



First Friday.....September Edition (August 31, 2012)

September is upon us and the IUPUI Indianapolis campus has started classes as we all notice the challenges of traffic and parking returning once again to campus. The easy drive times and availability of parking spots has evaporated with the arrival of eager new students and returning campus faculty. All classes are now back at the dental school and dental hygiene and assisting students have begun their course of study as well so the fall promises to be another busily engaged semester at IUSD. I look forward to a productive 2012-13 academic year. This will be the year as we work to complete our (ten) self-study documents in preparation for September 2013 comprehensive accreditation site visit. 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 21st century.*

- **DDS White Coat Ceremony...Class of 2016**

On August 18th, the IUSD Class of 2016 enjoyed their [White Coat Ceremony](#) here on campus. After being on campus just 5 weeks, IU School of Dentistry paused to celebrate the entry of our newest DDS students into the dental profession. Dr. Marc Smith (DDS-Bloomington) was our featured speaker and gave a wonderful talk on mentoring, professionalism and ethics. He was then joined by Drs. John Roberts (IDA President), Steven Dixon (IUSD-Comp Care), and Mychel Vail (IUSD President, OKU Chapter) to present students their white coats. The Class of 2016 had prepared their Pledge with direction from faculty member, Dr. Bill Babler, which they recited in unison following the presentation of their white coats. Congratulations to new student doctors as members of the Class of 2016!

- **IUSD Student Outreach Clinic (SOC) Open House**

Last Saturday, I had the opportunity to visit the IUSD [Student Outreach Clinic](#) located on 10th street in the near Eastside neighborhood of Indianapolis as the SOC clinic celebrated its first year anniversary. I am very proud of our student volunteers and leaders who are providing basic dental care under faculty supervision. Student leaders also plan, administer, and operate this free Saturday clinic (twice per month) in partnership with the HealthNet: People's Health and Dental Center. In addition to providing free dental care, our student leaders get to experience the myriad details of operating a dental clinic and soon realize the complexity of overseeing a clinical operation. Volunteer dentists provide the direct supervision of our students and Drs. Tim Carlson and Karen Yoder are the IUSD faculty sponsors for this wonderful community resource. I invite dentists who may want to volunteer some time helping our students with this project to contact me.

- **Beloit College Mindset List...Understanding the world of our new students**

For over a decade, Beloit College faculty have prepared a [Mindset List](#) of what our new students have experienced in their world since birth to age 18. This project has been done to sensitize college faculty to the references which faculty might make during class presentations. This year's entering college class of 2016 was born (1994) into cyberspace, and they have therefore measured their output in the fundamental particles of life: bits, bytes and bauds. They have come to political consciousness during a time of increasing

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doubts about America's future, and are entering college bombarded by questions about jobs and the value of a college degree. Looking back over the past 18 years, here are a few historical facts our students know:

1. Michael Jackson's family, not the Kennedys, constitutes "American Royalty."
2. For most of their lives, maintaining relations between the U.S. and the rest of the world has been a woman's job in the State Department.
3. They can't picture people actually carrying luggage through airports rather than rolling it; they have never seen an airplane "ticket."
4. There has always been football in Jacksonville but never in Los Angeles.
5. "Star Wars" has always been just a film, not a defense strategy.
6. There have always been blue M&Ms, but no tan ones.

For the complete trivia filled Mindset List [click here](#)

• **United Way 2012...Join the Fun and Help Others**

Come join the fun and celebrate the kickoff of the **IUPUI 2012 United Way Campaign!** As you may be aware, September 18th is the IUPUI 2012 United Way Campaign **Kickoff Luncheon** at University Place Hotel, Scholars Hall at 11:45a.m. IUSD servers were defeated last year, but my competitive spirit plans to bring the gold back to the school this year! The School of Dentistry has received a donation from an anonymous donor that will allow 30 people from IUSD to receive a free lunch. The only stipulation for this free lunch is that a **generous** tip (cash or check) for your server will be expected. The server that receives the highest dollar amount in tips will be awarded the traveling trophy for one year, until next year's luncheon. All tips will go as a donation to the IUPUI United Way Campaign. The first 30 people to respond to Pam Lovejoy at plovejoy@iupui.edu will receive this free campaign kickoff lunch, but as you know there is no "free lunch" so help bring home another victory for IUSD by giving a **generous** tip to your **IUSD celebrity server**.

• **ADEA Regional Workshop on Predoctoral Accreditation**

Last week, some 30 dental educators (7 from IUSD) with responsibility for predoctoral accreditation gathered in Indianapolis to learn about the application of new standards. A loud and clear message for me coming from the workshop and my own experience working with the Commission is: Assessment, Assessment, Assessment—regular and systematic with the results used to improve our DDS program! September 10-12, 2013 is but 54 weeks away when the accreditation site visit team comes to town.

• **IUSD First Friday Factoid (Source: IDA Journal Fall 2012)**

Look for 10 trends in dentistry facing Indiana dentists in the forthcoming fall edition of the [Journal of the Indiana Dental Association](#).

• **Upcoming IUSD Events**

- TODAY--Friday, August 31st – Welcome Back Picnic at Garfield Park (1 to 4pm)
- September 10th – Faculty Enrichment – Dean Williams: IUSD New Academic Directions
- September 20-21: 41st Annual IUSD Teaching Conference – Turkey Run State Park
- September 28 & 29 – IUSD Annual Dental Alumni Weekend (Indianapolis)

I am continually thankful 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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