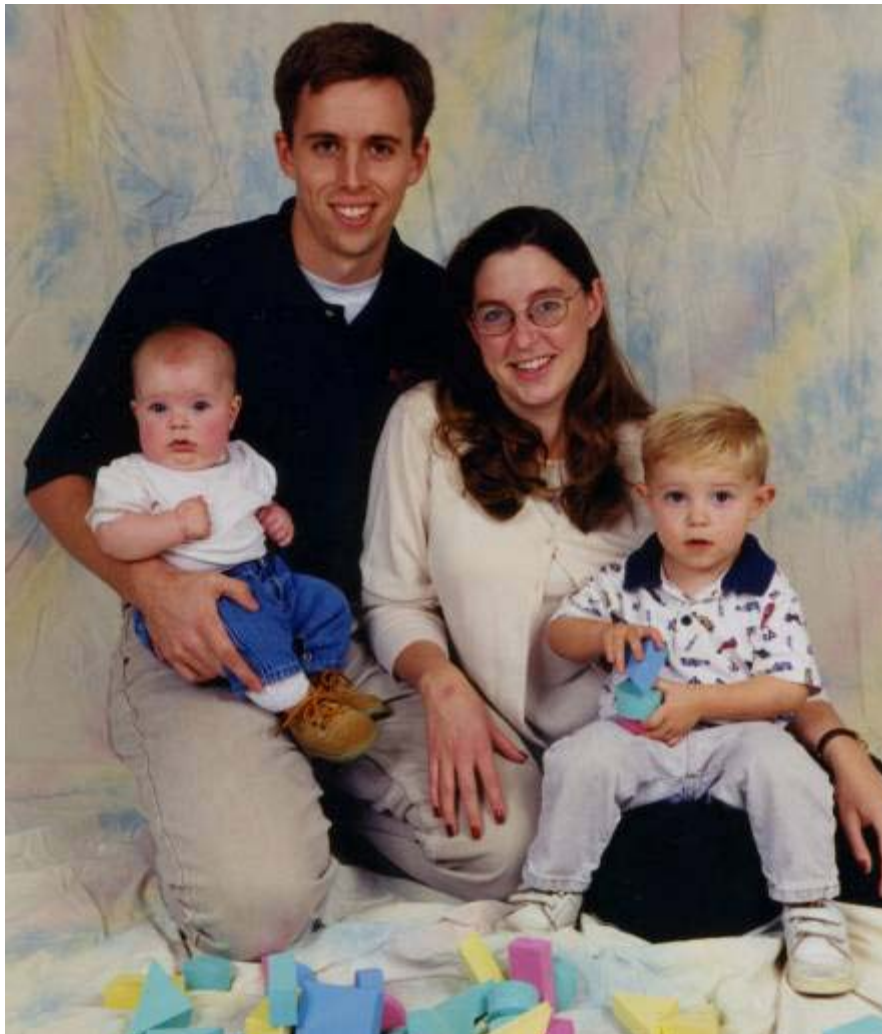


COMING UP

Indiana University School of Dentistry News & Events



David and Alison Allen with infant, Tanner, and toddler, Andrew, during a family visit to IUSD in fall of David's second year of dental school

In 1999, an exhausted first-year IU dental student headed home after taking his last exam during a grueling second semester finals week. Planning nothing more than to catch up on his z's that night, he wound up instead with his pregnant wife

*in an impromptu “delivery room” – the upstairs bathroom in their home. David and Alison Allen brought baby Tanner into the world together.
Where are the Allens today?*

June 2012

1 (Fri.)

SECOND SEMESTER ENDS FOR DDS CLASSES OF 2014, 2015

2 (Sat.)

LIBRARY SUMMER SCHEDULE begins today:

Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Closed Saturdays and Sundays until July 21

Closed Wednesday, July 4

Regular school-year schedule resumes Monday, July 16

4-8 (Mon.-Fri.)

DENTAL SUMMER INSTITUTE for urban and rural high school students with an interest in learning more about dentistry. Held at the school, this collaborative effort is between IUSD and the West Central Indiana Area Health Education Center.

6 (Wed.)

