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First Friday

Dean's Update to the IUSD Community

ADEA 2018 Reports of Interest

In 2018, ADEA is working to improve its analytical and data dissemination capacity, which will better serve members' data needs. On the analytical side, ADEA has begun using IBM's Db2 software to store data from survey data collections and ADEA's centralized application services. Db2 allows ADEA to analyze data more quickly and effectively, resulting in faster turnaround time between data collection and publication of results. As for data visualization, ADEA is using Tableau to make more data available to members in a highly interactive way. This dynamic software tool will allow members to understand and explore ADEA data much more deeply. ADEA plans to make these tools available by late 2018.

To view these ADEA reports click below:

- [Annual ADEA Survey of Dental School Seniors: 2016 Graduating Class](#)
- [Dental Schools Vacant Budgeted Faculty Positions, Academic Year 2015-16](#)
- [U.S. Dental School Applicants and Enrollees, 2016 Entering Class](#)

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Now in my seventh year of producing this decanal newsletter, I thank you, my faithful readers, for encouraging me to keep publishing. This newsletter began in spring 2011 as a means to expand communication with the broad base of IUSD followers to keep you informed about a variety of items before us in dental education and research. IUSD is entering a time of significant change yet again, as it has for the past 138 years. The one constant in all of this has been and continues to be – CHANGE! I will highlight **three changes** for the last 15 months of my service as dean.

- On March 2, 2018, we dedicated and cut the ribbon on the new James J. Fritts, DDS Clinical Care Center in a glorious celebration. This brand new clinical facility will enable the highest-quality DDS education for decades to come. I am so very thankful to the 512 donors who have invested in the future of IUSD to make these facilities a reality. This new facility will truly set us on course to be “one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.” For those unable to attend or who would like to see the ceremony again, the university has provided a web link [here](#).
- In mid-March, I formally announced my retirement to the university leadership in advance of our national American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and American Association of Dental Research (AADR) meetings in Florida. I will be completing my term as dean at IUSD consistent with Indiana University policy on June 30, 2019 – 15 months from now (see separate announcement below). I made this announcement to provide sufficient time for IU to select a new dental school leader for the years ahead.
- Academic program changes for the use of the new Fritts Clinical Center, along with the DDS curriculum changes underway to emphasize D3 discipline-specific clinical education and enhance D4 Comprehensive Care, will require planning, some personnel changes, and course restructuring. It will also provide exciting new possibilities. Additionally, in 2018, we will see the beginning of the Community-Based Dental Education rotations for D4 students. All of these items need to be well underway as the 2018 fall term begins, with an eye toward the IUSD Comprehensive CODA site visit in September 2020.

Dean Williams to Retire on June 30, 2019

This is what I have shared with IUSD and the dental alumni...

I write to officially inform you that I will be retiring as dean, effective June 30, 2019. I am stepping down under the Indiana University policy ([ACA-53](#) Retirement Policy for Executives, High Policymakers, and Administrative Officers), which states that university leadership, including deans, vice chancellors, and chancellors must retire from their positions at the end of the academic year in which they turn age 67. I informed the dental school community of this plan prior to our spring break week on March 12, 2018. (*more on page 2*)

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During my eight-year tenure, we have embarked on multiple initiatives to improve the dental school. These include a revamping of the DDS curriculum (in progress), facilitating a comprehensive CODA accreditation site visit (2013), expanding the school's financial base, enhancing alumni engagement, sustaining research, and successfully completing the first new clinical building in 45 years. More than \$31 million has been invested in facilities renewal, including the new Fritts Clinical Center, during my time as dean.

In these next 15+ months, I plan to push hard to continue IUSD's growth trajectory to be a dental school advancing IU dentistry for the 21st century. Following an 11-month sabbatical, I will resume my tenured professor faculty position in 2020, working in oral health policy, dental workforce, and technology. The university has commenced a national search for my successor. I thank each of you for your dedication and commitment to the engaged work you do every day to advance the school in our many activities of education, research, patient care, and service to the people of Indiana and beyond. A BIG thanks to all!

[IUSD Research Day on April 9, 2018](#)

Monday, April 9, marks the 26th annual IUSD Research Day. This event highlights the advances in basic and clinical research of the students, staff, and faculty associated with IUSD. The Indiana Section of the AADR (INAADR) is an integral sponsor of the IUSD Research Day event. **Dr. Raul Garcia**, immediate past president of the American Association for Dental Research, will deliver the keynote address. An awards program will honor the winners in several judged categories and a commercial vendor exhibit will run concurrently. New this year is a morning CE event, *Enhancing Contemporary Treatment Outcomes through Evolution in Evidence-Based Planning, Clinical Techniques, and Materials*, featuring the faculty of IUSD's **Center for Implant, Aesthetic, and Innovative Dentistry**. Learn more about the morning CE [here](#).

[See What Happened in Dental Education Last Year](#)

At the recent ADEA national meeting in March in Orlando, ADEA President and CEO Richard Valachovic, DMD, MPH, discussed current issues in dental education and provided highlights of ADEA's activities over the past year. IUSD's own Dr. Tim Treat (Students) and Dr. Joan Kowolik (Sections) both served on the ADEA Board (two of seven board members) during this time. Thanks to both of you for representing IUSD so well nationally! View the 2017 ADEA Annual Report [online](#).

[Indiana Cities Grow](#)

The Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business reports the state's total population increased by its highest total since 2009. According to the IBRC, U.S. Census figures show Indiana added 32,800 residents in 2017, up 0.5 percent from 2016. More than half of the state's 92 counties registered increases last year in population, a nine-year high. In 2017, Indiana ranked 17th among all states in total population at 6.67 million residents and was the 25th fastest-growing state last year, with growth outpacing each of its neighboring states. Good news for the Indiana economy!

Coffee and Donuts – Join us this Friday 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**

- Monday, April 9 – [IUSD Research Day](#)
- Wednesday, April 18 – [IU Day](#)
- Friday, April 27 – IUSD Board of Advisors
- Saturday, May 12 – [IUSD Open House and Commencement; IUPUI Commencement](#)
- Thursday-Saturday, May 17-19 – [IDA Annual Session](#) and [IUSD Alumni Class Reunions](#), French Lick, Indiana



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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