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Healey's Comments

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Featured Article: Qualities of Success

Carl W. Newton

There is a connection between a person's goals and the dedication necessary to be successful in achieving those goals. Perseverance is essential to make the investment in the time and effort necessary to complete the commitment that every IUSD graduate is capable of - to become ABE board certified. Demonstrating how endodontics has benefited you and your family, and doing what is expected, are characteristics of both thankfulness and responsibility.

Three IUSD graduates have become new Diplomates since the last Healey's Comments publication. Dr. Mindy Van was joined by her family and Dr. Spolnik at the podium during the Edgar Coolidge Luncheon at the AAE Annual Session in Boston to be recognized and receive her pin. You can see the pride of the achievement in the pictures printed in this issue. Drs. Mychel Vail and Gael Delaney will be similarly recognized next spring in Hawaii. They have all justified the confidence placed in them that they would achieve this goal when they were selected from a very competitive applicant pool for the opportunity to become endodontists and study at IUSD.

Surveyed Diplomates most commonly reported that they were motivated primarily by the personal and professional value of the achievement, but that the encouragement and expectation of their Program Directors was very important as well. I can clearly remember that it was an explicit expectation of my Program Director, Dr. Sam Patterson, when I was accepted into the program at Indiana University 38 years ago. His opinion of me was very valuable and it provided the chance for me to thank Indiana University for the opportunity.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation Advanced Specialty Education Requirements defines the scope of Endodontics and requires outcomes assessments of each program's goals and objectives. Essentially all programs use success on the ABE exams as a measurable outcome of the extent of knowledge and clinical proficiency of students. The ABE provides this information to directors to assist in preparation of the program's self-study application every seven years. IUSD Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics has a site visit from the CODA scheduled for September 2013.

The 100% success rate of 21 IUSD graduates on the written exam since the establishment of Prospective Board Status is testament to the effectiveness of those requirements, the quality of students in our graduate program, and the fairness of the exam in covering the scope by utilizing a matrix made from those requirements. Many programs



Dr. Mindy M. Van Lee joined by her husband, Dr. Steve Lee and her son, Henry, receives her pin at the AAE annual session in Boston, MA.

actually require that students take the written exam during their final year. Our graduate program made the ABE written exam a requirement in 2006, and IUSD even provides funding.

The elimination of the 4-year eligibility requirement for final application also made it theoretically possible to achieve Diplomate status within 1 year of graduation. It is no longer theoretical. Several have now achieved it since 2009 by completing their written exam during the program, submitting their case portfolio by the October deadline, and sitting for their orals at the next AAE Annual Session. It has been shown that the longer you wait, the less likely you are to complete the process. Some graduates even have their case portfolios ready to submit at the time of graduation.

The most recent ABE policy changes that eliminated the expiration of successful written exam results and permit candidates to take the oral exams before the case portfolio have resulted in such an increase in applications that as many as 24 examiners at a time have been required and additional sessions scheduled. Several more IUSD graduates are in position to complete the process soon.

To achieve Diplomate status, an endodontist has shown great inner motivation and exceptional commitment to continuing professional growth. A Board Certified endodontist understands the importance of achieving the highest level of knowledge and skill possible, continually pursuing new knowledge and experience, fully understanding and applying new research and advances to the practice of endodontics, and aspiring to the highest possible quality of

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Dr. Spolnik celebrates with Mindy and family at the Edgar Coolidge Luncheon at the AAE Annual Session in Boston to recognize and receive her pin.

care for their patients. Board certification is certainly not required to achieve excellence, but achieving Diplomate status in our specialty is another way to demonstrate to both our profession and the public that excellence is important. It is about dedication to the pursuit of excellence.

If these are not reasons enough, do it for IUSD or your Director. I can remember a time when a past student of mine, Dr. Ed Kaminsky, who had been in solo-practice for several years in Las Cruces, NM and was busy with a young family, approached me at the ABE booth at the Annual Session. He said that he valued the personal achievement, but that alone did not seem to provide the needed motivation. He felt compelled to explain because he knew that I was disappointed. He asked me to give him a good reason to complete the process. I said "do it for me and for Indiana University." He paused thoughtfully for just a moment and said, "I'll do it." And he did. I'm very proud of him and all our Diplomates.

