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IUSD’s Justina Anigbo is the first African American female to serve as ASDA president.



To make up for COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, two dental school classes earned their white coats in 2022.



D1s were initiated into newly created clinic “houses” as part of mentoring, community building, and wellness initiatives.

FROM THE DEAN

DR. CAROL ANNE MURDOCH-KINCH

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The theme of this issue of the IU School of Dentistry Alumni Bulletin is “Our students are the center of our universe.” As we re-commit to our legacy of excellence in all that we do, our students will continue to be our top priority. We are dedicated to providing the best dental education for the 21st century, taught by dental faculty who are master clinicians and experts in their fields, using contemporary dental techniques and technology, and based on the best evidence, to prepare an oral health care workforce capable of providing highly skilled care to the people of Indiana and beyond.

We deeply value the relationships we have cultivated and maintained with you – our alumni, donors, and friends. Your relationship with the dental school has made all the difference in what we have been able to accomplish together over the history of this great institution.

The mission of Indiana University School of Dentistry is to advance oral and systemic health through excellence in education, patient care, research and scholarship, and community engagement in Indiana and globally. Today, we renew our commitment to excellence, which is our legacy for future generations of Hoosiers.

Over the next few years, we will expand our clinical operations through renovation and modernization of clinics for orthodontics and special care dentistry. We will enhance our curriculum, integrating digital technology into patient care, and providing earlier and more clinical experiences for all students. Through gradual entrustment of patient care, we will provide opportunities for increasing independence and advanced experiences, with the end goal of enhancing our graduates’ competence, confidence, and readiness for practice. We will increase our impact through research and scholarship by moving the Oral Health Research Institute into

newly renovated space in the dental school and expanding our scope of clinical and translational oral health research, through our dental informatics program, and through our collaborative basic science research in bone and musculoskeletal health. We will create space and programs to support inclusive excellence, student wellness, and academic success, including scholarships, faculty development, and enrichment in evidence-based teaching practices. We will offer global service-learning opportunities to all students. Most important of all, we will create a positive, humanistic learning environment for students, faculty, and staff to sustain our institution and our mission.

Indiana University School of Dentistry is a community of people who are connected by a shared mission and a shared love for this great school. Our students are the center of our universe, the reason we exist. Together, we can do much to make the world a better place.

Warmly,

Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch,
DDS, PhD, FDS RCDS (Ed)

Dean, Indiana University School of Dentistry

NEWS BRIEFS

CELEBRATING

CODA WINS



Results of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) site review at IUSD were excellent. The CODA examiners identified many strengths across our 11 programs, with some suggestions and recommendations for improvement. IUSD received full accreditation through 2028. Preparation for the visit was more than three years in the making, as the pandemic delayed the visit one year.



IDA FOUNDATION SUPPORTS STUDENT WELL-BEING

Great thanks to the Indiana Dental Association (IDA) Foundation for a \$5,000 grant to support student wellness initiatives at IUSD. Volunteer faculty member and IDA Vice President **Dr. Lisa Conard** (center) took the needs of students to the IDA Foundation, which responded generously. "This support allows us to focus on habits of wellness in dental school and beyond, such as mentoring and events that educate students on the dimensions of wellness," said D4 **Jacob Gussert**, Student Wellness Coalition president.

"WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO THE IDA FOR ITS SUPPORT."

Student Wellness Coalition members pictured, front row, Esme Patterson, Chase Perkins. Middle row, Shafer Garrett, Dr. Lisa Conard, Emily Dawley. Back row, Jacob Gussert (president), Leslie Flowers (advisor), Parker Groom.



BLEEKE CLINIC DEDICATED AT IU FORT WAYNE

IU President Pamela Whitten and former IUPUI Chancellor Nasser Paydar joined faculty, students, and friends at the dedication of the IU School of Dentistry David A. Bleeke, DDS Dental Clinic at IU Fort Wayne. In addition to providing a generous gift for the renovation, Dr. Bleeke (DDS'64), center, also established a scholarship for students in the IU Fort Wayne allied dental programs.

First IU student and first African American woman elected ASDA president



D4 **Justina Anigbo** is the first IU student and first African American woman to serve as president of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA). ASDA is the largest dental student organization in the United States, with more than 25,000 members.



Words cannot describe the joy I feel at being able to be the national representative for dental students and their interests. Being entrusted with the responsibility of advocating on behalf of all of us has been a truly humbling experience, and I would not have been able to do it without the support of my IU-ASDA family!"



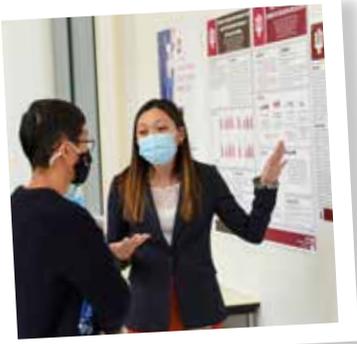
Exceptionally well-qualified D1 Class of 2026

Welcome to the DDS Class of 2026! Our highly selective program accepted 103 students from 1,126 applicants, a selectivity of fewer than 10%. This class has 74 Indiana residents and 29 from out of state.

After holistic review of multiple factors and qualifications, our students' quantitative scores were higher than the national average: DAT academic average was 20.7 (national average is 19) and GPA was 3.6 (national average is 3.55).

Fun Fact

The class contains numerous duplicate names, including three students each named Anna or Sam, and two each named Cameron, Kevin, Michael, and Peyton.



30TH ANNIVERSARY OF RESEARCH DAY

Remembering Dr. Stookey

For the first time since 2019, IUSD held Research Day poster presentations in person. Students presented over 90 posters of their research conducted under the guidance of their faculty mentors.

The event, held April 4, 2022, was IUSD's 30th commemoration of Research Day, celebrating the search for truth and new knowledge – the heart of our mission to improve oral health for all people. Keynote speaker **Dr. Nisha D'Silva**, IUSD Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology alumna, delivered the keynote address on "Oral Cancer: Subverting the Microenvironment."

Associate Dean **Dr. Richard Gregory** has served on every planning committee for the past 30 years. He shared his remembrances of the past three decades of student research accomplishments and of Research Day founder **Dr. George Stookey**, who died earlier this year (see tribute on page 28.)

Above: D4 Alyssa Zhao shares her research.



COLIN PELLEGRAM GPSG PRESIDENT

D4 **Colin Pellegrom** is representing all graduate students at IUPUI as president of the IUPUI Graduate Professional Student Government (GPSG) in 2022-2023. In this role, Pellegrom is lead spokesperson for graduate students across campus, communicating their needs to high-level administrative officials at IUPUI as well as the IU Board of Trustees. He is one of two students on the IUPUI chancellor and IU executive vice president search committees, ensuring the next campus leaders will advocate for graduate and professional students of all backgrounds.

NEWS BRIEFS

IUSD SWEEPS AADOCR STUDENT AWARDS



Andrew Doan



Mikki Jaramillo



Marcus Levitan



Carrie Walton



Sara Alhaffar



Drashty Mody

The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) awarded four IUSD DDS students its prestigious student research fellowship: **Andrew Doan**, **Mikki Jaramillo**, **Marcus Levitan** and **Carrie Walton**. IUSD had the most students at any dental school awarded the 2022 research fellowship. Additionally, two DDS students successfully competed in the AADOCR National Student Research Group 411 Rapid Research Competition. **Sara Alhaffar** won second place in the Basic Science Category and **Drashty Mody** won first place in the clinical/public health category. Congratulations to these students, their mentors, and Dr. Angela Bruzzaniti, director of student research.



Regatta co-ed teams place first and second

This year's 13th IUPUI Regatta was indeed noteworthy for bad luck striking multiple IUSD teams. However, two teams overcame adversity to ensure that IUSD continued its streak of podium representation.

The 2022 winners, and new unofficial course record holders, were Floss Force One (pictured above), featuring D2s Shahil Patel, Bella Case, Wes Slaughter, Sam Helm, and Sam Marksberry (not pictured). Second place this year went to the Bitewing Battalion, featuring D2s Nic Ross, Quynh Tran, Susanna Sharples-Gordon, and Bryce Witter. — Terry Wilson



DRASHTY IN DC

After her second year of dental school, **Drashty Mody** headed to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to complete a one-year Medical Research Scholars Program. Mody is the first IUSD student to be accepted into this prestigious NIH program.

“Being a part of the dynamic research ecosystem at NIH challenged and inspired my growth in the world of dental research,” Mody said. “I immersed myself in interprofessional science where you come in asking one question, then leave with 10 different answers to explore at your own pace.”

In fact, Mody was so inspired, she has commenced studies and research as a combined PhD/DDS degree candidate at IUSD and NIH – the first-ever IUSD/NIH PhD collaboration.

So happy TOGETHER!

GRADUATES AND WHITE COAT
STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND
FRIENDS GATHER FOR
IN-PERSON CELEBRATIONS

In 2022, released from many COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on gatherings, we joyfully celebrated IU School of Dentistry rites of passage in person.



Professor Twyla Rader and Kayla Hillenburg



GRADUATION!

**ON SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022, WE HONORED 237 GRADUATES,
WHO CROSSED THE STAGE TO ACCEPT THEIR HARD-EARNED DIPLOMAS.**

In Indianapolis, every DDS Class of 2022 student passed all parts of the CDCA ADEX clinical licensure examinations prior to commencement. The graduate recognition ceremony was held at the Egyptian Room at Old National Centre. **Dr. Timothy Carlson** (DDS'78, OperDent'86), retired professor and clinic director, served as keynote speaker, sharing pearls from his "Dad Talks" over four decades at IUSD. Ceremony video and photo galleries can be viewed on the Indiana University School of Dentistry Facebook page.



Drs. Matt (DDS'12) and Garrett (DDS'16) Gunnell hooded their little brother Richard Gunnell. They practice together in North Carolina.



Ashley Karczewski



Gail Downs was hooded by her mentor, Dr. Kathleen Beache (DDS'94)



1: Olivia Bowman, RDH, BSDH, EFDA, receives her diploma from Dean Murdoch-Kinch at the IU Fort Wayne ceremony.

2: Dr. Sangyoung Lee (DDS'91) hooded his second dentist daughter, Jessica, who is practicing with him and older sister Dr. Sunny Lee (DDS'20).

3: Class President Daniel Azar, top row, far right, recited the Dentist Pledge alongside classmates.

4: Cariology and Operative Dentistry resident Ryan Buchele

5: Prosthodontics graduate Dr. Mariana Soldatelli was cheered on by husband Dr. Waldemar Polido, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery faculty, and their son Artur.

