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First Friday

Dean's Update to the IUSD Community

ADA HPI First Quarter Publications

The ADA Health Policy Institute (HPI) is a thought leader and trusted source for data and research on critical issues affecting the U.S. dental care system. The selected links below highlight some of the publications released by HPI in the first quarter of 2016.

[The Oral Health Care System: A State-by-State Analysis](#)

[The Relationship Between Periodontal Interventions and Health Care Costs and Utilization. Evidence from an Integrated Dental, Medical, and Pharmacy Commercial Claims Database](#)

[Estimating the Cost of Introducing a Medicaid Adult Dental Benefit in 22 States](#)

[Physicians Dissatisfied with Current Referral Process to Dentists](#)

[Emergency Department Visits for Dental Conditions Fell in 2013](#)

All HPI reports are available [here](#).

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This weekend is the BIG EVENT of the academic year! May is University Commencement time, marking the end of one chapter and beginning of another for our outstanding 2016 graduating class — DDS, Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting, MSD and PhD. Just so happens that First Friday falls on the eve of IUSD Commencement Weekend ([click here](#) for graduation event details), and preparations are in high gear to celebrate this wonderful weekend with our students and their families and friends. We have a very special Commencement guest, Bob Leonard of IU Hoosiers and Indiana Pacers basketball fame, who will share his story about the impact of dental care on his career. This is a story you won't want to miss. You can check out a sneak [preview here](#). Congratulations to all! Educating students and creating new knowledge are the foundation of our efforts to make Indiana..... *one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.*

Communications within IUSD – Sending and Receiving the Message

I have been receiving feedback from the IUSD community through the dean's five-year review process that indicates faculty, staff and students want more clear communication, particularly related to changes within IUSD. I find it regrettable that people see this as a deficiency.

Nonetheless, in times of great change, which this is and will only accelerate in coming months, I will be even more diligent in communicating to the broader IUSD community. In addition to publishing the *First Friday Update* (now in its fifth year), I have held a monthly Town Hall meeting (at least 66 times), which is open to all. Since the arrival of Leslie Flowers, director of alumni communications, we have added the bi-monthly *News Bites* and periodic construction updates. The Office of Faculty Affairs publishes a monthly faculty newsletter available to all faculty and staff. Adam Smith, director of IUSD facilities, also has stepped up his communications about building changes. Please let me know what else we can do to improve. Communication is a two-way transaction, which requires **senders and receivers** to be active participants in the process. I hear you and invite you to listen and share your thoughts as we move forward!

Understanding the IUSD Building Renovation Project – Phase 1 and Phase 2

As the planning for the new pre-doctoral clinical building is moving ahead and construction begins later this year, several people have asked about the long-term direction of IUSD's clinical and research facilities (**Phase 1**). I think it would be helpful to outline again the **full extent** of our planning for the renewal of the Dentistry buildings. Given the huge magnitude of facilities in need of upgrading, we have broken the renovations down into smaller projects. Since my arrival in June 2010, we quickly divided the massive building renewal into **Phase 1 and Phase 2**. **Phase 1** is to construct new clinical facilities, which will be dedicated primarily for the DDS and endodontic graduate programs. Major space planning for **Phase 2** is already in the early stages and will focus primarily on the vacated third floor (Spring 2018) and research labs on the second floor. Much early **Phase 2** work has already been completed, including patient reception areas, two lecture halls (DS 114 and 115), SB05-IDA preclinical labs, the 4th floor multidisciplinary clinic and one new research lab on the second floor. We paid for these projects, about \$10M to date, *without state funds*. **Phase 2** planning will be an inclusive process, and I welcome your input.

FULFILLING *the* PROMISE

Phase 1: New Dental Building Design Approved; Construction Drawings Begin, Operatory Models

On Monday, April 25, we finalized the overall building design of the new dental building! Highlights of the final specifications: east parking lot location, 45K+ gross square footage, three stories tall, 125 clinical operatories, crawl space and a covered patient drop-off. The architects are making final detailed construction drawings to go out for bid. We are now turning attention to finalizing the clinical aspects of the building, including the detailed operatory layout. We plan to have full-size demos of several operatory designs available in June for viewing and comment by the broad IUSD community. We are still raising money for furnishings and equipment and invite those who would like to be part of this exciting new direction for IUSD to contact John Hoffman or Travis McDearmon at the dental school by calling 317-274-7461. Thank you for your continued support!

Phase 2 Building Project – Orthodontics Clinic Fundraising Kicks-off

The Orthodontics Clinic renovation on the second floor is an example of a Phase 2 project. At the recent American Association of Orthodontics meeting in Orlando, Fla., the IU Orthodontic Alumni Association reception was the site of another exciting announcement. Under the enthusiastic support of Dr. Antony Puntillo (DDS'91, Orthodontics'93) of Valparaiso, a devoted alumnus and part-time faculty member, we announced a fundraising campaign of at least \$1 million to renovate the Orthodontics Clinic in the existing building, as part of Phase 2 remodeling. Like all facilities projects since I have served as dean, this one will be privately funded by donors and the dental school. Dr. Puntillo envisions a high-technology clinic to better prepare our residents for providing clinical orthodontics in the 21st century. Thank you Dr. Puntillo for your leadership!

2015 School of Dentistry Engagement Report – IUSD is Highly Engaged

IUPUI reports annually on how faculty, students and staff impact and engage in the Indianapolis area and beyond, an essential component of the IUPUI campus strategic plan and our IUSD strategic plan. I am pleased to share with you the [IUSD 2015 Engagement Report](#), which shows IUSD is actively engaged in the community in a variety of areas, such as the Student Outreach Dental Clinic, Service Learning and Kids Club. Congratulations to our students, faculty and staff who are so committed to our broader community.

A Day in the Life of a Dental Student – Hosted by DDS Students May 14

Do you or someone you know have an interest in dentistry? The IUSD ADEA student chapter will be hosting an all-day event on Saturday, May 14, to help prospective students determine if dentistry is the right fit. The day focuses on facilitating a hands-on learning environment surrounding the clinical applications of dental school in the state-of-the-art pre-clinical simulation lab. In addition to talks, this richly interactive session will give prospective dental students a good look at dental education. Registration information is available [here](#). Thanks to our energetic ADEA students for hosting this outstanding spring event.

First Friday Coffee & Donuts

Please join me Friday, May 6, from 7:30 to 9 am in the Student Lounge. Complimentary coffee, donuts, and fruit will be served.

Upcoming IUSD Events

- o Saturday-Sunday, May 7 & 8 – IUSD pre-commencement and IUPUI Commencement: Indiana Convention Center (Saturday) & Lucas Oil (Sunday)
- o Sunday, May 8 – IUSD Awards breakfast, Lucas Oil Stadium
- o Saturday, May 14 – IUSD Dental Day (Prospective student interactive session)
- o Friday-Saturday May 20 & 21 – Annual IUSD Alumni Weekend in conjunction with IDA Spring Meeting, Indianapolis Marriott



Thanks to each of you for your dedication to and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. We will be back downstairs in the Student Lounge next month for First Friday morning coffee and donuts along with the June edition of First Friday...Dean's Update.

-John

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www.dentistry.iu.edu

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