Last day to cast your vote for dental school representatives in the IUPUI STAFF COUNCIL ELECTIONS (see May 25 email from **Karen Lee**)

6-9 (Wed.-Sat.)

INDIANA DENTAL ASSOCIATION annual meeting, Hyatt Regency downtown Indianapolis. The IU School of Dentistry Alumni Association will hold its SPRING BOARD MEETING in conjunction with the IDA session on Friday at 5 p.m. in Concept Room A-D of the Hyatt Regency.

7-9 Thurs.-Sat.)

INDIANA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION annual meeting, Embassy Suites downtown Indianapolis

8 (Fri.)

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE for Student Research Subcommittee's June 22nd meeting

IU School of Dentistry departments: Would you like to know more about the INDIANA CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCES INSTITUTE (CTSI) – what it is, what it does, and how your department can become involved with it? With a goal of accelerating clinical and translational research, CTSI has what it informally calls a “road show” – CTSI reps will be happy to come to your department to talk about the institute and ways you can work with this group. CTSI has already visited the Preventive and Community Dentistry department and the Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology department. If you’d like to know more or arrange a visit, contact **Kevin Fryling**: 278-0088; kfryling@iu.edu.

In the meantime, CTSI has sent out an invitation to the INDIANA SPINAL CORD AND BRAIN INJURY RESEARCH CONFERENCE, held today at University Place Conference Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Conference host is the Indiana Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund, a state-supported program that funds research for the treatment and cure of spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries. Keynote speaker is **Adam Taliaferro**, a former Penn State football player who was paralyzed after a routine helmet-to-helmet during a game against Ohio State. Taliaferro was given only a 3 percent chance of ever walking again; his tale of recovery was chronicled in the 2001 book, "Miracle in the Making." The conference, titled Indiana Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund: A Program Making an Impact, will also include poster presentations and breakout sessions. To register, visit [this page](#). For more information, visit [this page](#). Questions go to info@indianactsi.org.

9 (Sat.)



Who needs Sunday in the park with George when you've got Saturday in the park with a few thousand kids (not to mention a cool bunch of volunteers from the IU dental school)?

DON'T FORGET TO BRUSH AFTER EVERY COOKIE, MONSTER. Join the Kids Club and Students United for America's Toothfairy at PBS KIDS IN THE PARK, where volunteers from the IU School of Dentistry will be helping Hoosiers learn more about the importance of their oral health; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Military Park. "This is a fun-filled day outdoors with kids and their families," says pediatric dentistry faculty member **Heather Taylor**, who is coordinating Dentistry's contribution to the health education component of this major city event. "The volunteers had a great time last year, and we'd love to have as many as possible join us on the 9th." Kids in the Park draws a crowd of several thousand and features an extravaganza of free entertainment on three stages, including headliner Shock of *The Electric Company*; and

opportunities to meet *Sesame Street's* Walkaround Elmo among other characters. (We also wouldn't be surprised if the Toothfairy were to fly in for this gig – she was a huge hit last year). If you want to get involved contact Heather Taylor, hhavens@iupui.edu; **Lauren Mummert**, lmummert@iupui.edu; **Nathan Stanley**, nbstanle@iupui.edu; or **Betsy Rogers**, ejrogers@iupui.edu. More here: <http://www.wfyi.org/KIP>.

13-19 (Wed.-Tues.)

AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION annual meeting, Phoenix

15 (Fri.)

RESEARCH COMMITTEE, 9 a.m. in DS S421

DDS CLASS OF 2013's SECOND SEMESTER ENDS

20 (Wed.)

Staff Dental Assistants Lunch and Learn series presents CIVILITY, by **Marguerite Watkins** of the IUPUI Office of Equal Opportunity; noon-1 p.m. in DS S116.

20-23 (Wed.-Sat.)

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DENTAL RESEARCH general session, Iguazu Falls, Brazil

21-24 (Thurs.-Sun)

ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY annual meeting, Philadelphia

22 (Fri.)

STUDENT RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE, 8 a.m. in DS B29

22-27 (Fri.-Wed.)

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY annual meeting, Minneapolis

25 (Mon.)