6: Volunteer Endodontics instructor Dr. Paul Sahni (Endo'04) proudly hooded his son Drew Sahni (right) and classmate Ravi Sarin.

7: Dean Murdoch-Kinch and Christian Curneal

8: Professor Michelle Priest and Dental Assisting graduate Gursimran Kaur

9: Esteemed faculty hooders chosen by the DDS class: Drs. Brooke Adams (DDS'05), Ashok Das, Michael Sovanich (DDS'82), and Tom Hasewinkel (DDS'86)



WHITE COAT

RECOGNIZING THEIR CEREMONIAL INTRODUCTION TO THE PROFESSION OF DENTISTRY, DDS STUDENTS DONNED THEIR WHITE COATS FOR THE FIRST TIME AT CEREMONIES HELD ON JULY 16, 2022, FOR THE CLASS OF 2024 AND ON AUG. 20, 2022, FOR THE CLASS OF 2025 AT THE MADAM WALKER LEGACY CENTER AT IUPUI.

CLASS OF 2024



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1: Class officers Cameron Rigley, treasurer; Danielle Kluttz, vice president; Cordin Mirise, president; Brittany Gehlhausen

2: Nichole Downing, Alexa Dresner, Emaan Fahsal, Patricia Flores

3: Ready to go!

4: International Dental Program students, back row, Balaji Kolasani, Ramy Shams, Onkarpreet Jawanda, Anghitha Nimil, Zeel Gajera, Harvi Patel, and Arshdeep Grewal. Front row, Srirama Bandari, Harpreet Gill, Nidhi Yadav, Ria Shah, Poojaben Patel, and Brenda Mayorga de la Cruz.

WHITE COAT



4: Proud parents and faculty members Drs. Odette Aguirre and Domenick Zero, with their daughter Bianca Zero.

5: The Class of 2024

6: A family affair: Jonathan Hollar joins his father, Dr. Steve Hollar (DDS'93) and grandfather Dr. Charles Hollar (DDS'64) in the profession. Dr. Steve Hollar, immediate past president of the Indiana Dental Association, was keynote speaker at the ceremony.

7: Armelle Metangmo is assisted into her coat by her mother and mentor, nurse practitioner Olga Jiodio.

8: Ejaz Ahmad, Sara Alhaffar, Tarek Amro, Kevin Arafat

CLASS OF 2025



1: Nio Baltzell and Ryann Velez

2: Dillon Escudero, Joseph Fluegeman, Shafer Garrett, Neal Govani

3: Quynh Tran and Rachel Boler



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4: Theresa Truong, Vishnu Vaid, Ryann Velez, and Amanda Vilenio

5: Jillian Sennello, Izabella Puchalski, Delaney Davis, Lauren Hardebeck,

6: Alison Persaud

7: Samir Hazime, Mohannad Musa, Gisselle Zamora, Roua Almosawi, and Samah Sobh

8: Class President Chloe Morris

9: Sam Marksberry, Dustin Broyles, Benjamin Catton, Anthony Miller, Ryan Wagner, Nathan Hacker, Cole Warweg, Sam Helm

10: Izabella Puchalski, Olivia Robertson, Nicholas Ross, and Avi Sahi

STUDENTS ARE THE CENTER OF OUR UNIVERSE

BY LESLIE FLOWERS



Students enjoy a respite from studies during the school picnic.



In her first week as the newly inducted 19th president of Indiana University, Dr. Pamela Whitten stated her vision: “At IU, students are the center of our universe. Everything we do, every decision we make, we’re going to ask, how does this benefit students?”

At IU School of Dentistry, we are aligned with the president’s guiding principle. As a dental educator and administrator, Dean Murdoch-Kinch’s focus has long been the well-being and success of dental students. With an extensive background in student-centered education and innovation before becoming IUSD dean, she is creating a

culture of well-being to ensure our students, faculty, and staff are healthy – a necessary factor for academic and professional success. “Our people are the foundation of all of our strategic planning,” Dean Murdoch-Kinch said. “Their well-being and professional success guide all of our decision making moving forward.”



To help with the rigors of dental school, D1 students learn mind-body stress management tools from Student Wellness Director, Leslie Flowers.

AN ANXIOUS GENERATION

The dean's initiative comes at a critical time. Even before the loss and disruptions caused by COVID-19, college counseling centers across the nation have been busting at the seams. As soon as counseling appointments open up, they are filled. In 2021, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy issued a public health advisory addressing what he termed the "youth mental health crisis" heightened by the pandemic.

Why is this generation so stressed and anxious? The data implicate excessive time on social media and streaming (and associated lack of physical activity, especially outdoors), climate change, the global pandemic, and financial debt.¹

At dental schools, a study published in the *Journal of Dental Education* showed DDS students are more anxious or depressed than their peers, with the exception of medical students, who are about equal. In the first multi-institutional study to investigate depression in U.S. dental schools, researchers found a high prevalence of major depressive symptoms among DDS students.² Tests and grades, limited time for relaxation, and extraordinary debt are among the risk factors. Dental students report higher levels of anxiety, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorders, and interpersonal sensitivity than the general population and age-matched students in other fields of study.³

"Dental school has always been a stressful experience that pushes students to their limits. After all, in four short years, a lay person is transformed into a doctor, ready for independent practice," Dean Murdoch-Kinch said. "The current generation in dental school and those who follow them are different from prior cohorts in many ways. Our students are extraordinary people – intelligent, compassionate, hardworking, sensitive, and idealistic. And yet the data show this age group is more anxious than previous generations. Many of us alumni also felt anxiety, depression, and even despair in dental school, but until the last 10 to 15 years, we didn't talk about it, and student support services were not a priority. Today there is much less stigma around mental health challenges. Our students know that support services exist that can help them cope

with day-to-day life and with the stressors of dental school, and they expect to avail themselves of these services."

The data also show there is an inverse relationship between depression and well-being, and that steps to improve student well-being led to significant drops in major depressive symptoms.¹ In this study in the *Journal of Dental Education*, the well-being model emphasizes five lifestyle variables: career meaning or purpose, social support and friendships, financial security, physical activity, and community belonging. At IUSD, we are addressing all of these areas in our services and programs for student academic and personal support.

STUDENT SUCCESS STARTS EARLY

The dental school experience begins before admission to dental school. For some, it begins in middle school and high school, where our dental school staff reach out to encourage and support a pipeline of students interested in STEM careers. Dean Murdoch-Kinch has charged our admissions team to create an evidence-based, holistic admissions process to select students best prepared to successfully complete dental school and provide compassionate, ethical, and highly skilled oral health care for all people. In the holistic admissions process, traditional admissions criteria and metrics are enhanced by a holistic review of the entirety of a student's record and past experiences. Recruiting, admitting, and matriculating the best talent is the goal; both cognitive and non-cognitive factors are taken into consideration.

During their first semester, in addition to foundational courses in head and neck anatomy and ethics and professionalism, we also provide training in study skills,



Students take a break from studies, clinic, and lab work to practice yoga on the west lawn of the dental school.



To provide numerous mentoring opportunities and create stronger communities, students are matched into clinic "houses." Here is House "Sweet Tooth," led by clinic director Dr. Tim Treat (DDS'16).



Jason Webster

time management, and strategies for success in dental school. Each D1 meets with financial counselor Jason Webster to review their debt and create a budget.

As director of student wellness, I teach D1s science-based mind-body tools for stress management, such as conscious breathing practices, meditation, and yoga, which quiet the nervous system and activate the prefrontal cortex and higher centers of learning and comprehension.

The Office of Student Affairs and Admissions is committed to being a positive part of the students' universe at IUSD. The team has expanded recently to fulfill the vision of Dean Murdoch-Kinch to bolster student-centered learning and a sense of community. Among those new to IUSD is Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admission, Dr. Sylvia Frazier-Bowers, who is also the chief diversity officer and professor in Orthodontics and Oral Facial Genetics. The intentional combination of a dean of student affairs and admissions, with the vantage point of inclusive practices, ensures that the entire team works in orchestration to create a welcoming experience for each student.

Dr. Joan Kowolik, director of admissions, and Stacy Brown, associate director, continue to enhance the IUSD admission experience through multiple information sessions and orientation opportunities for applicants and incoming students.

Dean Murdoch-Kinch has expanded the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions to meet the demands of our evolving universe. Daren Generoso, the school's first case manager, has joined the team to provide student



Daren Generoso

support through coaching and making referrals to address student needs around mental health and wellness. In his new role as assistant director of student services, Andrew Miller provides steadfast student support to IUSD student organizations, including serving as a connector for on-campus resources and knowledgeable liaison for school-wide events and activities. Martha Marshall, director of student services, rounds out the Student Affairs team and advocates for all IUSD students. She works directly with faculty to identify students who may need other support and coaches and supports students returning to IUSD after an extended leave. Any student visiting the Student Services suite is met with greetings and can help themselves to a snack or hot beverage.

The entire student services team works in concert with the Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) to achieve a community centered around co-creation, where everyone has a voice. In fact, the Office of DEIB has become the center of belonging at the dental school. It is common for students to stop in for connection,



Students show off their clinic match day t-shirts.

shared experiences, and networking. The team includes Jennifer Burnett, director; Sydney Reynoso, associate director; and Aijah Isaacs, program manager. Collectively, the DEIB team offers support through advocacy and maintaining a safe place for students, staff, and faculty.

GRASSROOTS STUDENT WELLNESS COALITION LEADS THE WAY

In developing IUSD's student wellness program, we determined that connection – peer to peer, teacher to learner, and alumni to learner – was one of the most important determinants in student well-being. Our goal has been to create numerous touchpoints for connection along the continuum of their training, especially through mentorship. The first level of mentoring we developed was student-to-student. During their first days of dental school, each D1 is matched with a “Dental Bud,” a D2 or D3 who shows them the ropes of dental school life.

We also created a peer-to-peer support community the students named “Hoosier Helpers.” About 25 self-selected D3s and D4s receive six hours of peer mentor training from IUPUI's Counseling and Psychological Services on topics such as suicide prevention, alcohol and other drugs, reflective listening, mental health referrals, and interpersonal violence prevention. On evenings before big lab projects are due for D1s and D2s, the Hoosier Helpers circulate through the labs and offer support. When the lab students are ready for a break, a spread of healthy food awaits them in the cantina, thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the Indiana Dental Association (IDA) Foundation.



Specially trained D3 and D4 “Hoosier Helpers” mentor D1s and D2s, especially during heavy lab nights. Here mentor Parker Groom, center, enjoy healthy snacks with D2s Dillon Escudero, Sarah Sautter, and Sam Helm during a Hoosier Helper event, sponsored by the Indiana Dental Association.

