

IUSD Commencement Weekend Events

May 11 & 12, 2013

Saturday

2:00 to 4:00pm
IUSD Open House

Dental School
1121 West Michigan St
-Family and friends are invited to see where our students have studied and provided patient care during the duration of their various academic programs/ Light refreshments will be served

6:00 to 8:00pm
Pre-commencement Ceremony
Sagamore Ballroom
Indiana Convention Center

Sunday

7:30 to 9:30am
IUSD Awards Breakfast
Rooms 236-239
Indiana Convention Center

11:00am to 1:00pm
IUPUI Commencement
Exhibit Halls A-B-C
Indiana Convention Center

To Access IUPUI- Commencement:

<http://alumni.iupui.edu/commencement/2013/index.html>

DEAN'S UPDATE

TO THE IUSD COMMUNITY



First Friday.....May 3, 2013

April showers have thankfully given way to May flowers and spring is coming to Indiana! The highlights of May in the academic world are Commencement which is only one week away for our allied, DDS, and advanced education students and residents. We are in the final preparation stages for several events on Commencement weekend May 11 & 12 (see sidebar). Congratulations to all graduates. I wish each of you well as you enter the next phase of your career along life's journey. We continue to advance the Vision of IUSD to make *Indiana University School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.*

- **Phase 1 Building Project... Headed into High Gear**

Last month, as part of First Friday, I shared with you that the recent IUPUI campus IMPACT campaign had exceeded our \$35M goal and stood at \$37.3M as of the end of March. Thanks to so many of you who believe in our mission and vision and who have made investments in IUSD over these past 7 years of the IMPACT Campaign.

IUSD is on the move!

In addition, I am very pleased to share with you the tremendous progress the dental school is making toward formal launching our new building campaign. Under the devoted leadership of the IUSD Building Steering Committee, we have been encouraging alumni and friends to help us secure a **minimum of \$3M** to assist us in getting the financing package finalized with the University for the new clinical and research building.

Since January, we have been having an excellent response to this opportunity of our silent phase of raising pledges and gifts for this exciting new construction project. IUSD is very well positioned to surpass the \$3M building goal as we have commitments of slightly over \$1,000,000 as of April 30th. Our goal is \$1M by mid-May (IDA meeting) and \$3M by end of the year (2013). ***IUSD is on the move,***

I appreciate your support and growing enthusiasm for all the activities we need to do to make the new clinical and research building a reality. Thanks for your investment in the future of IUSD! Formal Launch of the building campaign is Saturday, May 18th at the IUSD Reception. ***IUSD is on the move***

- **[IUSD-IDP Program Set to Launch July 1, 2013](#)**

The IUSD International Dental program is set to launch July 1, 2013. From the initial 160 applicants for the program, twenty three have been invited to an intensive 4 weeks pre-matriculation continuing education course to demonstrate and refine their clinical knowledge and skills. From this group at least 12 will be admitted to the program for the July cohort. This program is similar to one of over twenty-eight

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advanced standing programs currently in operation at US dental schools and will lead to an equivalent US dental degree provided by an accredited DDS program. Dr. Melanie Peterson is directing the program. More information about the IUSD-IDP program is on the [IUSD website](#).

- **IDA Annual Meeting and IU Dental Alumni – May 16 -18th Hyatt Regency**

The [IU Dental Alumni Association dental reunions](#) will be held this year in conjunction with the annual IDA meeting at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Indianapolis. In addition to classes who graduated in years ending in 19x3 or 19x8, the IUSD Class of 1963 will be celebrating their 50th reunion with a breakfast hosted by the dental school on Saturday morning. On Saturday evening (5:30pm) all participants (alumni and IDA attendees alike) are invited to a reception at the dental school to learn firsthand about the “official” launch of the exciting new building campaign. I look forward to seeing our alumni and friends.

- **IUSD Board of Advisors Discuss Large Group Practice!**

The April meeting of the IUSD Board of Advisors received updates on the 3 Task Forces looking at the admissions processes, academic management and clinical operations as well as discussed the what, why and trends in large group practices as defined by the ADA. Dr. Chuck Steffel made a nice presentation and Board of Advisors co-chairs Dr. Scott McDonald and Dr. David Zandi lead the discussion which followed. The Board reached no conclusions but has a much better understanding of the trends and environment for this practice arrangement. Thanks to the Board for their time and talent to advise me and the leadership of the dental school on issues of concern.

- **Graduate Program Review-PhD and MSD/MS programs**

The month of April has been busy with non-accredited graduate program review. As part of the ongoing academic program evaluation and improvement program administered through the graduate school, the IUPUI campus has a comprehensive review process. Recently the IUSD PhD program as well as the MS/MSD programs in preventive dentistry, operative dentistry and dental materials have been evaluated by two separate teams of subject matter reviewers. Following the preparation of a program self-study, and a two day on-site series of interviews, the review teams will make recommendations for each program. We should receive their reports in about 4 to 6 weeks and will consider them in the context of our vision. Just like the comprehensive accreditation review happening at IUSD in September 2013, the graduate program review process will enhance our educational programs.

- **Indiana Legislative Budget and Health Reform...hopeful news for IUSD budget**

The hopeful news is that IUSD is figured into the state budget for a 3.5% increase in fiscal year 2014 if the Governor signs the state budget bill finalized last week. *From the IDA email last week, Governor Pence got a 5-percent income tax cut over four years and a boost in the state's vocational education system. But pressing issues on health care reform were not addressed. The Governor's office is seeking to use the Healthier Indiana Program for Indiana's Medicaid expansion. Unfortunately, the Legislature did not see fit to give him authority to negotiate with the federal government, so the future of the state's Medicaid program will be determined by the Federal Health and Human Services Agency.*

- **IUSD First Friday Social**

From Staff Council President Terry Wilson “Just a reminder that this Friday is May 3, and as such IUSD Staff Council will again be hosting our “First Friday Social” starting at 7:30 am in the basement student lounge with complimentary coffee and donuts.”

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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