Congratulations again to Drs. Delaney, Vail, and Van.



Our newest Diplomates: Drs. Gael Delaney, Mychel M. Vail, & Mindy M. Van Lee



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A Look Ahead

Kenneth J. Spolnik

Greetings from your endodontic department at IUSD! On June 23, 2012, I had the privilege of conducting the graduation dinner for John Jeppson, Ashleigh Rexford, and Jenny Whatley our 144th, 145th, and 146th graduates of our endodontic program. This was our 53rd graduating class since our first student, Worth Gregory, graduated in 1959. What a rich tradition we have at IUSD!

As I reflect over the last three years as chair and program director, I have come to realize how important it is to keep up the excellent reputation that the IUSD Endodontic Department has developed over the past 53 years. In order to do this, we need dedicated faculty, which we have. We need to keep on the cutting edge of technology, which we have done with microscopes for each graduate students; a CBCT unit for our department, and numerous other innovative instruments and materials. However,

the one thing we are lacking is an adequate graduate clinic. Our current clinic was designed for 1959 technology and not for microscopes, computers, etc. This is not a problem that is unique to the Graduate Endodontic Clinic. The present facility as you know is divided into three sections. The original structure was built in 1933. The next addition was added in 1962, and the "newest" part was built in 1972. The infrastructure is inadequate to accommodate the clinical needs of 2012 technology. Therefore, Dean Williams is determined to build a new clinical facility just east of our existing school where the patient parking lot is located; endodontics will be part of this new facility.

One of the ways to help finance this building will be by adding an "International Dental Program" which will take foreign-trained dentists and provide them an avenue to obtain a dental degree from IUSD. After

careful screening, these dentists (number to be determined) will be enrolled in a 24-month program and have to fulfill the same clinical requirements as our existing D3 and D4 students. However, this will provide only a portion of the necessary funds to build this new clinic facility. Once the building campaign begins, which will be later this year, please consider giving to help us maintain the excellent reputation that our department and school enjoys.

When you give, you are making a career possible for future students. Please join me in helping to build the endodontic component in a new clinical facility which will benefit future students for years.

So, please keep a lookout for the beginning of our building fund campaign and take this opportunity to give back to the profession that has given us the career and lifestyles we enjoy today. Have a great summer.

Residents - Class of 2013

Charles F. Hine

We just welcomed three new residents and it is hard to believe but, interviews for the class of 2015 are being processed as you read this. A definite advantage of teaching at IUSD is getting to know these exceptional people. The residents of the class of 2013 are a pleasure to work with and I would like you to meet them.

Dr. Ryan Baker comes to us from Salt Lake City, Utah. Ryan received a B.S. in Biology from Brigham Young University. During his college experience he spent two years in Nicaragua on a mission trip. Ryan attended the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and following graduation he completed a general practice residency there, as well. Ryan's wife, Ashley, is from Las Vegas and they have two children, Mathew Ryan who is three and Brock Vaughn who is one. In keeping with their faith, Ryan and Ashley are very involved in their church. Ryan also enjoys reading and staying fit. Future plans are up in the air, but in his own words he would like to follow the advice of Horace Greeley and "Go west, young man."

I have known **Dr. Abigail Edds** for quite some time. She completed the Wishard General Practice Residency in 2004. Following her GPR, she worked with my brother, Will, in Brownsburg until starting her endodontic residency. Abby is from

Louisville, Kentucky. She received both her B.A. in Sociology and her D.M.D. from the University of Louisville. She lives in Zionsville with her husband, Eric, and their three children Anna, Conner, and Ethan. When she is not busy with the residency or her family, Abby enjoys playing piano, reading, and traveling. Abby would like to practice in the Midwest, but as of now she has not made any plans.

