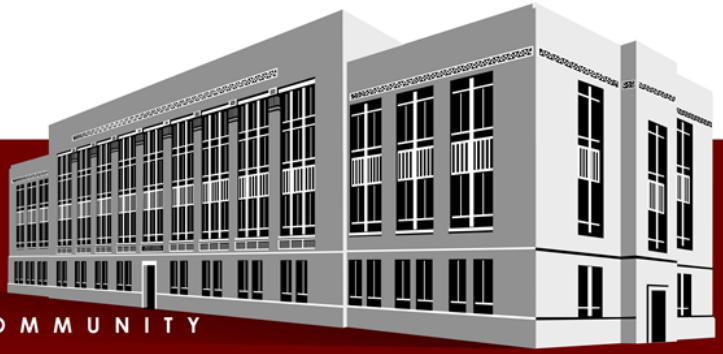# DEAN'S UPDATE
TO THE IUSD COMMUNITY

ADEA Task Force on Higher Education & Student Borrowing 2013

The cost of higher education has been in the national headlines like never before. The economic downturn, decreases in state and federal higher education funding, and plummeting university and college endowments have all contributed to financial burdens and budget cuts that have forced college and university administrators to make difficult decisions. Over the decade from 1999 to 2009, state appropriations as a share of institutional revenues per student dropped from 49% to 34% in public research institutions. Academic dental institutions have not been immune to these issues, leading to what some view as exponential increases in tuition and student fees. The average cost of attending dental school is up nearly 50% since 2000, and similar increases have been noted in allied and advanced dental education programs. During this time, statistics also show substantial increases in student debt. Today, the average debt load for all dental students is more than $200,000, an increase of 66% in the past 10 years. Leaders in dental education and organized dentistry are concerned that these higher debt loads are beginning to impact post-graduation decisions—such as the ability of dental school graduates to choose solo private practices, for others to seek gainful employment, and for all graduates to enter academic careers or to devote time providing care to underserved population….

…excerpt from the Forward
ADEA Task Force on Higher Education & Student Borrowing 2013

First Friday…..October 4, 2013

The IUSD Accreditation Site Visit is complete!   Under the unwavering leadership of Dr. Christianne Guba, IUSD did very well as the site visit ended on September 12, 2013. All nine programs received a thorough review and below is a brief summary report:

- *Advanced Education Programs* (6)—no recommendations; several suggestions and many strengths were cited.
- *Allied Education* (2) – no recommendations in dental hygiene; a few recommendations in the distance learning program for dental assisting again with several suggestions and some strengths cited for each program.
- *DDS Program* – two recommendations out of a possible 107 points of compliance with the Standards (i.e. treatment planning & some aspects of the IUSD quality assurance program); numerous strengths and several suggestions for DDS program improvement were cited. Overall, I was extremely pleased with the outcome of this comprehensive review particularly for the DDS program since IUSD was the first U.S. dental education program to be reviewed under the new extensively rewritten Standards. As I have stated before, the process of accreditation helps us learn about ourselves and make program improvements. The accreditation process sharpens our focus and provides another opportunity to advance the Vision of IUSD to make *Indiana University School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools of the 21st century. Thanks all IUSD faculty, staff and students for a job well done!*

- ## Strategic Planning 2014-17…..New Plans for IUSD

Some of you have asked what we are going to do after accreditation. The answer is--we will begin the next IUSD Strategic Plan 2014-17 as part of the upcoming Fall Teaching Conference October 10 & 11 at McCormick's Creek State Park. The timing of this activity coincides with strategic planning initiatives on the IUPUI campus (see IUPUI Strategic Plan) and the recent new IU strategic plan announcement by President McRobbie in his October 1st State of the University address. I have assembled several background documents for your review which can be accessed for on-campus users at the IUSD SharePoint site (apologies to our off campus readers). We will engage in an environmental scan activity during the retreat to determine faculty thoughts on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT analysis) for IUSD in the coming 3 years. The Forward to the IUSD Pre-doctoral Self Study 2013 (pages vii-xiii) contains several findings and recommendations for consideration as well.

- ## ADA…A Profession in Transition

An American Dental Association (ADA) recent analysis of the dental care sector indicates that dentistry is in transition. The report, titled "A Profession in Transition: Key Forces Reshaping the Dental Landscape," summarizes important environmental scan findings carried out as part of the ADA's 2015-20 Strategic Plan development process. The analysis was managed by the ADA's Health Policy Resources Center. A more extensive

collection of materials related to the environmental scan is available at www.ada.org/escan. Here you will find the full report, executive summary, other background material and a short video summarizing the results.

- ## Course Discusses Affordable Care Act's Impact on Dentistry

October 1st is the major date in the open enrollment for the health exchanges in the US as directed by the Affordable Care Act. The ADA has produced a free video CE course to outline out how looming changes to the U.S. health care system could impact the dental profession.

- ## IUSD Maintains First Places on IUPUI Campus

IUPUI Regatta - Once again Dentistry dominated this campus-wide event on the canal, taking home 3 of the prizes and representing half of the field (3 boats) in the final heat for the Men's Division. The Darting Drillers had the fastest time of the day of all 112 teams at an impressive 7.09.996. The Kavity Killers (Champions in 2012) placed second in the men's division. IUSD women --the Golden Crowns--took the #2 spot in the women's division. Congratulations to all! What a fantastic showing for IUSD!!

United Way Kick-off luncheon – Once again IUSD outpaced the "celebrity servers" by garnering the most tips at the United Way Kick-off luncheon. IUSD has won this fun campus event four of the last five years. Thanks to all who support this great community cause in support of the United Way.

- ## New Building Fundraising Surpasses $2 million

I am very pleased to report the tremendous progress the dental school is making toward our initial fundraising goal of $3 million as part of the new clinical building project. As of October 3, 2013 we have secured **$2.107 million** in gifts and pledges taking us over the $2 million mark. Our goal is to have $3 million in gifts and pledges committed by December 31, 2013. John Hoffman is standing by to take your calls and pledge cards!

- ## Research News….Congratulations Dr. Marco Botino!

Clinician-scientist Marco Bottino, Ph.D., M.Sc., DDS, has begun a five-year (K-08) project to develop novel biomaterials that will regenerate tissue destroyed by periodontitis and translate these materials to clinical practice. His research is funded by a $715,525 grant from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research of the National Institutes of Health. Congratulations Dr. Botino!

- ## Student Outreach Clinic Honored by Indiana Governor's Office

The IU Student Outreach Clinic comprised of several IU health professions schools including dentistry was awarded the 2013 Service Learning Award as part of the 2013 Governor's Conference on Service and Nonprofit Capacity Building in a ceremony held October 3rd at the Indiana State Capital. SOC leaders Brian Rockford and Virginia Young were on hand to represent IUSD! Congratulations to all SOC students for your outreach and service to others.

- ## IUSD Upcoming Events

-First Friday Social Friday, October 4th 7:30 to 9am Student Lounge Coffee and Donuts
-Dental Day Open House October 5th
-Fall Teaching Conference…McCormick's Creek Oct 10 & 11
-Annual IUSD Staff Conference October 11, 2013
-ADA Annual Alumni Reception New Orleans: Saturday, November 2, 2013

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

-John

Check out all the current IUSD News on our website or at: http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/