



## Connersville's Dental Leadership

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When it comes to heading dental organizations, Connersville ranks at the top, with three Connersville High School graduates now serving in top-level positions with three separate groups.

John Williams, dean of the Indiana University School of Dentistry; Jeff Callahan, current president of the Dental Lab Association of Indiana; and Dr. John Roberts, who this year is heading the Indiana Dental Association, are all graduates of CHS. Callahan and Roberts are serving as president of their perspective organizations for the 2012-13 period.

"This may never happen again," Dr. Roberts points out in a note to Evening Chat. Having three top positions from a small town doesn't happen often, he says.

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## First Friday.....June 7, 2013

Greetings from Tokyo! With multiple IU campus commencements, the Indiana Dental Association annual meeting and the IUSD Dental Alumni Reunion all now behind us as an exciting memory, we are fully engaged in IUSD's summer session as we prepare to launch the IUSD—International Dental program (IDP) on July 1 and welcome the new DDS, advanced and allied students. The DDS and advanced students will be here by the end of June, and allied students arrive in August. All of this – and preparing for our September 10-12, 2013, accreditation site visit by a team from the Commission on Dental Accreditation. I am in Tokyo this June First Friday attending the IU-Japan Implant Practice meeting, so it is a very busy time at IUSD!

I thank you, each of our faculty and staff, for a very productive academic year. In addition, I thank those many faithful faculty and staff who honored our graduates by attending one or both commencement programs. 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 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

### • IUSD Task Forces on New Academic Directions – Update

Last June, I shared with you that Indiana University had embarked on some New Academic Directions following the President's State of the University address in 2010. The [New Academic Directions report](#) was approved by the Board of Trustees in April 2011 for programs at IUPUI and IU-B. During the two years since, numerous faculty, deans and others on campus have been working to consider and frame initiatives that follow from that report. Executive Vice Chancellor Paydar has been working this past year to outline [IUPUI's Strategic Plan 2025](#). At IUSD, we now have four Task Forces working on various aspects of academic affairs, admissions, clinical operations and most recently dental hygiene education.

So what does this mean for IUSD? After listening, observing and learning about IUSD for 3 years, I have concluded that it is time for IUSD to consider our own version of some new IUSD Academic Directions. Consistent with our current Strategic Plan, the proposals outlined and presented to the faculty are focused to enhance the excellence in all academic programs. The planning premise—which is sound—is borrowed from the 3 key strategies of the IU New Academic Directions:

1. ***IU must identify ways to distinguish Indiana University that are meaningful to highly talented students and faculty.***
2. ***IU must create an operating environment that provides incentives for incremental revenue enhancement.***
3. ***IU must improve operating efficiency.***

Guided by these Task Forces, and being mindful of the IUSD Governance Structure, we will bring a series of recommendations to the Faculty Council after July 1<sup>st</sup>. When these efforts are coupled with the findings from the various CODA self studies, IUSD will be well positioned to move forward in the spirit of the New Academic Directions.

- **Emergency Management Planning and Actions**

Following the campus "shelter in place" events in March, the dental school continues to work with the main campus to enhance our IUSD Emergency Management Plans, with Adam Smith managing this important project. Safety is our number one concern (as stated in April's First Friday, "managing risk is always in the back of my mind") for all members of the IUSD community, including our patients. Scenarios such as the one in March are highly varied, but there are some general guidelines being refined. Adam has worked with the IU Police and will be working with the IUSD "Floor Wardens and Buddies" to begin the communications and training. Due to the proactive nature of IUSD on this issue, the campus is looking to use us as a role model for other areas on campus. Thank you, Adam!

- **[IUSD – International Dental Program \(IDP\)](#)**

A total of 23 individuals are participating in the next phase of the selection process for the initial students (12 minimum) to be selected for entry into the IUSD-IDP program on July 1<sup>st</sup>. These admitted students will be placed in Comp Care groups and mainstreamed into the existing D3 DDS curriculum with the opportunity to demonstrate competency achievement in each area to the faculty's satisfaction.

- **New Building Fundraising: Off to a Great Start**

As part of the IUSD Open House on May 18 during alumni weekend, we made the formal announcement that the Phase 1 Building Campaign is off and running. Gifts and pledges to date are over \$1.2 million, with the goal to secure additional support to reach a **minimum of \$3 million** as part of the financing package. We are targeting the groundbreaking in spring of 2015 subject to finalization of the fundraising and financing plan.

- **IUPUI Branding Initiative**

Soon we will see banners around campus featuring a new IUPUI logo. This effort is being done to clarify IUPUI's relationship with IU as an IU-managed campus that also offers select Purdue programs. A new tag line – "What matters. Where it matters." – replaces the "IUPUI – Where Impact Is Made" phrase. The new phrase signifies that degrees earned on any IU campus bear the same value and quality of the IU brand.

- **Transitions**

- July 1<sup>st</sup>, Dr. Dom Zero will focus his efforts as Director of the Oral Health Research Institute and relinquish the titles of Department Chair and Associate Dean for Research. Thanks, Dom, for your years of service to IUSD in these two administrative roles.
- Dr. Travis McDearmon will join the IUSD development staff as Assistant Director of Development in July to expand our fundraising efforts. He comes to IUSD from the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences in alumni and development.

- **IUSD First Friday Social**

From Staff Council President Terry Wilson: "Just a reminder that this Friday is June 7th, and as such the IUSD Staff Council will again be hosting the First Friday Social starting at 7:30 a.m. in the basement student lounge with complimentary coffee and donuts until 9 a.m." I will miss the FF Social as I am still in Tokyo.

Thanks to each of you for your dedication to and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back in August with another edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.



–John

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