The D3 and D4 Hoosier Helpers also wear nametags signifying they are Hoosier Helpers and available for D1s and D2s to approach for support.

IU-ASDA and the Student Wellness Coalition just launched clinic “houses,” a large vertical mentoring endeavor in which clinic groups are divided into six houses, each with their own unique name and crest. On Oct. 13, 2022, the D1s were initiated into their houses during a fun and enthusiastic ceremony in the dental school courtyard (think Harry Potter and the sorting hat).

“Our goal here, as a community, is to never let anyone feel unsupported, as exams, projects, and patients start to overwhelm us,” said D4 Parker Groom, wellness chair for IU-ASDA. “We want to make sure everyone feels like they belong, as imposter syndrome has affected each of us in some way or another. And we never want to let anyone fall through the cracks, because for some of us, life outside of school can be just as tough, if not more so, than what happens at school.”

The second level of mentoring is the Faculty Guides program, led by the Office of Faculty Affairs. In this informal program, a faculty guide is a faculty member who serves as a friendly point of contact to mentor D1 students. They are an empathetic, supportive touchpoint for students to ask questions and share concerns, and they help make connections in school and the profession.

The third level of mentoring is by alumni. Under 2021-2022 President Steve Hollar, the IDA created “Mentor Me,” in which IDA members reach out and mentor third- and fourth-year dental students via text. IDA members also show up at the Hoosier Helper mentoring events to share their experience, strength, and hope with dental students. Our goal is to expand mentoring through the United States and internationally, so our students can connect with IUSD alumni mentors wherever they plan to practice.



Nine-month-old Ellie visited her mom, D1 Lindsay Atwell, who has a quiet space to pump over the lunch hour. Atwell uses one of IUSD's newly remodeled wellness rooms. They offer a peaceful place for students for lactation and to pray, meditate, and rest.



Senior Dental Hygiene students at IU Fort Wayne, Morgan Riddle (DA'20), Mackenzie Sutton (DA'20), and Lauren Rich, using humor to alleviate stress.



Mabel, the emotional support dog, visits the dental school every other week for hugs and strokes.

A BUILDING THAT SUPPORTS WELL-BEING

A number of building renovation projects are underway to support student well-being and professional success.

During the COVID pandemic, the dental school renovated three spaces on the fourth floor, turning them into wellness rooms. These private spaces support wellness in several ways: they are plumbed and furnished to serve as lactation rooms for mothers or as private prayer/meditation rooms for any student who needs quiet and rest.

Remember Clinics A, B, and C in the original third floor north building, with the beautiful floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking Michigan Street? That space has largely been vacated since the Fritts Clinical Center opened in 2018. Beginning in 2023, however, the dental school, with support from alumni and donors, will renovate the iconic space into a Student Commons, replete with modern, comfortable furniture and fixtures for students to eat, relax, and study together in the great room or in an adjacent multi-purpose conference room. Expected completion is 2025. (Please reach out to John Hoffman, assistant dean of development at johoffma@iu.edu if you would like to contribute to this exciting creation of a student commons.)

Until recently, other than a couple of vending machines in the basement, the dental school has been a food, and coffee, desert. Dean Murdoch-Kinch procured a “Farmer’s Fridge,” a vending machine full of healthy salads and snacks. However, that stop gap soon will be replaced by an on-site café. No longer will the IUSD community – nor our patients – need to go elsewhere to find food or beverages.

A HUMANISTIC ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

Dean Murdoch-Kinch is focused beyond the well-being of students; the health of our faculty and staff also is paramount.

To help alleviate stress, I facilitate a weekly “Monday Mindfulness” drop-in session on Zoom for anyone at IU to relax and de-stress for 30 minutes over the lunch hour. On Thursdays after classes and clinic, we host a yoga class at the dental school. Mabel, the emotional support dog, visits every other week for hugs and petting.

“Many of us came out of COVID more or less traumatized,” Dean Murdoch-Kinch said. “There was so much personal loss of family and friends, isolation, financial uncertainty, and major disruptions to our lives. We want to ensure our faculty and staff have the resources they need to heal personally and thrive professionally.”



Faculty, staff, and IDA members welcomed D1s at an orientation breakfast.

Dr. Anthony Palatta, a dentist, dental educator, certified executive coach, and consultant, has conducted a thorough focus-group based study of the climate of the dental school through the lens of “personal well-being at work.” He is coaching faculty, staff, and students to create strategies that will build and sustain IUSD’s culture of well-being. Dr. Palatta was chief learning officer at the American Dental Education Association and assistant dean for student affairs and academic support at New York University College of Dental Medicine.

“We are championing a humanistic learning environment to support the well-being of our students,

faculty, staff, and, ultimately, our patients,” said Dean Murdoch-Kinch. “Our commitment to excellence in education, patient care, research, and service requires us to live our values. To be compassionate health care providers we must first be compassionate with ourselves. Providing tools to support the health and well-being of our oral health care workforce is essential for us to meet the needs of the public we serve as a profession.”

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MEMBERS OF THE EXPANDED STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORT TEAM

Front row. Sydney King, associate director of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; Martha Marshall, director of student services; Dr. Sylvia Frazier-Bowers, associate dean for student affairs, chief diversity officer, professor in Orthodontics and Oral Facial Genetics; Jennifer Burnett, director of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; Andrew Miller, assistant director of student services; Stacy Brown, admissions counselor. **Back row.** Leslie Flowers, director of student wellness; Dr. Joan Kowolik, admissions director; Aijah Isaacs, program manager assistant. Not pictured, Jason Webster, assistant director of student financial services, and Daren Generoso, caseworker.



« TMJ Institute launch day October 2021

▶ IUSD LAUNCHES COMPREHENSIVE, INTERDISCIPLINARY TMJ INSTITUTE

Indiana University School of Dentistry has launched a new TMJ Institute on the IUPUI campus under the direction of Dr. Shaun Matthews. The first of its kind in the United States, the TMJ Institute is a multidisciplinary, collaborative clinic designed to support the management of patients with chronic or otherwise challenging conditions of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ).

First pioneered in Great Britain by Dr. Matthews, this new concept in collaborative TMJ patient care integrates professionals from multiple disciplines, including oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS), orofacial pain, physical therapy, general dentistry, social work, and psychiatry, as well as consultation from orthodontics and prosthodontics. This diversity of expertise allows the institute to offer a customized, interprofessional consensus to patient care, Dr. Matthews said.

“We have created a true, multidisciplinary model that is both innovative and unique,” he continued. “The IUSD TMJ Institute offers a ‘one-stop shop’ for patients referred to the Institute with intractable TMJ symptoms. The collaborative approach creates a better understanding of a patient’s pathology and enables TMJ patients to feel more valued by playing an active role in their own treatment planning process.”

The TMJ Institute expands beyond direct patient care by engaging in innovative research to ensure treatments are current and evidence based. These best practices and new developments inform student learning in the predoctoral DDS program, OMFS residency, and continuing education for dentists and other health care professionals.

A SPECTRUM OF TMJ TREATMENT OPTIONS

When designing a treatment plan, the collaborative team considers the spectrum of care, from non-surgical options, such as joint massage, orthotic appliances, and medical management; to minimally invasive procedures, such as arthrocentesis and arthroscopy; up to maximally invasive, including formal open joint procedures or jaw joint replacement surgery.

“As a surgeon, I recognize that surgical intervention should always

come at the end of the road, not the beginning,” Dr. Matthews said. “A small cohort of patients who don’t respond to non-surgical, conservative treatment may go on to have some form of surgery, but our goal is to start with the least invasive interventions first.”

Patient JoAnn Sanders has experienced tremendous TMJ pain relief with non-surgical procedures, including therapeutic massage and wearing an orthotic bite splint device. The IndyGo bus driver said her jaw pain began at about age 16 after receiving an anesthetic block during dental treatment. She felt something tear during the procedure and experienced searing pain in her jaws. From that point on, she had limited jaw opening, a chronic earache without infection, and pain across the left side of her face. “My cousin pinched my cheeks once, and I just sobbed in pain,” she said.

Her general dentist referred her

Top photo: Members of the interdisciplinary TMJ institute, **Back row,** Dr. Harold Avila (orthodontist); Dr. Jeff Steele (general dentist); Shar Taylor (business administrator). **Middle row,** Shelby Funk (social worker); social work intern Ilesha Golden; Deepak Savanur (physical therapist), Annie Loudon (front desk coordinator), Janna Thornton (clinic coordinator). **Front row,** Dr. Neetha Santosh (oral pathology); Dr. Shaun Matthews (Institute director and OMFS surgeon); Dr. Kelton Stewart (orthodontist); Dr. Brian Ryu (OMFS resident)



Dr. Shaun Matthews (center) discussing a patient's treatment plan with the interdisciplinary team during the monthly TMJ Institute clinic



Andre Waddell with interdisciplinary team members Drs. Kelton Stewart, TMJ Institute Director Dr. Shaun Matthews, and resident Dr. Sydney Twiggs (DDS'21)

to the TMJ Institute, where she met the whole team in one visit. The treatment plan began with therapeutic soft tissue massage by physical therapist Deepak Savanur, who manipulated Sanders' jaw internally. Sanders performs the self-massage and other exercises at home. Dr. Jeff Steele, faculty in Comprehensive Care and General Dentistry, made an appliance to prevent jaw clenching at night. The Institute social worker, Shelby Funk, ensured Sanders' insurance would cover treatment.

After three months of treatment, Sanders' jaw opening increased from 30 to 37 millimeters. She can move her jaw an additional eight millimeters from left to right. She is pain free for the first time in almost 40 years.

"Shortly after I began treatment, I ate a steak at Texas Roadhouse," she said. "It's been a long time since I enjoyed a steak."

Patient Andre Waddell's treatment plan has been more extensive. After paying for orthodontics for three of his 10 children, Waddell felt it was time to care more for his own health. "I really emphasized oral health in my children because I had bad experiences with my teeth as a kid," Waddell said.

During periods of his youth, his

family experienced homelessness. Oral health and nutrition were low priorities. "We lived in Charleston, South Carolina, and the cheapest way to treat a kid on Medicaid was to pull their teeth," Waddell said. He estimates he had seven or eight teeth pulled, and that's when his jaw problems began.

"Every day I would wake up with a stiff jaw and pain that would radiate into my head, followed by ringing in my ears and jaw clicking," Waddell said. Despite the pain, Waddell earned bachelor's and master's degrees and is a managed care administrator in South Bend, Indiana. Today, his passion is helping indigent and underserved families who are dependent on social services.

