

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## First Friday.....New Year's Edition January 4, 2013

*Wishing each of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!*

Ring in the New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable holiday break and are ready for the spring term 2013. We will pick up where we left off --particularly regarding the preparation of all of our many accreditation self-study documents (nine total self-studies). This year, **2013**, is IUSD's year to undergo our comprehensive site visit by representatives of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). On **September 10-12, 2013**, we will bring almost two years of diligent work to fruition. I appreciate the school community's hard work and the seriousness with which IUSD has embraced the task of conducting an in depth review of each educational program. In setting the path for some of our future activities, we will use our own self-study findings and recommendations as well as initiatives we take up under the IUSD New Academic Directions to advance our Mission and the Vision of IUSD to make Indiana..... *one of the best dental schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> century*.

- **IUSD Accreditation Site Visit September 10-12, 2013**

Dental re-accreditation is an important process that occurs every seven years for most U.S. dental educational programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation ([CODA](#)). As dean and a current Commissioner as well as an active pre-doctoral CODA program site visitor who has chaired twelve comprehensive site visits during the last ten years, it is important for me to inform our dental school community about the details of accreditation, explain its importance and provide insight into the self-study process. Dr. Christianne Guba, associate dean for academic affairs, is serving as the IU self-study and site visit coordinator. This is a huge task as we will have 9 separate self-study documents to prepare. Accreditation is important because it serves to document to the public and dental licensing boards that our dental educational programs are meeting a set of national standards established to protect the health and welfare of the public. The standards establish minimal expectations that an institution must achieve regarding such things as institutional planning, outcomes assessment, resources use (such as space, finances and people), faculty and staff, curriculum, clinical operations and research. A critical component of the predoctoral program under review which can be applied to other programs is the documentation of competency based education and the quality assurance process related to patient care. Under Dr. Guba's leadership and the conscientious efforts of review committee members, we have made great progress in creating first drafts of our various documents. February 5 & 6 are two days of a Mock Site Visit for the DDS program which will prepare us for the "real thing" in September. Two experienced dental educators will lead us through the simulated site-visit process. I thank you for your efforts to date and invite you to remain fully informed and engaged in the dental accreditation process. It will make all programs at IUSD better.

- **New Dental Façade & 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Facilities**

Facilities changes will continue into 2013 as we prepare for our CODA site visit. The patient lounge will be/is being upgraded on the third floor plus the lecture halls in ds114 and ds115 will be totally upgraded beginning in

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March 2013. Exterior limestone repairs and enhancements (tuck-pointing and cleaning) will also be made so we will look nice! Thanks to Adam Smith, our facilities director, who is overseeing these major projects.

- **Parallel Building Improvements (fixing up the old and building new)**

Several folks have asked me about the status of the new building project and whether this will happen considering the amount of renovation we have been doing currently at the dental school to the existing buildings. We are working in parallel to improve several areas not only for our accreditation site visit but to improve parts of the existing "older" facilities. Our comprehensive building revitalization project consists of two phases. **Phase I** is a new \$30 million clinical and research building to be constructed adjacent to the existing dental school and tie all structures together with a nice atrium connector. **Phase 2** is renovation of the remaining areas of the existing three buildings so IUSD facilities will be well positioned for the next 40 years with state of the art facilities.

- **Welcome Mr. Tim Brown – Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration**

Tim joins IUSD from the IU School of Medicine where he has served as Associate Chief Financial Officer for the past 10 years. He has been with the IU system since 1990. At the medical school, he directed the daily operations of the Office of Financial Affairs, provided leadership in the areas of strategic financial planning, and capital investment as well as provided evaluation and management of school-wide business operations. He has been actively involved in the IU Health Physicians practice plan and its operation. Please join me in welcoming Tim to IUSD. Thanks to Rebecca Dixon who served as our interim fiscal officer.

- **Dental Legend – Dr. Maynard Hine Memorialized- the IUSD Tradition Continues**

In December, the IU Board of Trustees approved the request to name the conference center portion of the former University Place Conference Center and Hotel after Dr. Maynard K. Hine, IUPUI's first chancellor and a true campus visionary. The academic building will be named Hine Hall. Dr. Hine served as IUSD dean from 1945 to 1968 then went on to serve as the founding Chancellor of IUPUI. Full story at IUPUI News:

<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5881/Campus-visionary-is-the-force-behind-naming-of-IUPUI-academic-building>

- **IUSD Congratulations to:**

- Dr. Jeff Platt – 2013 designee to receive the national OKU Steven Leeper Award for Teaching Excellence later this year
- Drs. Karen Yoder and Burton Edelstein – recent Journal of Dental Education [article](#) on the IU Dental Oral Health Policy Forum cited as a national model

- **Don't Miss---First Friday Donuts and Coffee – January 4<sup>th</sup>**

In the IUSD student lounge, staff and faculty are invited to join in some fellowship, coffee and donuts beginning at 7:30am, Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> as part of a Staff Council coordinated First Friday event. Thanks to Terry Wilson for making the arrangements for the initial event.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back next month with another installment of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.

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-John



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