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# First Friday

Dean's Update to the IUSD Community

## PCORI – Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Initiative

A recent Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) workshop I attended here at IUPUI stimulated thoughts about the opportunities for IUSD to expand the conversation about oral health treatments and patient-centered care. The PCORI is a national mechanism for patients, their families, and clinicians to sort through a wide range of complex and often-confusing choices when it comes to locating trustworthy healthcare information.

Unfortunately, traditional health research, for all the remarkable advances it produces, hasn't been able to answer many of the questions patients and their clinicians face daily. Congress authorized PCORI in 2010 to close that gap.

The PCORI mandate is to improve the quality and relevance of evidence available to help patients, caregivers, clinicians, employers, insurers, and policy makers to make better-informed health decisions through comparative clinical effectiveness research, or CER. Patients are at the forefront. Oral health topics of interest include fluoride dosage and evidence linking oral and systemic health status.

To learn more, see:  
<https://www.pcori.org/about-us/our-story>

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As we approach the end of the year, I turn my thoughts to gratitude for the many opportunities and gifts that have come my way during the past year. At IUSD, I am most grateful for all of you and the many contributions you make – faculty, staff and students – to our incredible dental school community. Alumni, friends, as well as IUSD faculty and staff have given us an additional 153 reasons to smile by making named donations to various rooms, areas and components of the James J. Fritts, DDS Clinical Care Center, which is nearing completion right before our very eyes. I am so appreciative of these wonderful supporters – many of whom joined us early on in the quest to raise funds to get a new clinical building project underway. On September 23, 2016, we held the groundbreaking, and now we are planning for the official dedication of the Fritts Clinical Care Center on March 2, 2018. It is truly amazing to me how quickly things have progressed, and I give enormous thanks for your support and encouragement. You have demonstrated the power of believing and investing in the future of IUSD. Your many acts of kindness and generosity enable us, through world-class new clinical facilities, to be ..... *one of the best dental schools of the 21st century. Thank you!*

### Fritts Clinical Care Center as of November 2017

We are getting so very close! We remain on track for building completion in the first quarter of 2018, with full operation by July 1, 2018. Plans call for dental equipment installation to begin in December along with technology and other furnishings soon to follow. The landscaping and vehicular traffic areas are taking shape, as contractors finish out the interior spaces and courtyard area.



### Mark Your 2018 Calendar for March 2!

*March 2, 2018, at 2 pm* is the date and time for the official dedication of the James J. Fritts, DDS Clinical Care Center, on site at IUSD. IU President McRobbie, IU trustees and other dignitaries will be on hand to celebrate this milestone in the history of IUSD! Come join the festive event and tour the new facility!

### Attention IUSD Employees: Open Enrollment is November 6-17, 2017

Mark your calendar for Open Enrollment, your annual opportunity to review and make benefit plan changes. The website [go.iu.edu/oe](http://go.iu.edu/oe) is your destination for all employee open enrollment benefit-related information. Even if you are happy with your elections from last year, it's always a good practice to review and confirm that you've signed up for the right plans for you and your family. Take this time to review your options; otherwise, you'll have to wait until the next Open Enrollment period, unless you experience an IRS-qualified life event (such as getting married or having a baby), to make changes. Be prudent and review your options.

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## IU Bicentennial Campaign Update

With more than two years remaining in its first-ever, university-wide philanthropic campaign, Indiana University has achieved a remarkable 82 percent of its fundraising goal with more than \$2 billion already raised by IU alumni, staff and friends only three-quarters through the campaign. Publicly launched in September 2015, the [For All: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign](#) has been so successful that the University has increased its goal of \$2.5 billion to \$3.0 billion, which is to be raised by IU's 200th anniversary in June 2020. This is the largest campaign goal in the history of the university and one of the most ambitious goals by any public university in the nation. The campaign supports four broad university priorities identified within the [Bicentennial Strategic Plan for Indiana University](#): supporting IU students and enabling their success; preparing the next generation of global leaders; developing new ideas that change the way we live; and creating a healthier state, nation and world. I am proud to say IUSD has been a leading contributor to this campus-wide fundraising campaign.

## IPFW Campus Transition

Plans continue for the July 1, 2018, transition of the three allied dental programs in Fort Wayne to become part of the administrative responsibility of IUSD on the IUPUI campus. For the near term, the programs will remain in Neff Hall on the IPFW campus and renovations are planned to establish an admissions center, as well as some faculty offices and a dental laboratory space upgrade. The formal Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) request will be presented to the Respective Review Committees in January 2018, six months in advance of the actual transfer of responsibility to IUSD. I continue to work with IU-Fort Wayne academic leadership, the Isaac Knapp Task Force on IPFW Dental Programs, and CODA to make this a seamless transition on July 1, 2018.

## First Friday Social – Coffee & Donuts

Join us this Friday, November 3, from 7:30 to 9 am for the monthly First Friday school gathering. Complimentary coffee, donuts and fruit will be served in the student lounge.

## Upcoming IUSD Events

- Thursday, November 9, 2017 – IUSD Scholarship Dinner
- Saturday, November 11, 2017 – IUSD Dental Day
- Monday, November 13 – ASDA Vendor Day (IUSD)
- November 23-24 – Thanksgiving Holiday (classes & clinics closed)
- Wednesday, November 29 – Faculty Holiday Reception, Woodstock Club, 6:00 pm
- Friday, March 2, 2018 – James J. Fritts Clinical Care Center – Dedication Day at IUSD



Thanks to each of you for your dedication to and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD.

-John

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