Waddell's insurance policy led him to Dr. Matthews and the TMJ Institute. "I've spent a lot of years terribly anxious to go to the dentist, and I made my problems worse by avoiding care," he said. "I love the integrated team approach. I have to tell you, as a person of color, it was a big relief finding a dentist and surgeon who looked like me."

At his first visit, Waddell met with six interprofessional providers, who reviewed and discussed his case together and presented a treatment plan. The first step was orthodontic treatment with braces to correct an underbite and malocclusion. The



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JOANN SANDERS, patient

JoAnn Sanders reports a great reduction in pain and increase in jaw mobility after physical therapy and wearing a dental appliance.

second step will be prosthodontics for the placement of dental implants. Finally, Dr. Matthews will perform jaw deformity surgery to break and realign his jaw to achieve the optimal bite. The comprehensive treatment plan will take about two years.

"My goals are to have no headaches and to be able to smile. A few months into treatment, I already feel better," he said. "I've spent three-quarters of my life tending to my children's needs. Thanks to Dr. Matthews and the TMJ Institute team, I can now take care of my own."

FACULTY AWARDED LARGE FEDERAL RESEARCH GRANTS

The National Institutes of Health and Health Resources and Services Administration have awarded IUSD faculty researchers major federal grants, providing millions of dollars of sustained funding for their research programs.



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THYVALIKAKATH

Dr. Thankam Thyvalikakath, director of the IUSD and Regenstrief Institute Dental Informatics program and research scientist in the Center for Biomedical Informatics at Regenstrief Institute, was awarded a five-year R01 grant to develop and evaluate patient medical summaries from a health information exchange to improve dental care.

Dr. Angela Bruzzaniti, director of dental student research at IUSD, received a five-year R01 grant to study the effects of an enzyme named Pyk2 in controlling bone mass using specialized animal models and in vitro studies. Dr. Bruzzaniti will investigate whether inhibition of Pyk2 can both promote bone growth and prevent bone loss.

Dr. Hakan Turkkahraman, a full-time faculty member in the



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Department of Orthodontics and Oral Facial Genetics, is co-investigator of a five-year R01 grant to study the optimal dose of intermittent vibrational force superimposed on an orthodontic load system to create the best accelerative effects on a tooth's movement. He is collaborating with principal investigator Dr. Jie Chen from Purdue School of Engineering & Technology. The goal of this new technology, once validated, will allow the design of novel tools for orthodontists to significantly reduce treatment time and side effects.

Dr. Anubhuti Shukla, director of Community-Based Dental Education, was awarded a five-year Health Resources Service Administration grant to address oral health disparities for underserved populations that suffer most from oral health inequities in the



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SHUKLA

dental professional shortage areas in Indiana. She also recently received a two-year R21 NIH grant to study antiracism in community-based dental education and to train an oral health care workforce that can treat diverse communities, including people with disabilities.

The Health Resources Service Administration also awarded a five-year career development grant to **Dr. Allison Scully**, director of predoctoral pediatrics. Additionally, she received a community mini grant from Delta Dental Foundation to assist families who cannot pay for their child's dental treatment in the Pediatric Clinic and the 2021-2022 Jeffrey A. Dean/ American Board of Pediatric Dentistry Research Fellowship.



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WELCOME NEW FACULTY



Hadeel Ayoub



Harold Avila



Grace Felix Gomez



Alexandru Movila



Elizabeth Simpson



Angela Yepes

Dr. Hadeel Ayoub, visiting assistant professor, Dental Hygiene faculty, IU Ft. Wayne, made history as the first internationally trained dental hygienist to be issued an Indiana license. Dr. Ayoub is a PhD researcher and has collaborated on numerous papers with IUSD faculty.

Dr. Harold Avila, adjunct clinical assistant professor, Orthodontics and Oral Facial Genetics and Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology, has begun a TMD research project with Dr. Domenick Zero. His research study is the first on campus to use a phone app for patients to record their responses.

Dr. Grace Felix Gomez is visiting assistant research professor in dental informatics in the Department of Cariology, Operative Dentistry, and Dental Public Health. She completed her PhD in Dental Sciences at IUSD in 2018 and joined IUSD as a postdoctoral research fellow in 2020. Dr. Gomez's dissertation research focused on the photo-mediated destruction of *S. mutans*, the primary cariogenic bacteria.

Dr. Alexandru Movila, tenured associate professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Comprehensive Care, is principal investigator of the "Impact of acid ceramidase activity on MIF-mediated migration of circulating osteoclast precursors to periodontal bone lesions in relation to aging." Dr. Movila also serves as director of scientific imaging at the Indiana Center for Musculoskeletal Health.

Dr. Elizabeth Simpson is a new clinic director in the Comprehensive Care Clinic. Dr. Simpson served as a general dentist at several federally qualified health centers in the Indianapolis area before joining IUSD's full-time faculty in 2021.

Dr. Angela Yepes is a visiting clinical assistant professor in Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Yepes completed a master's degree in business administration in 2022 at the Kelley School of Business at IUPUI.

Graduated residents return to Prosthodontics to teach



Dr. Meenarin Panittaveekul (Prosth'19) returned to the Department of Prosthodontics as clinical assistant professor. She has been on faculty at Srinakharinwirot University Bangkok, Thailand.



Dr. Fang-Yu Su (Prosth'20) also has returned to the Department of Prosthodontics as a clinical assistant professor. She taught at Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry. Her research interests include clinical applications of digital dentistry and creating digital workflows to enhance patient care.

Leadership appointments bring new energy to dental school mission



Sylvia Frazier-Bowers



Steve Ellinwood



Paul Edwards



Anderson Hara



Lisa Lang



Wei-Shao Lin

Sylvia Frazier-Bowers, DDS, PhD, joined IUSD in October 2022 as associate dean of student affairs and admissions, chief diversity officer, and professor in Orthodontics and Oral Facial Genetics. Dr. Frazier-Bowers leads the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions and the Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. She provides administrative oversight for all of student services and advances inclusive excellence across IUSD's mission.

Steve Ellinwood (DDS'85) is director of IU Fort Wayne Dental Hygiene Clinic. Dr. Ellinwood served as Indiana Dental Association president in 2019-2020 and initiated the state association's COVID-19 oral health response. He has been an Indiana delegate and floor leader of the ADA.

Paul Edwards, Msc, DDS, FRCD®, MBA, MS, professor, has been appointed chair of Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology. Dr. Edwards most recently served as senior associate dean of the

Office of Academic Programs, overseeing the dental school's successful Commission on Dental Accreditation site visit in 2021. He is president of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and associate editor of MedEdPORTAL Publications.

Anderson Hara, DDS, PhD, MSD, has been named director of the Oral Health Research Institute. Dr. Hara is professor with tenure in the Department of Cariology, Operative Dentistry, and Dental Public Health. He has served as director of the OHRI Laboratory Research Core and Facility since 2009 and as OHRI associate director since 2014. The Indiana Dental Association honored Dr. Hara as 2021 Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year Award.

Lisa Lang, DDS, MS, MBA, has joined IUSD as associate dean of faculty affairs. Dr. Lang is an experienced educator, administrator, and academic prosthodontist. She joins IUSD as a tenured professor from The Ohio

State University College of Dentistry, where she served as the Dr. and Mrs. Julian B. Woelfel Endowed Chair in Restorative and Prosthetic Dentistry and chair of the Department of General Practice and Materials Science and the Department of Restorative Sciences and Prosthodontics.

Wei-Shao Lin, DDS, PhD, is chair of the Department of Prosthodontics. He is a tenured professor and serves as program director in the Prosthodontics advanced education program. Dr. Lin's research interests include clinical dental implant research, ceramic restorations, and digital dentistry. He serves on the editorial boards of several academic journals and is an associate editor of the Journal of Prosthodontics.

Shaun Matthews, BDS, FDS, MBBS, FRCS, FRCS (OMFS), chairs the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Hospital Dentistry and is associate dean for hospital affairs.



Shaun Matthews



Angeles Martínez Mier



Twyla Rader



Pamela Rettig



Laura Romito



Allison Scully

He also directs IUSD’s new TMJ Institute and specializes in the surgical management of the temporomandibular joint, pathology, orthognathic surgery, and the correction of maxillofacial trauma. Dr. Matthews joined IUSD in 2020 as a tenured clinical professor.

Angeles Martínez Mier, DDS, PhD, MSD, is associate dean for global engagement, supporting students, faculty, and staff to become engaged global citizens. Dr. Martínez Mier is professor and chair of the Department of Dental Public Health. She is an international expert in fluoride measurement, leading several NIH-funded teams that have developed international gold standard methods to measure safe levels of fluoride exposure. She is an editor of the inaugural Frontiers in Oral Health: Women in Oral Health and Nutrition article series and received the Outstanding 2022 Community Leader Award by the La Plaza Hispanic American Service Awards.

Twyla Rader, LDH, BS, MEd, is director of Dental Hygiene in Indianapolis. Rader joined the Dental Hygiene division as part-time clinical faculty in 2010 and has been a full-time clinical assistant professor since 2017. Rader has served as a private practice dental hygienist and is the only hygienist on the Indiana State Board of Dentistry.

Pamela Rettig, RDH, MS, clinical associate professor, is director of Allied Dental Programs, overseeing curriculum management and support, student admissions and progress, and faculty development support and advancement at both IUSD and IU Fort Wayne. Rettig joined the IUSD Dental Hygiene faculty in 1994.

Laura Romito, DDS, MS, MBA, FNAP, is associate dean for education and academic affairs, ensuring high quality education and the academic success and progression of our students. Dr. Romito joined IUSD in 2005 and is a tenured professor in the

Department of Biomedical Sciences and Comprehensive Care. She is course director of Systems Approaches to the Biomedical Sciences courses and the Evidence-Based Dentistry and Information Literacy course.

Allison Scully is director of Predoctoral Pediatric Dentistry. A 2015 IUSD DDS graduate, Dr. Scully is an assistant professor and joined the faculty in 2018 after completing a master’s degree and residency in pediatric dentistry at University of Michigan. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and has advanced training in leadership in academic medicine.

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Laila Al Dehailan



Frank Lippert



Nancy Mann



Jeffrey Platt



Waldemar D. Polido



Abbey Rieck

Dr. Laila Al Dehailan, Cariology, Operative Dentistry, and Dental Public Health, was promoted to assistant professor on tenure track.