Dr. Anthony Griglione had the unfortunate luck of growing up in Champaign Illinois. I am just kidding. I like to give Tony a hard time because he is a hard core University of Illinois fan. He received his BS in Integrative biology, He stayed close to home for college and received a B.S. in Biology at the University of Illinois and his dental training at Southern Illinois University. Before starting his endodontic training, Tony worked for a year in a private practice in St. Louis, Missouri. Tony and his wife, Haley, are expecting a baby boy this November. He hopes to stay in the midwest after graduating and is considering Chicago or Indianapolis.

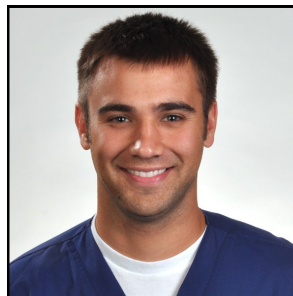
I hope you have the opportunity to meet these three hardworking individuals. I am excited for them to finish their second year, and it will not be to long before they will be moving on to their next adventure of private practice.



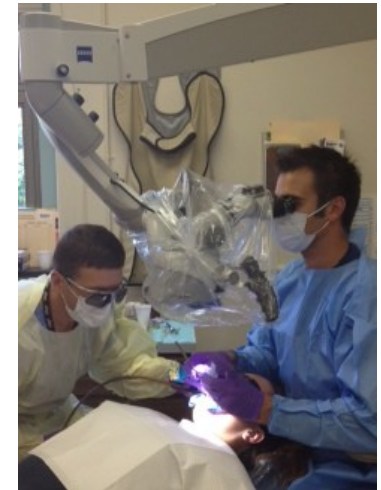
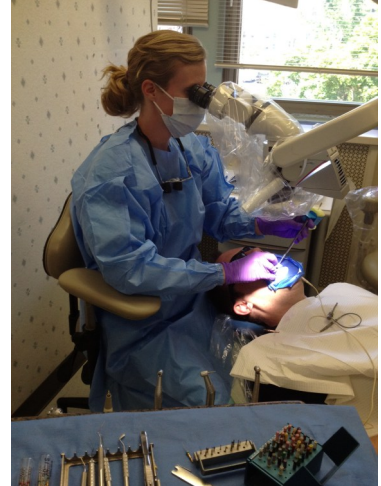
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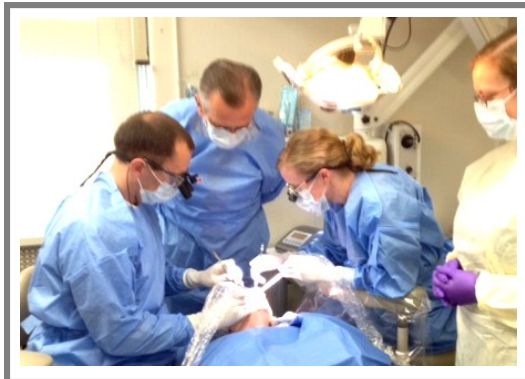
Abby Edds



Tony Griglione



Abby and Tony gaining proficiency in using the microscope



Our residents on surgery day with Dr. Spolnik



Joseph J. Legan
Pre-doctoral Director

Pre-doctoral Program Update

Joseph J. Legan

The Class of 2012 Pre-doctoral Endodontic Program had another successful year. We had a 97% pass rate for those who participated in the NERB this year.

This outcome was facilitated through a Power Point Presentation and a hands-on practice with anatomic models. The sophomore Class of 2014 completed their Sophomore Preclinical Endodontic Lecture and Laboratory Course in the recently dedicated simulator laboratory which occupies the old SBO5A lab. The simulator laboratory contains 114 dental treatment stations with rubber head, overhead lights, suction, and hand pieces. All of the graded endodontic laboratory projects which were formerly accomplished in the bench lab, were accomplished in a dental treatment station replicating actual sit down endo-

dontic treatment. The simulation lab is a good teaching tool to aid the student in the transition from lab to clinic. The students truly appreciated the experience. The Pre-doctoral Endodontic Clinic continues to use the "Dexter Program" and complete the required number of selected, approved cases. The Class of 2012 completed its graduation requirements without holding anyone back, which has been a problem in past years. In keeping with improving the Pre-Doctoral Clinic, our "Dexter Program"

was integrated into the Sophomore Preclinical Endodontic Course, which replaces treatment of "Dexter" in the clinic. This change allows more chair availability in the Pre-doctoral Clinic and improvement toward the student's graduation requirement. I continue to enjoy teaching the Pre-doctoral students and appreciate all our residents, and full and part time faculty in this en-



Simulation Lab used prior to students entering clinic.

