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First Friday
Dean's Update to the IUSD Community

Economists Consistently Underestimate Supply of Dentists

Dr. Marko Vujicic

The May *JADA* takes a popular jab at economists who are paid to explain to you tomorrow why what they predicted yesterday did not happen today. Nice work if you can get it, right?

There are several dental workforce studies in which the authors forecast various aspects of the dental care market, including dental care spending, dental care use and the supply of dentists. In this article, Dr. Vujicic looks back on how well researchers have done with forecasting the supply of dentists in the United States.

Read the rest of the piece in the [May JADA](#).

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Transition time abounds at IUSD as we bid farewell to our 196 graduates from all programs (109 DDS; 17 DH; 15 DH BS Public Health; 19 DA and 36 Graduate) and now prepare for the new DDS class of 2021, which begins immediately after the July 4th holiday. While each class faces changes, I predict the class of 2021 will see the greatest number of changes during its four years at IUSD as we migrate DDS clinical education into the Fritts Clinical Care Center in the spring/summer 2018 and reprogram vacated spaces in the existing building for alternative use. The 2021 DDS class is made up of a total of 106 students (63 Indiana residents and 43 non-residents; 53% male/47% female). As I think about these new DDS students and all of our students, I think of our huge responsibility to prepare future generations of leaders to function in the interprofessional oral health domain until 2060 and beyond. What will society need? What will contemporary oral health science look like? And what will be the patient care delivery model? These and other questions are important to consider as we equip our new colleagues with knowledge and skills to enable graduates of Indiana to be alumni....*of one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.*

Phase 2 Planning Groups

More than 75 people have volunteered to serve on various subcommittees as we plan for the next phase of planning for IUSD. This effort, known as Phase 2 Planning, will consider the possible use and re-purposing of the existing dental school building. We need to gather ideas, establish a plan and determine priorities and create financial models in order to make improvements. We are using a similar committee structure that worked well for managing the accreditation self-study. We will form an overall Steering Committee, which I will chair, and then break the many pieces of this existing facilities planning puzzle into smaller discrete projects in the form of subcommittees. Thank you for volunteering and being creative with your ideas.

Fritts Clinical Care Center: June 2017

A June 1st look at the Fritts Clinical Care Center shows continued progress with the installation of glass panels along the east elevation of the project. This façade will be a stark contrast to the dominant limestone exteriors to the north and south and will add a very modern appearance to the dental school. The roof outline of the covered patient drop-off area is very evident and much of the internal rough-in work is well underway. The two building connectors are soon to receive glass panels and will be attached to the current dental buildings on floors one and three.



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FULFILLING *the* PROMISE

ADEA's Charting Progress Features IUSD & Dr. Tim Treat

The American Dental Education Association's (ADEA) monthly newsletter, [Charting Progress](#), recently highlighted the tremendous work our Indiana dental students are doing to support other students through the creation of an ADEA student chapter. The primary purpose of this effort is to promote student interest in academic careers. This is the vision and direction of **Dr. Tim Treat (DDS'16)**, who started an ADEA chapter at the [Indiana University School of Dentistry \(IUSD\)](#) in 2014, while he was class president. Dr. Treat graduated last year and currently serves as the ADEA Board Director for Students, Residents and Fellows. In the article, he shares how his involvement in ADEA led him toward academic dentistry. Dr. Treat is completing a general practice residency at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Indianapolis and will return to IUSD in July to teach in a transitional program known as a clinical fellowship for prospective faculty who have recently graduated. The two-year fellowship allows students who have completed a general practice residency or AEGD program to continue to develop their clinical skills and an academic portfolio. They'll learn about teaching, assessment, curriculum management, accreditation – even the finances of dental education. Bravo to Dr. Tim Treat! Thank you for such outstanding leadership.

Congratulations Dr. Travis Bellicchi, Graduate Prosthodontics Resident

Dr. Travis Bellicchi's first-place poster at the recent MD Anderson Oral Oncology Symposium builds on his recent clinical advancements in maxillofacial prosthodontics in treating cancer patients. His poster was entitled **Intraoperative facial scanning and rapid prototyping prosthetic molds for immediate nasal prosthetics**. Dr. Bellicchi and colleagues have been advancing the use of digital dentistry and 3-D reconstruction for [several innovative projects at IUSD](#).

Digital Dentistry Prosthodontics

The American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation (ACPEF) has taken on the task of developing dental school curriculum for digital dentistry. This curriculum framework is developed around competencies, well-defined learning objectives, and an assessment plan with measureable outcomes. This collective effort will ensure that academic institutions have all of the tools needed to institute a comprehensive digital dentistry curriculum. Go to <https://www.prosthodontics.org/digital/> and look under the heading *Dental School Curriculum for Digital Dentistry* to get a glimpse of the future of digital dentistry.

Coffee & Donuts

Join us this Friday, June 2, 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

- Thursday-Saturday, June 6-10 – IDA State Dental Meeting and IU Dental Alumni Reunions, French Lick
- June 26 to July 7 IUSD Break – Clinics Closed
- July 5 – Class of 2021 Orientation at Bradford Woods
- August 20 – White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2021



Thanks to each of you for your dedication to and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I take a break in July so will be back in August with the next edition of First Friday.

-John

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