Dr. Frank Lippert, Cariology, Operative Dentistry, and Dental Public Health, was promoted to professor.

Professor Nancy Mann, clinical professor, IU Fort Wayne, was awarded the 2022 Outstanding Preceptor Award by the East Central Indiana Area Health Education Center.

Dr. Jeffrey Platt, professor and chair, Biomedical Sciences and Comprehensive Care, has been reelected to the Science Committee of FDI World Dental Federation.

Dr. Waldemar D. Polido co-authored and edited the second edition of "The SAC Classification in Implant Dentistry," published by Quintessence Publishing. The book discusses the importance of identifying the potential difficulty, degree of complexity, and risk involved in implant-related treatment for a given clinical situation to pinpoint predictable, long-term stable outcomes.

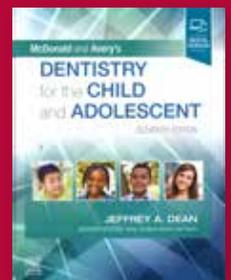
Professor Abbey Rieck, Allied Dental Programs, Biomedical Sciences and Comprehensive Care, was promoted to visiting clinical assistant professor.

Dr. Angela Ritchie, assistant clinical professor, was appointed director of the Oral Pathology Group, the diagnostic surgical biopsy service of the Department of Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology.



The 11TH edition of **McDonald and Avery's Dentistry for the Child and Adolescent** was published by Elsevier earlier this year.

Dr. Jeffrey Dean, the Ralph E. McDonald Professor Pediatric Dentistry and professor of Orthodontics and Facial Genetics is the textbook editor. **Dean Emeritus Dr. Ralph McDonald** wrote the first edition in 1969. **Dr. David Avery** came onboard with the third edition in 1978. IUSD pediatrics faculty members served as associate editors and contributors to this edition, including bottom row, **Drs. James Jones** and **Jeffrey Dean**, and top row, **Drs. Juan Yepes, LaQuia Vinson, Brian Sanders,** and **Allison Scully** (not pictured).





Angela Ritchie



Ned Warner



Chandler Walker



Juan Yepes



David Zahl



Domenick Zero

Dr. Ned Warner, clinical associate professor, Endodontics, received the 2022 Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching from the IUSD Alumni Association.

Dr. Chandler Walker, Biomedical Sciences and Comprehensive Care, was promoted to associate professor with tenure.

Dr. Juan Yepes, professor, Pediatric Dentistry, received the 2021 IDA Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. Additionally, the Journal of the American Dental Association appointed Dr. Yepes

as associate editor of the Medicine and Dentistry section.

David Zahl, assistant dean for curriculum development and assessment, was promoted from academic specialist to clinical assistant professor.

Dr. Domenick Zero, professor, Cariology, Operative Dentistry, and Dental Public Health, and former director of the Oral Health Research Institute, received the IUSD Alumni Association Distinguished Faculty Award for Research. Additionally, the European

Organization for Caries Research awarded Dr. Zero the prestigious Yngve Ericsson Prize in recognition of his outstanding contributions to oral disease prevention. This was followed by the ADA's Norton Ross Award, which recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions in clinical investigations that have advanced the diagnosis, treatment, and/or prevention of craniofacial-oral-dental diseases.



Simone Duarte



John Levon



Wei-Shao Lin



Daniel Shin

IUSD awarded Drs. Simone Duarte, John Levon, Wei-Shao Lin, and Daniel Shin the 2022 Trustees Teaching Award, which honors faculty members who make a positive impact on learning through their teaching.

Dr. Duarte is volunteer faculty in the Department of Cariology, Operative Dentistry, and Dental Public Health. Dr. Levon is a clinical assistant professor and director of the advanced education program in Prosthodontics. Dr. Lin is an associate professor and chairs the Department of Prosthodontics. Dr. Shin is a clinical assistant professor and predoctoral Periodontology program director.

RETIREMENTS



Dr. Philip Rake
(DDS'71, Prosth'89)
retired as clinical
associate professor
after serving on
the IUSD faculty since

1975. Colleagues, students, and patients appreciated Dr. Rake's passion for teaching. He often spent additional time with students to ensure they understood important concepts in clinical dentistry and their patients would receive high-quality treatment. Dr. Rake helped facilitate the development of the removable partial denture curriculum, providing meaningful direction and encouragement to junior Prosthodontics faculty.

"Dr. Rake made a great difference in Prosthodontics and at the School of Dentistry with his constant enthusiasm for dental student learning," said Prosthodontics Department Chair Dr. Wei-Shao Lin.



Dr. Brenda Valliere
retired as a clinical
assistant professor
at IU Fort Wayne
in May 2022.

She uniquely served Northeast Indiana and the Fort Wayne Dental Hygiene Program as a licensed dental hygienist, dentist, and program director. Always an advocate for students, she also volunteered her time with the Dental Laboratory Technology and Dental Assisting programs and mentored middle- and

high-school students considering dental careers.

Dr. Valliere contributed to many "firsts," including starting local anesthesia courses for both dental hygiene students and practitioners, graduating the first Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene class, matriculating the first class under IU School of Dentistry, and transitioning the clinic to electronic health records. IU Fort Wayne Dental Hygiene Director Jennifer Bryant said, "Brenda has been an excellent mentor, leader, and teacher and could work across the table with Purdue Fort Wayne and Indiana University."



Dr. Susan Zunt
(Oral Path'80)
retired as chair and
professor of the
Department of Oral

Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology in December 2021 after 42 years of dedicated service. A graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry, Dr. Zunt completed her advanced training residency program and Master of Science in Oral Pathology at IUSD in 1980 and subsequently joined the faculty full time. Dr. Zunt is a fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. She was president of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology in 2009-2010

and president of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in 2019-2020.

A tenured professor, Dr. Zunt became chair of the Department of Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology in 2002. Her research interests have focused on the oral manifestations of disease, oral cancer, and salivary gland dysfunction.

"Dr. Zunt has been a role model for aspiring women faculty and paved the way for others to assume leadership roles within the school and beyond," retired Professor Gail Williamson said. "A consummate educator, Dr. Zunt has made significant contributions to the department, school, and to her discipline, earning her emeritus status from Indiana University. It was a pleasure to work with her and witness her success."

While retiring from academic service, Dr. Zunt volunteers part-time in IUSD's Diagnostic Surgical Pathology Biopsy Service and the Dental Faculty Practice. "Dr. Zunt has been an exemplary leader throughout her more than 40-year career at Indiana University, and a tireless, strong, resolute, compassionate, and generous advocate for faculty and staff in her department, her students, and the specialty of oral and maxillofacial pathology," said Dr. Paul Edwards, Dr. Zunt's successor as department chair.

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Dr. Charles Willis Gish (DDS '49, MSD '60), professor emeritus, Preventive Dentistry, passed away on Jan. 24, 2022. Dr. Gish was highly regarded for his outstanding work in public health, academia, and clinical dental research.

Dr. Gish's accomplishments in public health were substantial and achieved through his tireless efforts in several leadership roles, both as a faculty member and department chair at IUSD from the mid-1950s to 1987, and as the director of the Division of Dental Health of the Indiana State Board of Health for more than two decades. Dr. Gish was a proud alumnus and a generous supporter of IUSD. Lecture hall 114 is named after him in recognition of his great impact on the school.

"After receiving his DDS degree with honors in 1949, Dr. Gish began a distinguished career in public service that became a life dedicated to improving the oral health of the children of Indiana," said Dean Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch.

Dr. Gish's clinical research brought him much acclaim. He participated in the early Crest studies, where his analysis was instrumental in developing a preventive dentifrice. Dr. Gish and a colleague later developed this product into a self-applied fluoride dentifrice in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Under his guidance, Indiana became known for its robust water fluoridation programs. By the mid-1980s, 93 percent of all Indiana residents with public water had access to fluoridated water. He implemented school water fluoridation units in rural communities where community water fluoridation was not available. He also directed a mobile dental clinic that traveled the state to provide examinations and treatments to school-aged children.

Dr. Gish authored many articles published in regional, state, and national journals. He was the president of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) and American Association of Public Health Dentists, now known as the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD). He received numerous awards, including Outstanding Achievement Award from ASTDD, Distinguished Service Award from AAPHD, Tony and Mary Hulman Health Award for achievements in preventive medicine through the Indiana Public Health Foundation, Indiana Dental Association Maynard K. Hine Award, John W. Knutson Distinguished Service Award in Dental Public Health, and Sagamore of the Wabash from Indiana Governor Orr.

An avid mushroom hunter, Dr. Gish would freely tell you how to find morels but would jealously guard any information about where to find them.



Dr. Mark Kendra (DDS '82), an active member of the IUSD Board of Advisors and Alumni Association, died Dec. 28, 2021. A member of the fundraising committee for the new clinical building, Dr. Kendra was an early supporter to build the James J. Fritts, DDS Clinical Care Center.

After dental school, Dr. Kendra started his practice in downtown Highland, Indiana, where his daughters, Drs. Marisa and Taylor Kendra, both 2015 DDS graduates, practice today.

"Dr. Kendra was a devoted alumnus of IU School of Dentistry," said John Hoffman, assistant dean of development. "His dedication to IUSD was shown in both word and deed. His service and input to our Alumni Board and Building Steering Committee were invaluable and greatly welcomed. He and his wife Sheryl's personal philanthropy to IUSD will always be appreciated."

Dr. Kendra is survived by his wife Sheryl (DH '81), daughters Marisa and Taylor, and son Austen.



Dr. Daniel Laskin (DDS '47), a legend in oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS), died Dec 8, 2021. Dr. Laskin was renowned worldwide for his academic pursuits in oral and maxillofacial surgery, especially for creating the modern understanding and

treatment of temporomandibular joint diseases. He authored numerous textbooks and made more than 900 contributions to scientific literature. He also gave countless lectures on oral and maxillofacial surgery internationally. His 30 years as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery advanced knowledge throughout the specialty.

After earning his DDS at IUSD in 1947, Dr. Laskin received a Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry. From 1950 to 1983, he served in numerous teaching, research, and leadership positions at the University of Illinois Chicago, including as OMSF department chair. He then led the OMFS Department at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry from 1983 to 2002. Indiana University bestowed him with an honorary Doctor of Science Degree in 2001.

In 2007, a large gift from Dr. Laskin established the annual Dr. Daniel Laskin Professional Ethics Lectureship at IUSD, which

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provides continuing education by highly regarded speakers on ethical practice in dentistry.

