2019.

1. Oral health is a national security issue.
2. The mouth really is a part of the body.
3. The face of dentistry is changing.
4. This year's graduates will still be practicing in 2060.
5. Success or failure in dentistry is measured in tenths of millimeters.
6. In today's world, you have to have an engaging smile.
7. Dental schools need to be part of the trunk of the academic tree.
8. If you've seen one dental school, you've seen one dental school.
9. Where you stand depends on where you sit.
10. Relentlessly pursue strategic alliances.

Read the article here: [Maxims, Mantras and Musings from My Time at ADEA.](#)

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Happy Anniversary IUSD – 140 Years Strong

In 1879, our Indiana forbearers formalized oral health care education in the state by taking the extraordinary step to establish a dental education program known as the Indiana Dental College. Dental education at the time was mostly preceptor-based. If you had an interest and paid the money, you would work in someone's dental office or "workshop" until you convinced that person that you knew something about providing dental care, which was mostly about pulling teeth. This is probably where the expression "like pulling teeth" originated.



IUPUI
1969 – 2019



School of Dentistry
1879 – 2019



Indiana University
1820 – 2019

HONORING THE IU BICENTENNIAL

By way of history, on October 1, 1879 – 20 days before Thomas Alva Edison introduced his lightbulb to the world – a small group of forward-thinking Indiana dentists shined a light of their own to bring Indiana out of dentistry's dark ages. In that year, the Indiana Dental College, with a roster of 22 mostly part-time teachers and six dental students, held its first day of classes in downtown Indianapolis. In 1925, Indiana University bought Indiana Dental College for a modest sum by an act of the Indiana State Legislature to become what we are today – the Indiana University School of Dentistry!

During the IU Bicentennial celebration (1820-2020), we are celebrating two other landmark events: the 50th year of the IUPUI campus and 140 years of Indiana's dental school. IUSD has a proud history, and our alumni and friends support us in so many different ways for which I am extremely grateful. Your continued dedication and commitment to improving the oral health status for Hoosiers and beyond inspires us to rededicate our efforts to become one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.

IUSD 140th Birthday Party Details

On Friday, April 12, from 3-5 pm, come join the fun and excitement as we celebrate 140 years at the dental school. History, storytelling, and cupcakes will highlight the afternoon. Contact [Carol Dill](#) or [Peppy Parsey](#) or call 317-274-7461 (Dean's Office) for more details.

FULFILLING *the* PROMISE

Dr. Tim Treat – ADA's Top 10 under 10

Each year, the American Dental Association conducts a competition called the "10 Under 10" Award. This award honors dentists who are making an impact on the profession less than 10 years after graduating from dental school. From more than 120 nominations, the ADA New Dentist Committee selected 10 dentists who rose to the top. Among the winners in this year's competition are dental educators, including our own: **Dr. Timothy Treat** from the *Indiana University School of Dentistry*. You can learn more about the winners [here](#).

IUSD Research Day 2019

The 27th annual IUSD Research Day welcomed Margherita Fontana, DDS, PhD, as our keynote speaker. Dr. Fontana is a tenured professor in the Department of Cariology, Restorative Sciences and Endodontics at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She is also a proud IUSD graduate, completing her PhD in dental sciences in 1996. Dr. Fontana has received research grants from the NIH, AAPD, Delta Dental, and private industry. In 2012, she received the prestigious Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers for her work on caries risk assessment in children. More than 90 posters and presentations filled the day, and we had visitors from The Ohio State University School of Dentistry. Special thanks to the IUSD Research Day planning committee, the mentors, and our sponsors, and congratulations to the student researchers recognized at the event.

CODA Updates

As IUSD continues its work on the CODA Predoctoral Self-Study (**IUSD site-visit September 15-17, 2020**), it is important to keep in mind some of the big picture items in dental accreditation. At the recent ADEA meeting, CODA staff provided an important update and orientation for programs like Indiana currently in the self-study phase of preparation. I recommend this presentation for those with a significant role in our accreditation process or for those who want to learn more: <https://www.ada.org/en/coda/site-visits/prep-for-dds-dmd-site-visit>.

Help the IUSD Library Get Better

Sean Stone, IUSD librarian, is asking us to share our ideas on the dental library! The anonymous survey will run until April 30, 2019. Take the survey: https://iu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bEnJJuiwqPY4oap

Progress! – Check out our [new IUSD website!](#)

Coffee and Donuts – Join us on Friday, April 5, from 7:30 to 9 am for the monthly First Friday school gathering. Complimentary coffee, donuts, and fruit will be served in the student lounge.

Upcoming IUSD Events

- April 10, 2019 – IU Day and Grider Cup Challenge to support the Dr. John N. and Lucy S. Williams Dentistry Scholarship.
- April 12, 2019 – IUSD's 140th Birthday
- May 9, 2019 – IUSD 2019 Graduate Awards Banquet
- May 10, 2019 – IUSD Graduation Convocation
- May 11, 2019 – IUPUI Campus Commencement
- June 15, 2019 – IUSDAA Alumni Dinner and Class Reunions, French Lick Hotel



Thanks to each of you for your dedication to 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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