IUSD FACULTY COUNCIL, noon in DS S116

28-30 (Thurs.-Sat.)

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN DENTISTS annual meeting, Chicago

29 (Fri.)

SUMMER SESSION ENDS FOR DENTAL ASSISTING STUDENTS

June 30-July 7 (Sat.-Sat.)



IU School of Dentistry ALASKAN CRUISE takes alumni with their families and school representatives on an adventure starting in Seattle that will involve a trip to spectacular Glacier Bay with stops in Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Victoria, British Columbia.

People, Places, and Things



THE ALLEN FAMILY TODAY. Seated behind the family pooch, Blair, is 12-year-old Tanner, who relinquished his position as the baby of the family long ago. Big brother, Andrew, 14, is to the right of Dr. Allen. Mrs. Allen holds 3-month-old Jensen, and the other children in the middle row are Hayden (center), 5, and Brynn, 8. Up front with Tanner are sister Camden, 4, and brother Luke, 10. We thank Dr. Allen for taking this photo for us on Mother's Day 2012 – which also happened to be the 10th anniversary of his graduation from dental school.

“BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE” – THE ALLEN FAMILY THEN, AND NOW. IU’s first-year dental students, along with dentistry’s second-year class, are immersed in finals week until after June 1st – and IU dental alumnus **David Allen** (DDS’02) can relate. His own first-year spring semester finals week was grueling, too, except that cramming and sitting for exams was only part of his challenge.

At the time David’s wife, **Alison Allen**, was very far along with their second child, but the baby kept playing coy with its arrival date. During finals week and the week preceding it, David, a first-year dental

student from Clackamas, Ore., and Alison burned a lot of rubber between their home and the hospital – three “false alarm” visits to the E.R. altogether. On the evening after David took his last exam the alarm sounded again, and the Allens rushed to the hospital for a fourth time. At 2 a.m. the hospital sent the exhausted couple back home to bed.

In the wee hours, though, Alison awakened David with another “could this be it?” moment – and suddenly the real deal was upon them. It was soon apparent that venturing beyond the upstairs bathroom was not an option. David faced the reality that his first act as a healthcare practitioner was going to have absolutely nothing to do with dentistry.

Fortunately, Alison’s mother was staying with the couple to look after 18-month-old Andrew and to help the family after the baby came. She called 911 and relayed delivery directions to David so that he didn’t have to handle the phone. David kept his wits about him, remembering to scrub his hands first. Following the 911 operator’s directions to the letter, David and Alison delivered their second child – a healthy 8 pound, 9 ounce boy named Tanner, without incident. The time between two Allen family members entering the bathroom and three leaving it? Seven very short minutes.

David told the *Alumni Bulletin* in 1999 that he treasured one moment above all others on that most memorable of nights. “The paramedics pulled up just as the baby was emerging,” he said. “When they knocked on the door, my mother-in-law went downstairs to let them in. So, for the actual moment of birth, it was just Alison and me, all alone, bringing our new baby into the world together.”



Dr. Allen on a dental mission with son Tanner in Peru in 2012 (left photo) and 10 years earlier in the photo at right (wearing the wide-brimmed hat) with his 2002 IUSD service-learning team in Mexico, including faculty mentors Dr. Angeles Martinez-Mier (dark jacket) and Dr. Ana Gossweiler (behind Angeles)

Today, Dr. Allen lives and practices in southern Oregon. When we asked him to send us a recent photo of his family, we were delighted to see not only handsome Andrew and Tanner – both well on their way to manhood at this point – but also their five younger and utterly adorable brothers and sisters.

“We are thriving, busy, and work hard to be a loving family,” says Dr. Allen. “We have been blessed beyond measure. I have a great family practice that keeps me busy.”

A bit tongue in cheek, he adds: "Alison and I have a little farm that we are using to 'raise' children."

And, IUSD International Service Learning mentors – take notice. You'll be extremely pleased to learn that David, who was one of our students who signed up to volunteer in Calnali, Mexico, when the ISL program was in its infancy back in 2002, is teaching his children the importance of looking beyond one's own horizon to serve people in need.