Featured Staff - Jennifer Hardin

Dianne Heid



Jennifer Hardin (Jenny) was born in Virginia and moved to Indiana in 1988. She started working in the Graduate Endodontic Clinic in 2006 following completion of the Dental Assisting Program at PCI. Jenny lives in Shelbyville with her husband, Matthew, and their ten year old son, David. Three years ago they built a house on 2 ½ acres of land. They love country living and so do their cats, Polly and Alica.

They are a busy family, but reserve time to host a weekly Bible study at their home. The family takes taekwondo together. They enjoy the class because it keeps them active, but especially because it's a great way to spend time with their son. Jenny really enjoys working in the clinic and, "finds it fun and exciting to help mold dentists into endodontists year after year." She said, "I am truly blessed with this job," and we feel most fortunate to have her in our endodontic family. Jenny pictured above in action.



Our residents know not to mess with Jenny! Jenny pictured left with her husband, Matthew.

Spotlight on Our Alumni - Class of 2003



Sean and Carey catching up at one of the AAE Annual Meetings

Dr. Sean Hart has nothing but high praise to describe his residency experience and said there couldn't have been a better collection of residents, staff, and faculty. In Sean's words, "Dr. Brown and Dr. Legan were awesome mentors. They were also like my two dads during those two years. We learned a lot of life lessons from them." Sean especially enjoyed being a co-resident with Cary Orton and said, "We were cut from two different cloths but we worked great together. I am a little crazy and Cary is a little saner. I not only learned to be a good clinician, but I made some great friends for life and, in the end, that is all that really matters." Sean related the following as his memorable moments in the residency, "During my first year I separated a file in a patient's tooth. I was in our main meeting room sulking when Mark Massey walked in and he asked me what was wrong. I told him I was upset because I just separated a file. He look a me and said, "Dude, it's only a tooth and besides, its not even yours."

Sean lives and works in Lafayette, Indiana. He teaches at the IUSD every other Friday in the Pre-Doctoral Endodontic Clinic. He said, "The program was great to me and I feel like I should give something back. Besides, I really enjoy teaching. I love endo and I couldn't imagine doing anything else." Sean has been married to Dawn for 15 years. Their 11-year-old son, Nick, is an accomplished diver who trains at Purdue with a number of Olympians. Maybe some day he will be one himself! Sean wrestled in high school and is now a wrestling coach at Harrison High School. He enjoys running and has completed a number of triathlons. Like Cary, his ultimate goal is to do the Ironman in the not too distant future. Sean loves playing guitar, riding motorcycles, and shooting guns (but he doesn't hunt). He looks forward to seeing everyone next year in Hawaii.

Following his graduation from the endodontic program **Dr. Cary Orton** returned to the Navy. He was stationed in San Diego and opened his own practice there once his military

commitment had been met. He and his wife, Sabrina, have four children: Olivia (16), Joshua (13), Nathan (11) and Ava (7). He said he is enjoying all the "stuff" that goes with a growing family and notes, "Teenagers are interesting."

While in his residency, one of his professors offered to pay for his Mini-Marathon registration although he'd never run more than five miles in his life. That was all it took and he has gone on to complete a couple of full marathons and a half-ironman. His goal is to complete a full-ironman once he has time to commit to the training that it requires, although he admits he should probably spend time on more worthy pursuits like getting board certified.