“Dr. Laskin’s personal and professional lives were concordant, and together they inspired others to live and practice ethically,” said Dr. Lawrence Garetto, IUSD professor emeritus and clinical ethicist. “There is no better legacy for the enduring, quiet celebrity of Daniel Laskin than the continuing impact of his professional commitment on those who will follow.”

While Dr. Laskin made many important contributions to the field of dentistry in his multifaceted career, he said especially enjoyed his role as teacher. “If you leave a mark in the field, it’s in the people you teach,” he said. “They remember you and pass on the torch.”



Dr. George Stookey (AB '57, MSD '62, PhD Preventive Dent'71), a global legend in the field of preventive dentistry and cariology, died on Jan. 5, 2022. He was 87.

Throughout Dr. Stookey’s distinguished career, his innovation, creativity, scholastic achievements, and mentorship of junior researchers significantly improved oral health across the globe and enhanced the scholarly mission and reputation of IUSD.

Dr. Stookey was born in Indiana and remained a Hoosier throughout his life. His early years on a farm prepared him for a disciplined and industrious life. Dr. Stookey received all his degrees from Indiana University. His career in dental research began at IU Bloomington in 1957. Freshly graduated from IU’s baccalaureate chemistry program and in search of a summer job, he worked in the lab of Dr. Joseph Muhler, whose research with IU chemistry professors Drs. Harry Day and William Nebergall was on the cusp of developing the first successful stannous fluoride formula for caries prevention. This formula became the tooth decay preventing agent in Crest toothpaste. What began as fluoride analysis in Dr. Muhler’s lab for \$1 an hour became a lifelong intellectual curiosity about fluoride and caries diagnostics.

During his academic career at IUSD, Dr. Stookey held 17 IU academic and administrative positions, including acting dean, executive associate dean, and associate dean of the school’s research mission. In 1981, Dr. Stookey became director of IUSD’s Oral Health Research Institute (OHRI) – IUSD’s research facility created in 1968 with patent royalties from the sale of Crest toothpaste. Under his leadership, OHRI earned its reputation as a global innovator and leader in preventive dentistry research and oral health care product testing.

Over a six-decade career, Dr. Stookey produced more than 300 publications in professional journals, presented at more than 400 scientific meetings, garnered about \$20 million in grants and contracts, held 20 U.S. and foreign patents, and contributed to numerous textbooks and reference books. Mentoring, training, and inspiring the careers of many young academic researchers also defined Dr. Stookey’s legacy.

“Dr. Stookey was a giant in the field of cariology,” said Dr. Angeles Martínez Mier, IUSD associate dean of global engagement and chair of the Department of Public Health. “Many of his studies on caries prevention and fluoride metabolism were seminal. The team he led brought distinction to Indiana as one of the cariology powerhouses in the world. Yet, I believe his greatest legacy was the young scientists he mentored. Under his leadership, Indiana became a fertile environment for young talent. A quick glance at the leaders and groundbreakers in our field today shows how he identified and nurtured talent in those who trained under him. So many of us would not be where we are today were it not for the support and mentorship of Dr. George Stookey.”

After retiring from the IU faculty in 2001, Dr. Stookey founded his own research company, Therametric Technologies, Inc., which develops new technologies for early detection of dental decay. Throughout his career, numerous prestigious national and international organizations recognized Dr. Stookey’s innovations and achievements. In 2017, the American Dental Education Association recognized him with the William J. Gies Award, dentistry’s preeminent recognition, for his innovation in dental education. In 2021, Indiana University bestowed Dr. Stookey with its Bicentennial Medal.

*The purpose of life is to be useful,
to be honorable, to be compassionate,
to have it make some difference that
you have lived and lived well.*

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1940s

Daniel M. Laskin, DDS'47, Richmond, Va., Dec. 8, 2021
Charles W. Gish, DDS'49, Prev Dent'60, Battle Ground, Ind., Jan. 24, 2022

1950s

Donald L. Burns, DDS'57, Gatlinburg, Tenn., Nov. 10, 2021
John H. Bushong, DDS'51, Del Mar, Calif., April, 24, 2017
Guthrie E. Carr, DDS'54, Peds'62, West Lafayette, Sept. 30, 2022
Adrienne J. (McKinney) Esberg, ASDH'54, Goshen, Ind., Nov. 13, 2021
George W. Fries, DDS'57, Marion, Ind., July 1, 2022
Thomas A. Garman, DDS'53, Augusta, Ga., Dec. 12, 2019
Laurence A. Gray, DDS'57, Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 8, 2022
Stanford H. Hyslop, DDS'53, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Nov. 15, 2015
Anita S. (Thompson) Johnson, ASDH'57, Carmel, Ind., April 29, 2022
Sue (Kraybill) Kaiser, ASDH'58, Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 5, 2021
Thomas S. Kaminski, DDS'58, Truckee, Calif., June 6, 2022
Peter C. Kesling, DDS'58, La Porte, Ind., July 25, 2022
Marlene R. (Bleeke) Koch, ASDH'54, Evansville, Ind., Dec. 3, 2021
Keith D. McCavit, DDS'58, Wasilla, Ark., Dec. 23, 2021
Victor H. Mercer, DDS'53, Prev Dent'63, Fishers, Ind., April 21, 2022
Alva R. Miller, DDS'56, Eustis, Fla., May 24, 2022
John C. Morfas, DDS'56, Munster, Ind., July 1, 2022
Robbie G. Robinson, DDS'54, Ortho'60, Arlington, WA, Sept. 14, 2022
Hugh P. Snyder, DDS'54, Santa Barbara, Calif., March 1, 2022
Kurt F. Strempel, DDS'58, Indianapolis, Oct. 15, 2022
Donald E. Stroud, DDS'56, Macomb, Mich., April 8, 2022
Alegria O.C. Zita, Ortho'58, Phillipines, Feb. 12, 2021
Charlotte R. (Tamler) Zuckerberg, ASDH'58, Indianapolis, May 28, 2022

1960s

Donald W. Baker, DDS'66, Peds'68, Bloomington, Ind., March 8, 2022
Sarah E. Beckwith, ASDH'61, Portage, Mich., Sept. 6, 2022
Carl W. Blickendorf, DDS'66, Cicero, Ind., May 28, 2022
Ben L. Bromley, DDS'67, Noblesville, Ind., Jan. 28, 2021
William C. Current, DDS'63, Eagle, Colo., Feb. 12, 2022
John W. Decker, DDS'69, Savannah, Ga., July 18, 2022
James E. Dice, DDS'63, Arlington, Va., April 9, 2022
Alan L. Eggleston, DDS'68, Evansville, Ind., April 19, 2022
Richard A. Fontaine, DDS'65, Attica, Ind., July 29, 2022
David L. Gauss, DDS'65, Indianapolis, Nov. 10, 2021
James H. Greeley, Crown/Bridge'66, Annapolis, Md., Oct. 15, 2021
Gerrit C. Hagman, DDS'61, Perio'63, Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12, 2021
Hubbard "Hub" Houglund, DDS'63, Muncie, Ind., Jan. 1, 2022
Earl W. Jackson, DDS'62, Marion, Ind., Nov. 2, 2021
Ronald L. Johnston, DDS'68, Noblesville, Ind., April 22, 2022
Robert A. Kenney, DDS'63, Neenah, Wis., Sept. 11, 2021
John D. Kingsbury, DDS'66, Fishers, Ind., June 18, 2021
Henry L. Levihn, Ortho'62, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 1, 2022
Earl R. Ley, DDS'60, Grove City, Ohio, June 3, 2022
Robert L. Lockhart, DDS'68, Fort Mill, S.C., Jan. 16, 2021
David L. Morgan, DDS'64, Peds'66, Fishers, Ind., Dec. 18, 2021
Stanley R. Nevill, Jr., DDS'64, Evansville, Ind., Jan. 4, 2022
Robin A. Roberts, DDS'63, Bloomington, Ind., July 18, 2022

John D. Rodkey, DDS'62, Lafayette, Ind., Feb. 10, 2021
Joyce L. (Schenck) Schultz, ASDH'60, BSDH'66, Elburn, Ill., Dec. 15, 2019
Burton L. Siegel, DDS'64, Dallas, Texas, June 28, 2021
Harry E. Sponseller, DDS'61, Plymouth, Ind., Feb. 2, 2022
George K. Stookey, MSD'62, PhD PrevDent'71, Indianapolis, Jan. 5, 2022
William P. Swann, Perio'67, Roanoke, Va., March 23, 2022
William T. Teare, Jr., DDS'67, Evansville, Ind., Nov. 30, 2021
Richard W. Weinzapfel, DDS'66, Anderson, Ind., Nov. 1, 2021

1970s

Kathryn A. (Kemmer) Ballard, ASDH'71, La Porte, Ind., May 29, 2021
David A. Blaine, DDS'70, Fishers, Ind., Feb. 15, 2022
Cynthia Lynn Bushemi, ASDH'78, Clermont, Fla., Dec. 10, 2019
Richard M. Demko, DDS'72, Chesterfield, Mo., March 7, 2022
John V. Edwards, DDS'77, Cullowhee, N.C., June 6, 2022
Deborah L. (Cravens) Jack, ASDH'76, Noblesville, Ind., March 2, 2022
Stephen C. Koehler, DDS'76, Perio'82, Indianapolis, Nov. 10, 2021
J. Keith Lungren, DDS'77, Anacortes, Wash., Jan. 14, 2022
Wayne K. McCallister, DDS'70, Anderson, Ind., Jan. 28, 2022
Raymond L. McCutcheon, Prosth'74, Charleston, W.Va., Dec. 14, 2021
Michael A. McDonald, DDS'72, Zionsville, Ind., Oct. 14, 2022
Arthur S. Roberts, Jr., DDS'71, Shelbyville, Ind., Aug. 7, 2022
Ronald L. Roszkowski, DDS'79, Carmel, Ind., March 29, 2021
Richard D. Stackert, DDS'72, Valparaiso, Ind., Nov. 12, 2021
David C. Steele, DDS'70, Alexandria, Ind., July 17, 2022

1980s

Michael F. Arnold, DDS'82, Indianapolis, Oct. 28, 2020
David R. Cleppe, DDS'83, South Bend, Ind., Jan 1, 2022
Sonya J. Crook, ASDH'89, Russiaville, Ind., Aug. 29, 2022
Michele L. Gifford, DA'84, Kokomo, Ind., May 25, 2021
Mark S. Kendra, DDS'82, Highland, Ind., Dec. 28, 2021
Janis L. (Peik) Price, ASDH'86, Carmel, Ind., Oct. 7, 2021
Lynn M. Ramer, ASDH'82, Logansport, Ind., Sept. 12, 2021

1990s

Charles E. (Chuck) Kendall, Jr., DDS'91, Evansville, Ind., May 1, 2022
Mathew A. Negrelli, DDS'95, Hobart, Ind., Dec. 6, 2021

2000s

Kimberly J. Holman, ASDH'04, Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 13, 2022
Kelly M. Voss-Johnson, ASDH'05, McCordsville, Ind., Sept. 1, 2022

2010s

Drake S. Oversen, DDS'15, Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 8, 2022

Faculty

Robert L. Bratton, DDS'68, Carmel, Ind., Aug. 31, 2022
William B. Gillette, DDS, VA Hospital/Periodontology, Indianapolis, Sept 24, 2022

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THE WEINGARTENS EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY



IU honored **Dr. Harvey Weingarten**, associate dean of clinical affairs, and his wife, Carin, with the Spirit of Philanthropy Award for their generous support of IU dental clinic renovations on the IUPUI and South Bend campuses. Additionally, they support students by contributing to scholarships and student emergency funds. "I have been afforded a great career because of the education I received at IU School of Dentistry. Carin and I hope our support will provide current and future IUSD students the same opportunities," Dr. Weingarten said.

