



# The Practicing Academic

The Department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs  
(DPADP)



**“The Graduation Supplement”**

**May**

**2015**



**Chairman’s Corner:**

We had the Graduation party for the Periodontics Division on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Conrad Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. It was a truly remarkable event for all those who attended. We got to thank and appreciate the 3<sup>rd</sup> year residents for the time spent with us and celebrate their accomplishments with them and their families. Dr. Tsuyoshi Tanaka (2<sup>nd</sup> year resident) roasted the graduating class. Dr. Yusuke Hamada, graduating senior resident, roasted the faculty. It was a lot of fun. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year residents got to speak and reflect on their time spent in the Department. Dr. Rana Shahi’s mother, Dr. Farideh Amin (Periodontist) gave a very moving speech. Dr. Yusuke Hamada was recognized for all his work by being the recipient of the Henry M. Swenson Award for Excellence and Scholarship in Periodontology. Dr. Hamada was also the recipient of the inaugural E. Brady Hancock

Resident Award. Congratulations Dr. Hamada and all the graduating residents.

The food was great, the location was excellent. It was in all a perfect day. I thought I would include some of the pictures from the event as this captured much of excitement from the day. I hope that the alumni get to reflect on their day of graduation from our Department. I also hope it evokes good memories from time spent learning here at IUSD. Thank you.

**Class of 2015, I hope this photo documentation of your graduation party will always evoke fond memories of your time spent in the program. We wish you all the best as you move forward with your careers. Remember to live a life of balance, not forget that family comes first and I hope you serve as strong advocates for the Department, our school and our specialty.**

**A Photo Album of the Graduation Party for the Residents from the Class of 2015**



Dr. Rajkumar, Dr. Shahi, Dr. Blanchard,  
Dr. John, Dr. Dukka, Dr. Hamada



Dr. Venkatraman, Dr. Rajkumar, Dr. Shahi,  
Dr. de Bedout, Dr. Marlow, Dr. Dukka,  
Dr. Hamada, Dr. Ocampo, Dr. Tanaka,  
Dr. Kishimoto



Dr. John started the proceedings



Dr. Michael Kowolik, Executive Associate  
Dean spoke to the group.



Dr. Tanaka roasted the 3<sup>rd</sup> year residents. He  
was exceptional.



Dr. Hamada roasted the faculty. He spared no  
one.



Dr. Blanchard spoke



Dr. Rajkumar's turn to be 'roasted'!!!



Dr. Rana Shahi and her family! Dr. Shahi being 'roasted'!!



Dr. Hamada and his family along with Dr. Tanaka and his wife



Dr. Dukka feeling the 'roast'!!!!



Dr. Blanchard presenting certificates to Dr. Dukka's parents



Dr. Hamada with his family! A certificate was given to all the family member's in attendance. This is an IUSD Division of Graduate Periodontics tradition!!!



Dr. Farideh Amin made a very moving speech about her daughter and her appreciation of the faculty members



Dr. Rajkumar and her family



Dr. Rajkumar spoke



Dr. Shahi and her family



Dr. Dukka spoke



Dr. Shahi spoke



Dr. Hancock spoke



Diana Yates spoke



Dr. Hamada received the E. Brady Hancock Resident Award from Dr. Hancock



Dr. Shin spoke



Dr. Hamada received the Henry M. Swenson Award from Dr. Blanchard



Dr. Shin greets Dr. Hamada with great enthusiasm



Dr. Walters with Dr. Hamada



Dr. Hancock and Dr. Hamada



Dr. de Bedout, Dr. Marlow, Dr. Hamada



Dr. E. Brady Hancock Resident Award



Dr. Kishimoto, Dr. Rajkumar, Dr. Hamada



Dr. Hsu, Dr. Walters and husband, Kay Rossok and her mother in law, Diana Yates, Jaime Fields and Dr. John



Dr. Michael Kowolik, Dr. Joan Kowolik, Dr. Steven Blanchard, Jane Blanchard, Caryl Hancock, Dr. Brady Hancock, Dr. Liz Ramos



Dr. Ando, Dr. Shin and Dr. Hamada



Dr. Marlow (1<sup>st</sup> year Resident) and Dr. Hsu



It was a lovely event!!!



**Class of 2015**

**Dr. Yusuke Hamada, Dr. Bindu  
Dukka, Dr. Rana Shahi, Dr. Krithika  
Rajkumar**

**Not pictured, Dr. Navid Rashidi**

**Class of 2015, good luck, all  
the best to each of you.**