He truly enjoyed his residency and felt lucky to have such great faculty and co-residents. He noted that with his mellow personality and Sean Hart's, well, opposite personality, the combination resulted in, "maybe one normal resident."



Sean and his wife Dawn with their son Nick (11)



Cary and his wife Sabrina with their four children: Joshua (13), Olivia (16), Nathan (11), and Ava (7)

Greetings from the American Dental Association

Charles L. Steffel



This will be my last message as an American Dental Association Trustee. It has been nearly four years since I started this journey, and so I would like to reflect back on what has happened. When I first began my term, the ADA had just ended the employment of their Executive Director. There were serious financial shortcomings and the organization seems to be drifting without clear goals or direction.

The for-profit arm of the ADA had lost over 5 million dollars by investing in a dental marketing company that had to be terminated. The ADA Foundation's fundraising was suspended when it was discovered it was paying over \$1.50 to raise a dollar. The ADA had become fat and bloated, trying to be all things to all people.

What a time to start my term in the ADA leadership! Well, the first thing we did was to hire a new Executive Director, Dr. Kathy O'Loughlin. She is a dentist with a very strong business background. She had many years of private practice and teaching experience before becoming a Board member and eventually CEO of Delta Dental of Massachusetts. She brought a business skill set with an understanding of the clinical practice of dentistry to the ADA.

Next, the Board of Trustees developed a new Strategic Plan that clearly

defined who the ADA was and what our goals were. The four Strategic Plan goals are:

1. Provide support to dentists so they may succeed and excel throughout their careers.
2. Be the trusted resource for oral health information that will help people be good stewards of their own oral health.
3. Improve public health outcomes through a strong collaborative profession and through effective collaboration across the spectrum of our external stakeholders.
4. Ensure that the ADA is a financially stable organization that provides appropriate resources to enable operational and strategic initiatives.

Over the past four years we have worked hard to achieve these goals, to focus our resources (both financial and human) on strengthening the profession, improving the public's oral health, and regaining the status we once had of being the top professional membership organization in America.

Financial sustainability was a top priority. Last year, the ADA revised its pension plan which resulted in a 3 million dollar annual savings. We have just concluded our annual budget proposal for next year. We trimmed 7 million dollars from the preliminary draft budget. For the first time we ranked all programs at the ADA by member value, which allowed us to sunset those programs with low value. The Board took deliberate and specific steps to deliver a balanced budget and position the ADA for long-term strength and growth.

But the ADA is much more than dollars and budgets. We have been successful in fighting legislation that allows so called "midlevel providers" to perform surgical, irreversible procedures. Proponents of midlevels claim that access to dental care for the poor is limited by a shortage of

dentists, in spite of ten new dental schools opening in the past decade, and ten more planned in the next. Established dental schools are increasing enrollment and baby-boomer dentists are postponing retirement due to the economy and poor investment performance. Proponents compare dental therapists to nurse practitioners in medicine, in spite of the fact that a nurse practitioner has six years of post high school education, and dental therapists have less than two. And nurse practitioners cannot perform surgical procedures while dental midlevels are allowed to perform cavity preparations, pulpotomies, and extract teeth. Claims that dental therapists are a lower cost alternative to dentists has been proven untrue. The ADA has independent research that shows that dental midlevels are not a financially sustainable model and will require continual subsidies from governmental agencies or charitable foundations to break even.

At this year's House of Delegates, dental anesthesiology will be considered for recognition as the newest specialty. Like endodontics in the 1960's, this will be the third time anesthesiology has applied for specialty recognition. The Council on Dental Education and Licensure has recommended approval, and I support this position as well, but it will take a majority vote of the House for approval. If you agree, you should contact any ADA Delegates and Alternate Delegates you know and urge them to support this vote.

I look forward to the end of my term as ADA Trustee at the adjournment of the House this October. I have enjoyed my time on the Board, but I look forward to focusing more of my time on my practice and teaching once again at the school. For those of you who know my family, my daughter, Mary, has joined the faculty at the University of Cincinnati. With her being less than two hours away, I also look forward to more family time with her and my wife, Nancy. Thank you all for your support.

