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First Friday

Dean's Update to the IUSD Community

Where is dentistry going?

Advice from the Cheshire cat
JADA Editorial – Nov 2016

Albert Guay, DMD

The November JADA editorial by Dr. Albert Guay has me thinking again. Dr. Guay states: Dentistry is in the midst of radical changes that have increased in scope and accelerated from an evolutionary to a revolutionary time frame during the end of the last century. These changes are coming from both inside and outside the profession. The organization and administration of all health care is in a state of flux (particularly post-presidential election), and dentistry, although apart from general health care in many ways, is not immune from challenges to the status quo and changes. The profession faced a similar cross-road in the early part of the 20th century regarding dental education – which path to take so that the best interests of the public would be served. Dr. William J. Gies, from Columbia University, examined the situation and reported his findings and recommendations to the Carnegie Foundation in his 1926 report. That report pointed the way to establishing dentistry as a learned healing profession and an essential component of the health care professions. All have benefited from that endeavor for almost a century.

IUSD answered the call of Dr. Gies, and I hope we will continue to lead into the 21st century. - JNW

Access the full article [here](#).

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Celebrating the traditional U.S. Thanksgiving holiday last week always places me in the mindset of entering an entire *season of thankfulness* as I reflect on the many things for which I am grateful. It has been an especially momentous year for IUSD. I appreciate all of you – students, faculty, staff, alumni, family and friends – who have made it so! From the daily contributions of faculty and staff who care deeply about our students and their progress toward becoming oral health professionals, students who are engaged and committed to doing good for our world, and alumni and friends who have generously supported and renewed their investment in the future of IUSD, your combined activities in education, service, research and scholarship, as well as giving of your time, talent and treasure, contribute to my entire *season of thankfulness*. Is IUSD a perfect organization? No, there is always room for improvement, but it is through the many actions of our community this past year that make me grateful and bolster IUSD as a dynamic organization advancing our Vision and Mission to make *Indiana University School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools of the 21st century*.

Fritts Clinical Care Center Progress

A picture is worth a thousand words and you can see the progress being made as of the end of November on the Fritts Clinical Care Center. Don't forget, you can capture all the live construction action at: <https://app.oxblue.com/open/indianauniversity/schoolofdentistry>.



 James J. Fritts, DDS Clinical Care Center @ Indiana University School of Dentistry
Photo 11/21/16 - <http://dentistry.iu.edu/construction>

Michigan Street Roadwork Moves into High Gear

The north side of the dental complex along Michigan Street is undergoing rapid changes as workers prepare for a new pedestrian way, bikeways and two-way traffic on Michigan. All the trees in front of the dental school have been cut down, construction barriers installed and access to the dental school has become decidedly more difficult. If coming from the east, head south (along Vermont) and west. If driving west on Michigan, you can still turn left onto Hanson. Enter the dental building along the patient ramp on the west side of the building.

FULFILLING *the* PROMISE

Central Lines and Central Tendencies – Quality Matters in Health Care

A recent front page article in the [Indianapolis Star](#) indicated that Eskenazi Health and IU Health, both teaching hospitals for Indiana, are performing poorly in comparison to other teaching hospitals in controlling infections from central line placement. Quality health care for all is essential. What matters gets measured. While we are not treating extremely sick patients in our dental clinics, I am reminded that we must continuously take great strides at IUSD to measure our own quality of diagnosis, patient care, and patient satisfaction. The public deserves and expects all health care professionals to hold ourselves to an extremely high level of care. Our clinical Quality Improvement processes will continue to inform us about areas of improvement.

UITS Two-Step Login Begins December 6

IU CIO Brad Wheeler announced this week that because of continued IT security concerns starting Tuesday, December 6, any login to IU through the Common Authorization Service (CAS) by faculty or staff who have not yet enrolled in Two-Step Login will get an “interrupt” message advising them of the forthcoming requirement and directing them how to sign up with further instructions. The UITS website at <http://twostep.iu.edu> illustrates how to enroll in Two-Step. Buy wise, be safe.

Dean Williams on Research Leave – January 2017

Yours truly will be turning my attention to reconnecting with my own scholarship and research interests in oral health policy, economics, and workforce research. I am serving as a consultant to the IU Medicine: Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy Center. In my absence, Dr. Michael Kowolik, Executive Associate Dean, is in charge.

Two Task Forces Appointed

Two recommendations in the Dean's Five-Year Review indicated work should be done to review the IDP program and create a research strategic plan with faculty input. Jointly appointed members of two task forces have been selected by the Dean and IUSD Faculty Council President Frank Lippert. These task forces are: International Dentist Program (IDP) Review, chaired by Dr. Ned Warner, and the task force on Research Strategic Planning, chaired by Dr. Gabe Chu. Both groups will be working over the next several months to create a report of findings and recommendations by March 1, 2017.

IUSD First Friday Social...Moves to December 14 IUSD Holiday Breakfast

We are deferring the December First Friday Social to the IUSD Holiday Breakfast from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14 in the basement student lounge. This festive holiday breakfast will feature a delicious buffet and door prizes to heighten the holiday spirit!

• Upcoming IUSD Events

- Tuesday, December 13 - IUSD Faculty/Staff Years of Service Recognition
- Wednesday, December 14 – IUSD Holiday Breakfast
- Friday, December 16 – Last Day of Classes, Fall Term
- Monday, December 26 – Christmas Holiday
- Monday, January 2, 2017 – New Year's Holiday



Thanks to each of you for your dedication to and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back in 2017 with another edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.



-John

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