*Pictured above with their daughters, all IU undergraduates and post-graduates: **Flynne** (DDS, MPH-IUSM'11), **Harvey** (DDS'79), **Carin** (DH'79), **Peri** (DDS'15), and **Jori** (AuD'10).*



MELISSA EVANS

Director of Development

You know those personality tests that show whether you're introverted or extroverted? It will come as no surprise to anyone who knows me that I am 100 percent extroverted. I love meeting and talking with IUSD alumni – especially about their dental school experience and how it helped shape their career. I also want to know how you are doing now, in practice or in retirement. Please, tell me your story!

Now in my seventh year at IU School of Dentistry, I am so thankful for all of the alumni I've met and for all the support you give annually to help us provide the best possible education for our students, who are the center of our universe.

We appreciate our alumni and all you do to support the IUSD community. Making a gift to the Dental School Priority Fund has a direct impact on IUSD students and helps us continue our commitment to excellence. Give here at www.myiu.org. I look forward to speaking with you and hearing your stories soon!



Annual scholarship luncheon supports student success

Dental students Cordin Mirise, Parham Karimi, Yacoub Aljobeh, and Meera Patel flank Dr. Richard Newton II and his wife Barbara, representing the Class of 1984 scholarship.

IUSD hosted its annual scholarship recognition luncheon on March 31, 2022, at the Madam Walker Legacy Center. Most of the scholarships have been created by grateful alumni or in the memory of beloved faculty, students, or alumni family members.

"The partnership between donors and awardees is critical to the success of our students."

—John Hoffman, assistant dean of development



JOHN HOFFMAN

Assistant Dean of Development

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The three most recent deans – Drs. John Williams, Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch, and Lawrence Goldblatt – honored John Hoffman (holding plaque) at the Dean’s Society dinner for his 20 years of fundraising at the dental school. “Best development officer I’ve ever known,” said Dean Emeritus John Williams.

I started my career with IU School of Dentistry in August 2002. What a journey it’s been! Upon my arrival at the school, I talked to Dean Lawrence Goldblatt about raising the expectation of private philanthropy at the school. From those discussions, the Dean’s Society was established to recognize alumni and friends who contributed \$1,000 or more annually.

My observations early in my tenure at IUSD strongly convinced me that people were proud of their IUSD education and, accordingly, were successful in their professional career in dentistry. After 20 years, that notion has been confirmed over and over. The element that had been missing for so long was asking you to be a part of the future success of IUSD. I asked you to help facilitate change at the school by increasing your level of personal philanthropy, and boy, did you ever answer the call!

For 20 years, the Dean’s Society has been the trademark of your selfless support of IUSD. So many incredible initiatives have occurred over 20 years because of your philanthropy – renovations, scholarships, endowments, new facilities, and many other forms of student and faculty support. Most important, the numerous friendships that have blossomed over that period have been and continue to be, for me, the most rewarding and meaningful aspect of my career and have facilitated the Dean’s Society’s consistency and duration over two decades.

As we enter the 21st year of the Dean’s Society, I will continue to work with passion and purpose. I will also continue to ask for your support. I have no doubt you will continue to respond accordingly. Please know how much I value and appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness all these many years.

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DEAN’S SOCIETY CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

Twenty years ago, Dean Emeritus Lawrence Goldblatt and his new development officer, John Hoffman, established IUSD’s Dean’s Society for donors of \$1,000 or more each year. Previously, the philanthropy recognition society for IUSD had been the Century Club, recognizing gifts of \$100 or more to the dental school.

Dean Goldblatt said Hoffman’s reaction upon learning this was basically, “Really?”

“John said, ‘Let’s multiply that goal by 10. Let’s

create a Dean’s Society and make the minimum annual contribution \$1,000,’” Dean Goldblatt recalled.

Over the past 20 years, our alumni and friends have contributed more than **\$106 million from over 8,000 unique donors** to advance oral and systemic health through excellence in education, patient care, research and scholarship, and community engagement in Indiana and globally.

Greatest thanks to the following 2021-2022 donors and all donors over the past 20 years.

20 Years

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 Dr. LaQuia and Andrew Vinson
 Dr. Robert and Jacqueline Walden
 Dr. John and Sarah Wallace
 Dr. Kevin and Susan Ward
 Dr. Tawana Ware
 Dr. Richard and Willis Watson
 Dr. Bret and Cara Weathers
 Dr. Douglas and Sharon Weber
 Dr. James H. Wells
 Dr. John Wells
 Drs. Tony and Crunchy Wells
 Dr. Thomas and JoHanna Wickliffe
 Dr. Robert and Claire Williams
 Dr. Carl and Angela Williamson
 Dr. Michelle and Brian Wittler
 Dr. Mark and Sontha Wohlford
 Dr. David and Anne Wolf
 Dr. Raymond Wong and Christine Cheng
 Dr. James and Tammy Woods
 Drs. Juan and Angela Yepes
 Dr. Paul and Janell Yim
 Dr. George and Mary Zundo

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Anthony and Amy (DDS'01) Gerardot



Thomas Lapp (DDS'68), Dave Matthews (DDS'79), Phil Pate (DDS'68, Peds'70)



Melissa and Kyle Evans

2022 | ALUMNI AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



Dr. Jeffrey Platt (DDS'84, MSD'96) serves as professor and chair of the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Comprehensive Care (IUSD's largest department).

He is also director of dental materials, his lifelong professional passion. Dr. Platt has held numerous leadership positions in the Indiana Dental Association and the American Dental Association, including interim journal editor of the American Dental Association. Additionally, he is editor of the journals for the Academy of Operative Dentistry, American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, and Academy of R.V. Tucker Study Clubs. Colleagues worldwide recognize Dr. Platt for his knowledge of dental materials. Award nominator, Dr. Mark Mihalo (DDS'87), said, "Dr. Platt, through his years of service to IUSD and the profession, has kept the school recognized as one of the preeminent institutions for dental materials in the heritage of Dr. Ralph Phillips."



Dr. Margherita Fontana (PhD Dent Sci'96), the Clifford Nelson Endowed Professor at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, is a world leader in cariology research. She has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the advancement of science and continues to inspire young

dental researchers. Dr. Fontana has a stellar publication record, in spite of the fact that her focus has been on clinical research, which often takes years to conclude and publish the findings. In 2011, President Obama awarded Dr. Fontana the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers for her work on caries risk assessment in children. Her nominator, the NIH, is one of numerous scientific institutions funding her extensive

cariology research. Dr. Fontana is an active teacher and mentor and strives to shorten the disparity gap and ensure people from underserved cultural and racial backgrounds receive appropriate oral health care to address dental caries and disease. She volunteers extensively as a leader in national and international agencies, professional organizations, and academic institutions.



Dr. John Regan (DDS'61) is an exceptional dentist and leader. After graduating from IUSD in 1961, he began a dental practice but was drafted into the U.S.

Army. After military service, he returned to Huntington, Indiana, to re-establish his practice. Throughout his career, Dr. Regan has served as a leader in numerous dental professional organizations, as well as several philanthropic and community service organizations, including the Academy of General Dentistry International, the Indiana Academy of General Dentistry, Pathfinder Services for the Disabled, United Way, and the Huntington County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

"His impact on the profession has been truly exceptional, and of an international scope," said Dean Murdoch-Kinch. "Dr. Regan has made a difference in the lives of so many, including the most vulnerable of our citizens. It is hard to imagine how he was able to do all the things he has accomplished, while also running a dental practice and several businesses, actively involved in numerous professional organizations, writing, and raising a large family."

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Dr. William Hine (DDS'96) is known throughout the Indiana oral health community for his highest level of professionalism, integrity, and compassion. His

nominator, Dr. Karen Ellis

(DDS'99), said, "Dr. Hine demonstrates and is representative of the preeminent standards for which Indiana University School of Dentistry is known."

Dr. Hine has shown meritorious service to the field of dentistry by being a strong and vocal advocate for organized dentistry. He has served in numerous organized dentistry positions at the local, state, and national level and works closely with the dental school and its students by serving on its advisory board and as a liaison to the IDA Dental Education Subcommittee. Dr. Hine has been recognized by his peers with fellowships to the International College of Dentists and American College of Dentists and is a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Society. He has been an advocate and provides dental services to those most in need as an active participant in the Indiana Donated Dental Services and the Indiana Mission of Mercy.



Dr. John Roberts (DDS'82) has been involved with organized dentistry his entire career, beginning as a component council member and member of the IDA House of Delegates.

IDA service positions he has held include chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee for 13 years, IDA

Trustee for seven years, IDA President (2012-2013), IDA Political Action Committee board member, and member of the IDA delegation to ADA House of Delegates. Dr.

Roberts also has served as a faculty practitioner for the IUSD extramural program and as a member of the IUSD Executive Committee. For his community, Dr. Roberts has served on the Fayette County Head Start Advisory Panel for over 30 years. His proudest achievement has been working with State Board of Health Dental Division and local government to bring fluoridation to his hometown of Connersville, Indiana.

HONORARY MEMBER AWARD



Dr. Nia Bigby has been an active member of Indiana dentistry since moving to central Indiana in 2009. Dr. Bigby is a graduate of the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. According to her nominator,

Dr. William Hine (DDS '96),

Dr. Bigby has great passion for serving in organized dentistry. She is a member of the ADA, IDA, and IDDS and has held various positions in these organizations, including treasurer of the Indiana Dental Association. "Dr. Bigby's involvement in organized dentistry helps influence young leaders to aspire to their highest levels of leadership at component, state, and national levels," Dr. Hine said. In the community, Dr. Bigby is a board member on the Arsenal Tech Dental Assisting Program, volunteers at the Indiana Black Expo, and is a young adult minister for New Era Church.