Harry Healey Reception at the AAE Annual Meeting

Mychel Vail

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Unusually warm for April, the AAE Annual Session held in Boston, MA at the Marriott Copley was the 2012 gathering place for the Harry Healey Reception. Many of our colleagues were in attendance including Drs. Allen, Baker, Brandys, DeNardo, Dittmar, Ehrlich, Gideon, Griglione, Jeppson, Kaminsky, Legan, Nazzal, Newton, Norton, Oldag, Pfothenhauer, Putnam Rexford, Ricketts, Risser, Sahni, Sakamoto, Spolnik, Steffel, Thiessen, Van, Whatley, Woods, and Yee.

Dr. Mindy Van Lee was recognized for receiving her pin at the Coolidge Luncheon. This year's elected Harry J. Healey Endodontic Study Club President is Ben Adams, Vice-President is

Next year's Harry Healey Reception will be held Honolulu, Hawaii on April 16, 2013. Letters will be mailed to inform you of details for the gathering. We greatly appreciate our Endodontic Community. Your generous donations are critical to the quality and level of graduate education that our program is fortunate to maintain. Thank you for your continued support!



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Dr. Higgins receives an Appreciation Award for 17 years of service on his retirement

Poet's Corner

An Ode to Harry

By Bob Krasny ('64)

It was way back in August of one nine six two
When Thomas and Robert came to IU

Their combined knowledge was a minimal sum,
Could fit in a thimble with room for a thumb

Speaking of thumbs, those two possessed many
Adding the sum the total was twenty

That motley mess of digital phalanges
Presented their teacher the greatest of challenges

But no other man was better prepared
To work with these boys so nervous and scared

Only one man in the entire nation
Could face this tough task with such dedication

Who was it? You ask whose strength could not vary?
None other – the greatest, a Healey named Harry

He was so organized, patient, and firm
He gained their respect at the start of the term

The road to knowledge of roots, pulps, and nerves
Was loaded with chuck holes and hazardous curves

But his guidance was constant, his counseling a treasure
He made the rigors of learning almost a pleasure

Yes he taught them the secrets, he gave them the skill
To extirpate – measure, file, and fill

Of course there was Sam and Don Arens, too,
Whose untiring efforts helped pull them through

But the teacher of teachers the greatest of guys. . .
We all owe him plenty, that. . . no one denies

RESPECT – ADMIRATION, we offer it freely
To the world's greatest teacher – Harry J. Healey

News and Notes

Births

- Dr. Spolnik's daughter, Stacy Rissing, welcomes Zoe Marie on 3/3/12
- Dianne Heid's daughter, Charla Anspach, welcomes Anderson Allen on 5/17/12
- Elizabeth Miller– Holka and Steve Holka welcome Ernest Holka on 5/22/2012
- Jason and Kelly Barney welcome Bailey Barney on 9/6/2011

2011-2012 Practice Moves

- Jenny J. Whatley opens Whatley Endodontics, Madison, AL
- Ashleigh M. Rexford joins Indianapolis Endodontics, Indianapolis, IN
- John Jeppson joins an endodontic practice in The Woodlands, TX
- Jason Barney joins Superstition Springs Endodontics, Mesa, AZ

IUSD Welcome New Residents

- Ki Wan Kim, Andrew Nerness, and Blake Prather

IUSD Website

- Donor Honor Roll 2011-2012 - Thank you for all of your contributions
- New Case Reports - Drs. Jeppson, Rexford, and Whatley
- Thesis Abstracts are posted

2012-2013 Event Calendar

- 8/3/2012 Second year residents attend APICES in Boston, MA
- 9/10/2012 Graduate Endodontic Program Interviews
- 3/2013 Second year residents ABE Review Course
- 4/16/2013 AAE Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii
- 5/2013 Second year residents present at the Ohio Scientific Meeting
- 6/22/2013 Graduation Dinner for Class of 2013



Drs. Spolnik and Vail celebrate the Class of 2012—Drs. Rexford, Jeppson, & Whatley



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