This spring Dr. Allen took Tanner on a dental mission to Peru with David's dad, who is also a dentist; mom; and a sister who is a nurse. "We hiked on the Inca trail for four days to Machu Picchu, and after that we spent three days doing dentistry for the people of Cusco," says Dr. Allen, who reported that Tanner did a great job on his assignment as instrument technician.

"This was my second mission to Peru," says Dr. Allen. "I took my oldest son, Andrew, on the first trip. "It has become our plan now to do a dental mission every time one of our kids turns 12 years old."

Tanner's entrance into the world by way of an Indianapolis bathroom floor is unique in the Allen family (let's hope it remains so), but his birth at the hands of his father is not. "I have delivered two other kids since Tanner, Hayden and Jensen, but on both occasions with a doctor standing next to me in a hospital," says Dr. Allen. "My wife's obstetrician is eager to let dads deliver their kids. Very cool, but nothing like when it was just Alison and me."



Ms. Heidi Riegler

STAFF MEMBER HEIDI RIEGLE IS UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX GRAD. At least two IU School of Dentistry staff members joined IUSD's 224 students in completing their university studies in 2012. In addition to **Terry Wilson**, director of Public Relations and Marketing, who completed his third degree, an IU Master of Arts in Public Relations from the School of Journalism, **Heidi Riegler** of the Department of Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology is the proud recipient of her first degree, a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration from the University of Phoenix.

A dental assistant who joined IUSD in 2010 and currently oversees the Cone Beam Imaging Facility in her department, Heidi previously graduated from Ivy Tech's dental assisting certificate program and also attended Purdue University before moving to Portland, Ore., in 1998.

The University of Phoenix is well known for its extensive online programming, a method of learning Heidi found to be a good match for her busy lifestyle, which includes the roles of wife, mom, and full-time employee. "I began the program in October 2009, while I was in Portland," says Heidi. "I contemplated taking night courses offered at the university's Portland Learning Center, but it was too difficult with my work schedule as well as my husband and children's schedules. We moved back to

Indiana in August 2010. With all of my transferring credits from Purdue it took just about 28 months to complete the degree. Along the way I had a couple of full-time jobs and breaks in employment.”

Like most other full-time employees who are also managing households and parenting youngsters, Heidi found that the path through higher education was rarely covered with rose petals. The reality of balancing home life, work life, and school life was sometimes harsh. “I think there must be a degree of insanity in your personality to walk a road like this,” says Heidi. “We are a family of four, and when I began this journey the children were 5 and 8. My husband and I enrolled at the university at the same time, but my husband had to take a long break from school due to health problems. He did graduate with an associate’s degree in management in 2009, but hasn’t been able to return for his bachelor’s yet.

“Earning my degree was difficult,” Heidi adds. “There isn’t a magic formula or equation for the best way to get everything done, just determination and hard work. There were late nights, early mornings, and while you’re fixing dinner you’re also drawing baths and helping the kids with homework. My priority will always remain my family.”

Despite the struggles, Heidi is very glad to have acquired her newest role – that of college graduate. “The effort was worth it 100%,” she says. “It’s a dream realized.”

The IU School of Dentistry’s 2012 graduates received their diplomas and certificates in the Sagamore Ballroom at the Indiana Convention Center, and so will Heidi. Having finished her degree in February, she plans on donning cap and gown for the University of Phoenix’s Indiana commencement ceremonies in June.



Rear Admiral Elaine Wagner congratulates new Navy lieutenants Mark Anderko (center) and Matthew Kanter as Dean John Williams looks on. Photo by John Gentry.

CHIEF OF U.S. NAVY DENTAL CORPS SWEARS IN DENTAL GRADS. At the dental school's pre-commencement ceremony on May 12, dental graduates **Mark Anderko** and **Matthew Kanter** went through not one but two ceremonies. Like their classmates, they were called to the stage to be hooded as doctors and handed their diplomas. But they also were singled out by guest speaker Rear Admiral **Elaine Wagner**, chief of the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, who brought them to the stage to be sworn in as lieutenants in the corps.

Drs. Anderko and Kanter have more than the Navy in common with Admiral Wagner – she is a graduate of IUSD, too, with a degree in dentistry (1980) and a certificate in pediatric dentistry (1982).