ALUMNI EVENTS

IU ORTHODONTIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*American Association of Orthodontists'
Annual Session, Miami Beach, Florida*

MAY 21, 2022



Drs. Enrique Cruz (Ortho'12), Mahya Farnia (Ortho'12), Nitika Mittal (Ortho'12), and Emily Taing-Watson (Ortho'14)



*Drs. Hakan Turkkahraman, associate professor,
and Ariel Mitchell (Ortho'22)*



Drs. Gene Roberts, former IU Orthodontics and Facial Genetics department chair; Sarandeep Huja (PhD, Ortho'99), dean of the Medical University of South Carolina, College of Dental Medicine; Kelton Stewart, chair, Department of Orthodontics and Oral Facial Genetics; Anthony Puntillo (DDS'91, Ortho'93), American Board of Orthodontics director



BURSTONE SYMPOSIUM

The Seventh Biennial Burstone Symposium, "Winning Treatment Strategies in Patient Care," was held Aug. 12, 2022, at the NCAA Conference Center

in Indianapolis. Dr. Paul Lloyd Coceancig, an oral and maxillofacial specialist at Profilo Surgical in Sydney, Australia, spoke on "Six ways to design a face – current strategies on the growing patient." Dr. Neal Kravitz, faculty member and research adviser at the University of Maryland and Washington Hospital Center, spoke on canine substitution and canine impaction. The symposium is named for the late faculty member Dr. Charles Burstone (Ortho'55), known internationally for his understanding and teaching of biomechanics in orthodontics.



Passing of the Gavel

Thank you to Brent Swinney (DDS'98), right, for serving as 2021-2022 IUSD Alumni Association president. He passed the gavel on to incoming President Ty Campbell (DDS'87).

SmileCon, American Dental Association, Houston, Texas

OCT. 13, 2022

Dr. Anna Thorn (Prosth'19), Dean Murdoch-Kinch, and Dr. Dick Jones (Prosth'78), president of the American College of Dentists



IU PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (IUPDAA)

American Association of Pediatric Dentistry 75th Annual Session, San Diego, California

MAY 26-28, 2022



Drs. Lesa Allison (DDS'12, Peds'14) and Andrea VanCleave Mason (Peds'14)



Drs. Jacob Balkos (DDS'17), Adrienne Reviere (Peds'19), Katie Salmon (Peds'19), Sam Kelly (Peds'19), Jeff Schweppe (Peds'19), Alex Voris (DDS'18, Peds'20), and Lauren Carlson (Peds'19)



Dr. Jerry Udelson (Peds '89), vice president, and Nate Kirk (Peds'03), president, IUPDAA

REUNITED

and it feels so good!

To make up for cancelled gatherings in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, IUSD hosted two in-person alumni reunions in the past year. Class years ending in 0, 5, 6, and 1 were reunited on Nov. 6, 2021, at a cocktail and dinner reception at the dental school and IUPUI Campus Center. The 2022 reunion, for class years ending in 6 and 2, was held on May 21, 2022, at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. So great to see everyone – in person!

DENTAL HYGIENE REUNION | NOV. 6, 2021



1961: Shari Robinson



1965: Marty Hoyer, Sandra (Norquest) Whiteman, Linda Schubert



1970: Pat Hefner, Barbara Smith, Ellen McKittrick



1971: Debra (Downhour) Beckner, Elizabeth Hileman

ALUMNI EVENTS

DENTAL HYGIENE REUNION | NOV. 6, 2021



1975: Susan (Bott) Bohnert, Jill (Alexander) Borst, Patricia Stogsdill, Lou Ann (Barlow) Morelock, Carole Williams, Michele Schroder, Laverne (Robison) Whitmore, Lynn (Geoffrion) Scott, Valerie (Gater) Kelly, Marie Lawler, Lynn (Snouwaert) Dillman



1976: Jill Morris, Barbara (Boyd) McConnell, Rosann Sides, Cathy Horner, Susan Marr



1981: Sheryl Kendra, Debra Loveless, Debbie (Mayse) Cline, Amy (Sinclair) Vernon



1986: Angel Reed, Jennifer Henry-Elliott, Donna Korby-Petro



2005: Erin Shelton, Amber Dilling



2016: Jaclyn Abdul-Majid, Kendra Johnson, Vashti Schafer, Andriya Collins



1960: Marvin Schmidt



1961: John Regan, Karl Gossweiler, William Border, Chuck Smith



1965: Richard Martin, James Fritts, Bradley Baetsle, Kenneth Barnard, Michael Ternisky



1966: David Jarrell, Richard Martin, Jerry McClarren, Randall McClary



1970: John Deppen, Chuck Hazelrigg, Alice Sue Green, Thomas Myers

ALUMNI EVENTS

DDS REUNION | NOV. 6, 2021



1971: Back row, Paul Roebke, Michael Scheidt. Front row, Gerald Stahl, Randy Kixmiller, David Sturgeon.



1976: Steve Stradley, Gordon Green, Jeffrey Blair, Darlene Vaughan



1980: Back row, Barry Ray, Terry Cunningham, Homer Faucett, George Zundo, David Douglas, Jeffrey Rouse, David Kolb, John Hayes, David Weiner, Steven Buedel. Middle row, Kerry Knappe, Terry Pampel, Rob Sheets, Terry McDermott, Larry Fortress, Jeff Dalin, Nancy Halsema, Gary Haller, Greg Wittig. Front row, Jeanette Sabir-Holloway, Barbara LaMere-Heck, Ben Blakley, Susanne Parrish, Jennifer Taube, Mark Thomas, Debra Mannia, Pat Clark.



1981: Back row, Henry Pong, Craig Scott, Chris Gartner. Front row, Harold Atkinson, Philip Polus, Paul Dunkerly.



1986: Back row, Natalie (Gedge) Roy, Thomas Hasewinkel, Todd Kaminski, Stephen Rasmussen. Front row, Tim Dudley, John Click, Leslie Gilbert, Michael Mintz.



1990: Owen Forbes, Pat Tromley



1991: *Back row*, Jeff Gore, Amy Viano, Anthony Puntillo, Chuck Sadler. *Front row*, Raymond Wong, Chanbo Sim, Alex Mishel, Steve Douglas.



1995: Doris VanNatter, Bryan Sigg, Isabel Vahedi



2011: *Back row*, Emily McCrea, Emily Stout, Claire MacIntyre, Jill (Carson) Aldrich, Heather (Hirsch) Hradek, Sheena (Khilnani) Zent. *Front row*, Blake Prather, Jeffrey Crane, Michael Talbott, Carter McCrea, Daniel Kress, Russ Yancey, Stephen Zent.

ALUMNI EVENTS

DDS REUNION | MAY 2022



1962: William Amos, Charles Kerkhove, Bill Hohlt



1972: *Back row,* Terry Frey, Perry Wainman, Virgil Gassoway, Greg Crawford, Robert Stokes, Wiley Green, Edward Martin, Robert Gebfert, Chester Rycroft. *Front row,* Philip McKean, Fred Simmons, Brank DeBruhl, Alan White, Charles Walker, Gary Schinbeckler, B.D. Kim Brown, Robert Sexton, Jack Redmond.



1977: Jane Taube, Rebecca Donnelson, Lynn Gitlin



1982: *Back row,* Lou Sertich, Jeff Mishler, Terry Schechner, Charles Smith. *Front row,* John Roberts, Vince Guido, William Grider, Robert Bouggy.



1987: Peter Grieser, Michael Gossweiler, Ty Campbell, Robert Ueber, James Burkart



1992: *Back row,* Michelle Ashcraft, Darin Ashcraft, Luz-Elena Valencia, Scott Terry. *Front row,* Larry Caskey, Timothy Schafer, Myriam Raber, Gary Pascua.



1997: Chari Fletcher-Clayton



2002: Gina Meylan-Senkowski, Ana Gossweiler, Kimbra Druley, Valerie Lake



2012: *Back row,* Andrew Orman, Keith Harrison, Kevin Ludwig, Matt Kolkman. *Front row,* Amanda Miller, Connie Middleton, Megan Keck, Olga Isyutina, Katherine So.



2017: Jeff Valliere



INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY CALENDAR

11 | 05 | 2022

IUSD Dental Hygiene Class Reunions Classes Ending in 2 or 7

IU School of Dentistry

Indianapolis, IN

02 | 11-18 | 2023

IUSD Caribbean Cruise

05 | 20 | 2023

IUSD Class Reunions for Classes Ending in 3 or 8

Indianapolis Marriott Hotel

Indianapolis, IN

02 | 24 | 2023

Chicago Midwinter Alumni Reception

Hyatt McCormick Place

Chicago, IL

04 | 14-15 | 2023

Indiana University Pediatric Dentistry Biennial Conference

Sheraton Keystone Crossing

Indianapolis, IN

04 | 22 | 2023

Indiana University Orthodontic Alumni

Reception During the AAO Meeting

Chicago Marriott Marquis

Chicago, IL

For more information about these events contact Karen Jones, Office of Alumni Relations, at 317-274-8959 or kdeery@iupui.edu.

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Please reach out to Karen Jones, director of IUSD alumni services, at kdeery@iupui.edu, with your nominations of remarkable alumni for the IUSD Alumni Association recognition awards.



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- Aqua Class Suite (Category A2) \$1,879 per person / double occupancy
- Sky Suite (Category S2) \$2,449 per person / double occupancy
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ITINERARY

February 11, 2023	Depart San Juan, Puerto Rico	8:30pm
February 12, 2023	Tortola, B.V.I. IUSD cocktail party	8:00am – 5:00pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm
February 13, 2023	Philipsburg, St. Maarten IUSD Continuing Education Lecture	8:00am – 5:00pm 7:00am – 8:00am
February 14, 2023	Roseau, Dominica IUSD Continuing Education Lecture	8:00am – 5:00pm 7:00am – 8:00am
February 15, 2023	Bridgetown, Barbados	8:00am – 6:00pm
February 16, 2023	St. George's, Grenada	8:00am – 5:00pm
February 17, 2023	At Sea IUSD Continuing Education Lecture: IUSD cocktail party	8:00pm – 5:00pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm
February 18, 2023	Arrive San Juan, Puerto Rico Disembarkation	6:00am



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