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First Friday

Dean's Update to the IUSD Community

Health Policy Institute:

New NHANES report shows low-income adults and seniors have more unmet dental care needs than children

The ADA Health Policy Institute (HPI) reported recently that new National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) data show unmet dental care needs falling dramatically among children, but rising among low-income adults and seniors.

In the study, HPI researchers examine trends in untreated cavities – a measure of unmet needs – based on the latest NHANES release. The increase in unmet needs among low-income adults and seniors represents a reversal in trends. The improvement among children, including dramatic improvement for low-income children, is a continuation of trends.

A second study, also released by HPI, focuses on seniors and shows that unmet dental care needs impact physical, social, and emotional well-being.

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Well folks, believe it or not, it has happened!! The IU groundbreaking ceremony for our new building happened Friday, September 23, 2016, with more than 400 people attending to witness the momentous occasion. President Michael McRobbie presided along with members of IU Board of Trustees, IUPUI Chancellor Paydar, Dean Williams, Dr. Christianne Guba, D2 DDS student Josiah Smith, while our faculty, staff, students, and alumni and friends watched history in the making. The new building will be an incredible place to advance the Vision and Mission of IUSD to make *Indiana University School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.*

Dr. James J. Fritts Names New Building

At the groundbreaking, IU President McRobbie announced that the new clinical addition will be named the **James J. Fritts, D.D.S. Clinical Care Center**. Dr. James Fritts is a 1965 graduate of the dental school from Rochester, Ind. Fritts and his family made a generous donation toward the new building. "Dr. Fritts' extraordinarily generous gift reflects his desire to give back to the school that he feels gave so much to him," McRobbie said. "His gift is also a testament to his belief in the value of a quality dental education that gives students the skills and knowledge they need to succeed, orients them to service to others, and instills in them the values and principles that will guide them in their careers and in their lives." The new dental school clinical facilities align with the priorities of Indiana University's Bicentennial Strategic Plan and IUPUI's strategic plan to leverage its strengths in health and life sciences and promote health-related research, education and outreach. The 45,000-square-foot clinical space will advance the university's mission to offer exceptional teaching and learning, conduct groundbreaking research, and meet the oral health care needs of Hoosiers and people across the United States and around the world. Indiana University celebrates its bicentennial in 2020. In 2019, the IU School of Dentistry celebrates 140 years since its founding, and IUPUI celebrates 50 years as a campus. View the groundbreaking ceremony video at <https://broadcast.iu.edu>.

Dental Hygiene Faculty Pilot Program

Since September 7, on any Monday morning or Wednesday afternoon, you may witness an unfamiliar sight – IUSD dental hygiene faculty assisting D3 and D4 students with periodontal instrumentation. IUSD has launched a pilot education model to assist our colleagues in Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs with instrumentation checks during prophylaxis and periodontal maintenance treatment. All clinical care is under DDS supervision. If, after this pilot, we find this is a positive learning experience for students, we hope to have one hygiene faculty member staff every clinic session five days a week as we foster greater integration of dental hygiene education into our DDS curriculum. Kudos to professors Lisa Maxwell and Sally Phillips for their work with the DDS students! Thanks to Drs. Guba, John, and Shin for their support and willingness to try something new for the benefit of our dental students' clinical education.

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Assistant Deans Named for Academic and Clinical Affairs

Dr. Chris Guba, Associate Dean for Academic and Clinical Affairs, announced on September 11 that selections have been made following an internal search for two new administrative positions. They are: **Professor Melinda Meadows, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs**, and **Dr. David Brown, Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs**. These new parallel positions of assistant deans for academic and clinical affairs are part of a restructuring of responsibilities in these areas and will be focused on more of the day-to-day operations and responsibilities. Professor Melinda Meadows has been with IUSD since 1999, and has served as both clinical faculty and more recently as the director of Program and Institutional Assessment in the Office of Academic Affairs. She has extensive experience with curriculum, assessment and operations. Professor Meadows earned a degree in Dental Hygiene; and bachelor's and master's degrees in Health Sciences Education. She has won numerous teaching, research and service awards during tenure at IUSD. Dr. David Brown has been with IUSD since 1986, and has served as both clinical faculty and also as chair of Restorative Dentistry for 11 years, most recently as chair of Comprehensive Care and General Dentistry. He has extensive experience in clinical operations management. Dr. Brown earned his DDS degree from The Ohio State University, and his MS degree in Prosthodontics from Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. He is a board-certified prosthodontist and serves as a NERB examiner and consultant to the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments.

IU Presidential Initiative to Reduce Administrative Barriers to Academic Excellence

In his [2016 State of the University address](#), President McRobbie announced a new initiative to reduce administrative barriers to academic excellence. The goal is to conduct a systematic review of administrative policies and procedures to eliminate unnecessary or duplicative ones and reduce the burdens they may impose wherever possible. Distinguished Professor Fred H. Cate, vice president for research, and Dr. Karen Adams, chief of staff in the Office of the President, will chair this working group.

IUSD Shorts:

- IUSD once again was awarded ADA CERP for the CE Program, equivalent to seven-year CODA accreditation.
- IUSD was victorious again in United Way Celebrity Server luncheon.
- IUSD dominates the 2016 IUPUI Regatta!
- Construction updates available at www.dentistry.iu.edu/construction.

Upcoming IUSD Events

- Thursday-Friday, October 6-7 – IUSD Fall Break; Staff Retreat & 50th Faculty Teaching Conference
- Thursday-Monday, October 20-24 – American Dental Association Annual Meeting, Denver
- Friday, October 21 – IUDAA Alumni Reception at the ADA, Embassy Suites, Denver

No IUSD First Friday Social This Month – Resumes in November

This month's First Friday social falls on our fall break while most of the IUSD community is away from school. We will resume the social gathering in the student lounge on November 3 at 7:30 a.m., with complimentary coffee, donuts and fruit until 9 a.m.



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

-John

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