Only two women have served as chief of the U.S. Navy Dental Corps in the long and distinguished history of the corps – and both are graduates of our school. **Carol Turner** (DDS'75) served as chief from 2003 to 2007, and Admiral Wagner was installed as the 36th chief in 2010.

For more details about IUSD's graduation, including a list of graduates who received awards and honors in 2012, go to <http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/about-us/news-and-information/commencement-celebrates-224-graduates>.



ISL volunteers in Ecuador, 2011. Photo courtesy of Tim Carlson

SUMMER ISL PROGRAM TAKES VOLUNTEERS TO 6 SITES IN 5 NATIONS. During Summer 2012's International Service Learning Program, 33 IU dental school students, hospital residents, faculty, staff, and alumni are traveling to five countries to provide care and education to populations in need and in some cases moving forward on research projects. Please remember that donations to these programs are perennially needed, vitally important, and always deeply appreciated. Checks are payable to the IU

Foundation and can be dropped off in **Pamela Lovejoy's** office in the Library, DS125. Note on your check that the donation is for ISL #038D008546.

MAY TRIP

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Dr. John Loeffler, faculty mentor, Restorative Dentistry

Erik Zundo, D13

Brian LaBlonde, DDS Class of 2012 graduate

Jada Roberts, D13

JUNE TRIPS

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Dr. Odette Aguirre-Zero, faculty mentor, Oral Biology

Ewelina Ciula, D13

Evan Robbins, D13

Neil Smith, D13

Port Margot, Haiti

Dr. Timothy Carlson, faculty mentor, Comprehensive Care

Dr. Georgia Knotek, IUSD alumna and mentor

Brenda Bui, D14

Tyler Kimmel, D13

Jacy Nicholson, D13

Margaret Ombrebowski, ASDH Class of 2012 graduate

Vaudreuil, Haiti

Dr. Timothy Carlson, faculty mentor

Dr. Doug Harty, IUSD alumnus and extramural program volunteer faculty

Leah Colbert, Comprehensive Care Dental Assistant

Matthew Gotsch, D13

Tina Gray, D13

Kavita Nana, D13

Ravi Patel, D13

Christopher Tobler, D13

Eldoret, Kenya

Dr. Darlene West, faculty mentor, Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry

Dr. Karen Yoder, faculty mentor, Preventive and Community Dentistry

Crystal Chopp, D15

Quantez Freeman, D15

Stella Njenga, D14

Yucatan, Mexico

Dr. Angeles Martínez-Mier, faculty mentor, Preventive and Community Dentistry

Dr. Armando Soto, faculty mentor, Preventive and Community Dentistry

Dr. Kelton Stewart, faculty mentor, Orthodontics and Oral Facial Genetics

Van Hoang, D13

Carmen Johnson, D13

Carter McCrea (DDS'11), Pediatric Dentistry resident
Devin Shone, D13



Dr. Wu

SCHOLARSHIP FOR DR. WU. Dr. **Diana Wu**, a 2012 IU dental graduate, was twice honored by the American Association of Women Dentists in May. In addition to the AAWD Eleanor J. Bushee leadership award for women in dentistry that Dr. Wu received at graduation, she also is one of 10 female dental students in the nation to receive a 2012 AAWD Colgate Research Award, which is bestowed on third- and fourth-year dental students who have shown academic distinction and demonstrated excellence in research. Dr. Wu graduated with high distinction and was inducted into Theta Theta Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon dental honor society. She presented research projects on orthodontic topics at the 2010 American Association for Dental Research meeting in Washington, D.C., and at the 2011 International Association for Dental Research meeting in San Diego, Calif. She received the Procter & Gamble Award for Excellence in Preventive Oral Health Care at Research Day 2011, and the Cyril S. Carr Research Scholarship for overall excellence in predoctoral research at Research Day 2012.

