



INDIANA  
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DENTISTRY

# First Friday

Dean's Update to the IUSD Community

## Dentists Optimistic About the Future

A recent news piece in the *ADA Morning Huddle* caught my eye. We hear a lot about how bad things are and indeed, there are tragic and negative events in our world, but a recent PayScale survey paints a different picture. As reported in *Fast Company* (7/18, Dishman), PayScale's survey of more than 425,000 U.S. workers in the past two years finds that "despite slow economic growth and stagnant wages," the "majority (59%) are optimistic about their employers' futures." By job title, flight attendants were "the top-ranked optimists," with 59% reporting "their prospects were bright," followed by "58% of dentists." And "the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that dentistry is expected to grow by 16% over the next eight years."

For those of us who are academic dentists, we have another positive statistic. More than half (52.6%) of college and university instructors were optimistic about their employers' futures. The BLS indicates academia as a growth profession, too, as the outlook through 2024 is a 13% increase in the number of academic jobs.

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## Back to School Time!

It is August and *Back to School* time at IUSD! We are kicking off 2016-2017 with exciting *changes* for the future, not the least of which will be the extensive construction activity on the new clinical building. More about this project can be found below. First-year DDS students (class size of 106 total, made up of 71 in-state and 35 out of state; 46% women) began orientation July 5, with team building exercises again this year at Bradford Woods. They have spent the summer weeks engaged in study and will culminate their experience with our annual White Coat Ceremony on Sunday, August 14. Advanced education students began July 1, 2016, and allied students will start in August. The fourth cohort of international students (IDP) begins their formal course of study in January 2017. As I begin my seventh year as dean, I am pleased to report these strong *back to school* enrollment statistics, but even more pleased to share many other exciting things happening at IUSD as our journey continues to advance the Vision and Mission of IUSD to make *Indiana University School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> century*.

## New IUSD Clinical Building – IT IS HAPPENING!!

The contractor bids are back and shortly we will have a contractor named to begin construction of our three-story, 45,000-square-foot new clinical building, which will be constructed east of the existing dental complex where the current patient parking lot is located. There was great contractor interest in our project, and I understand that bids came back somewhat under what had been estimated for the project, which is a positive. By mid-to late-August, we should notice construction activity underway, so be ready for the sights and sounds of progress right outside our windows. Faculty, staff, and student opinions are still needed on operatory layouts – see Dr. Chris Guba or Adam Smith for details. Estimated building completion is late 2017, so this project will move fast. Mark your calendar and come join us for the ceremonial groundbreaking at 1 pm, Sept. 23.



***IUSD Clinical Building  
Ceremonial Groundbreaking***

***September 23, 1 pm***

***IU President Michael  
McRobbie Presiding***

***Reception following  
immediately***

**FULFILLING *the* PROMISE**

## Changes are here at IUSD

*Change* is an easy concept to discuss but much more difficult for most of us to adapt to in the early stages of the process. The dental school is poised for *many big changes* in the coming weeks and months ahead. We will do our best to keep you informed with as much notice as possible, but I am sure we will miss someone. I ask your understanding and patience as we experience changes in patient parking, new building construction, new Clinical Affairs leadership, the Solstice media system, the Michigan Street reconfiguration, office relocations, and new faculty and staff joining the school. Please bear with us as we change the future of IUSD!

## IUSD Philanthropy 2015-2016: A Banner Year

The IU School of Dentistry enjoyed a banner year in regard to private philanthropic support. Fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016) saw the school garner \$8.8 million in gifts and pledges, a 118% increase from the previous fiscal year. Furthermore, the IU School of Dentistry met and surpassed its \$11 million private philanthropy goal as part of the university wide **For All: The Bicentennial Campaign for Indiana University**, with 42 months remaining in the campaign. For fiscal year 2017, fundraising will continue as a high priority, with a particular emphasis on named areas in the new clinical building. Thanks to all who are investing financially in the future of IUSD facilities, scholarships and programs!

## New Clinical Dean: Dr. Christianne Guba

Dr. Christianne "Chris" Guba, IUSD Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, has expanded her administrative role to include aspects of the Clinical Affairs position along with her Academic Affairs role. In reviewing the complexity of the clinical dean position, it became obvious that IUSD can be better served by restructuring the position. There are several reasons for doing this, including the construction of the new clinical building, which begins later this summer; the need to review screening/patient assignment, patient availability and the IDP program; our next accreditation site visit in the fall of 2020; and implementation of the required community-based DDS student rotations (2 sessions of 2 weeks each), beginning July 1, 2017. We are also looking at a leadership succession plan for IUSD over the next few years. Dr. Guba is a 1980 IUSD graduate and holds a MSD in Operative Dentistry. Congratulations, Dr. Guba!

## The Mindset List: 2020 from Beloit College: Understanding Our Students

This year's entering dental class, who will graduate in 2020, was born in 1993, just as the Internet took everyone onto the information highway and Amazon began its relentless sales of books and everything else into our lives. Members of this year's DDS freshman class are the first generation to grow up taking the word "online" for granted and who have crossed society's digital divide. See this compilation of perspectives to better understand our students' [Mindsets here](#). Very interesting reading.

## IUSD First Friday Social

We will be hosting the First Friday Social starting at 7:30 a.m. in the basement student lounge with complimentary coffee and donuts until 9 a.m.

## Upcoming IUSD Events

- Sunday, August 14 – White Coat Ceremony for D1 students (Campus Center 4<sup>th</sup> Floor @ 2:00pm)
- Thursday, August 25 – Welcome Back Picnic (Garfield Park)
- Saturday, August 29 – Team Registration for IUPUI Regatta Opens <http://regatta.iupui.edu/>



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

-John

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