BAKER'S DOZEN: DENTAL STUDENTS GET NOD OF APPROVAL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS. Thirteen dental students are heading into IU dental school labs this summer after receiving the good news that their research proposals have been accepted and funded. Five of these students, as noted below, are already experienced in IUSD research, having received funding for studies last summer as well. Congratulations to all – and don't forget that legendary IU researcher **Joseph Muhler** was a first-year dental student when tests he conducted on fluoride in bone and teeth set the stage for research that led to the development of Crest toothpaste. Who knows where your research investigations may take YOU?

Class of 2013

Tyler Kimmel (year two of funding)
Brandon Scheer (year two of funding)
Devin Shone

Class of 2014

Hani Ahdab (year two of funding)
Jordon Jacobs
Jennifer Neese (year two of funding)
Jenna Oberley
Pragya Sharma
Austin Starr (year two of funding)
Candice Toloday

Class of 2015

Anna Jouravlev
Annissa Michael
Allison Scully



Dr. Prakasam (left) and Dr. Ramos

IT'S BACK TO "SCHOOL" FOR DRS. PRAKASAM AND RAMOS. Congratulations to two periodontics professors who have learned they are the recipients of scholarships from the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation to help cover their participation in an upcoming Institute for Teaching and Learning offered by the American Dental Education Association and the Academy for Academic Leadership. Dr. **Sivaraman Prakasam** and Dr. **Elizabeth Ramos** will each receive \$4,950 to use toward tuition for the institute, which will be offered in two phases this year – four days in August and three in October – at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. "These are excellent examples of faculty development opportunities that are encouraged both by our department and IUSD," Dr. **Vanchit John**, chair of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs, recently told IU's periodontics graduates. Drs. Prakasam and Ramos represent some of the newest members of IUSD's faculty, with Sivaraman appointed to the full-time faculty in 2010 and Elizabeth last summer.



Christine Foulkes (left), Samuel Leggitt, Brian Rochford, Pragya Sharma, Christopher Tobler

INTRODUCING IU DENTISTRY'S NEWEST SCHWEITZER FELLOWS. The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) has announced the selection of its 2012-13 class of Indiana Schweitzer Fellows—14 graduate students, including five IU dental students, who will spend the next year learning to address the social factors that impact health, developing lifelong leadership skills, and living famed physician-humanitarian Albert Schweitzer's message of service.

Congratulations to **Christine Foulkes** and **Christopher Tobler**, DDS Class of 2013; and **Samuel Leggitt**, **Brian Rochford**, and **Pragya Sharma**, DDS Class of 2014.

Joining approximately 230 other 2012-13 Schweitzer Fellows at 12 program sites throughout the U.S., the newly selected Indiana Schweitzer Fellows represent seven academic disciplines. They will partner with local community-based organizations to develop and implement year-long, mentored service

projects that improve the health and well-being of underserved people—all on top of their regular graduate school responsibilities.

“The Schweitzer Fellowship simultaneously promotes Schweitzer’s legacy and addresses a critical gap in today’s healthcare landscape by equipping emerging professionals with the tools to address not only clinical health issues, but also the social determinants of health,” says ASF President **Lachlan Forrow**, MD, director of Ethics and Palliative Care at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

Upon completion of their initial year, the 2012-13 Indiana Schweitzer Fellows will become Schweitzer Fellows for Life—and join a network of over 2,500 Schweitzer alumni who are skilled in, and committed to, addressing the health needs of underserved people throughout their careers as professionals.

The Indiana Schweitzer Fellows Program was launched in 2011 and is ASF’s newest program location. Four 2012 IUSD graduates – Drs. **Kurush Savabi, Jennifer Sitjar, Stephanie So, and Miriam Viernes** – served as fellows during Indiana’s inaugural year.

Christine Foulkes and Brian Rochford will team up to provide enhanced structure for faculty and student involvement at the IU Student Outreach Clinic offered through HealthNet People’s Health & Dental Center serving low-income people. They will also work to improve Medicaid utilization and implement a referral process with an educational component.

Samuel Leggitt and Pragya Sharma will work together to facilitate a tobacco cessation program for the IU Student Outreach Clinic.

Christopher Tobler will work to improve the oral health of children attending the Joyce Kilmer Elementary School (Indianapolis Public School #69) by delivering oral healthcare education and improving access to care.



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