## **COMING UP**

# Indiana University School of Dentistry News and Events



**May 2013** 

Just a Few More Days, Classes of 2013 — Time for Some Pomp Under the Best of Circumstances

IUPUI Office for Women Awards Pediatric Dentistry Professor LaQuia Walker with Newcomer Leadership Honor

Golden Anniversary – Congratulations to Dental Assisting Graduate Charlene Ellis, Class of 1963 CPR TRAINING for full- and part-time clinical faculty and staff at Walker Plaza. Choose among these options: Morning classes (8:30-noon) are Friday, May 3; Tuesday, May 14; and Friday, May 17. Afternoon classes (1:30-5) are Friday, May 3; Wednesday, May 8; and Monday, May 13. Register with **Kathy Thompson** at 274-8841; <a href="mailto:kthompso">kthompso</a> at 274-8841; <a href="mailto:kthompso">kthompso</a> iu.edu.

#### SPECIAL LIBRARY SCHEDULE IN MAY:

The Library opens at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, due to the Mini-Marathon. The Library is closed Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12, for IUSD graduation activities. The Library is closed for Memorial Day holiday weekend: Sat.-Mon., May 25-27.

#### 2-3 (Thurs.-Fri.)

SECOND SEMESTER ASSESSMENT WEEK CONTINUES FOR DENTAL ASSISTING AND DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS.



3 (Fri.)

**We've Got the Brew – Now All We Need Is** *You*. Let the aroma of fresh-brewed coffee lead you to the lower-level lounge, where you'll find the DEAN'S FIRST FRIDAY social hour under way, 7:30 a.m. to 9-ish.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY – a \$5 donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Great Strides gets you a casual Friday workday in your jeans and a chance to contribute to the critically important research being conducted in the fight against CF. Donations go to **Kim Fields**, DS323; **Barb Lerner**, DS280B; **Vickie Newkirk**, DS105; and **Jude Wilkinson**, OHRI 108.

LAST DAY OF SECOND SEMESTER CLASSES FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR DENTAL STUDENTS

#### 3-7 (Fri.-Tues.)

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS annual session, Philadelphia. IU Orthodontic Alumni Association Reception is Saturday, May 4, 4-5:45 p.m., Philadelphia Marriott Hotel, Room 412, 1201 Market Street.



**You Can't Get There From Here.** Well, OK, actually you can, but it will take some planning. **Adam Smith** gave you the low-down on street closings for the OneAmerica 500 FESTIVAL MINI-MARATHON in an email on April 29 – refer to it before heading out to the school this morning: http://www.500festival.com/mini-marathon.



Prof. Coan, Dr. Romito, and Dr. Christen at the Vincennes CE site

Members of the IUPUI Tobacco Cessation and Biobehavioral Group wrap up their year-long, state-wide CE series today in Goshen, Ind., where they will present HOW TO HELP YOUR PATIENTS QUIT: PRACTICAL, IN-OFFICE APPROACHES FOR TACKLING THE PROBLEM OF TOBACCO. The course has been well-attended during the year, with 53 professionals from the dental and medical fields participating in April's CE program in Vincennes. There was a response rate to the CE flyer from practitioners in the Vincennes area of nearly 30 percent. "That was an all-time high for us," says team member Prof. Lorinda Coan. "All of the evaluations from participants were very positive." Other members of the CE team are Drs. Laura Romito, Jack Windsor, Arden Christen, and IU physician Dr. Stephen Jay. Registration is through the IU Division of Continuing Medical Education: http://cme.medicine.iu.edu/courses.

#### 10 (Fri.)

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE for Student Research Subcommittee's May 24 meeting

IUSD FACULTY COUNCIL, noon-1 p.m. in DS S117

SECOND SEMESTER ENDS FOR DENTAL ASSISTING, DENTAL HYGIENE, 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR DENTAL, AND GRADUATE DENTAL STUDENTS.

11, 12 (Sat., Sun.)



Almost time to don your cap and gown (and, for DDS grads, hood) – these 2012 IU dental grads are lined up for the processional at last year's Pre-Commencement ceremony.

The velvety, lilac side of the hood signifies Dentistry at American universities, and the silky, red and white side represents IU.

**COMMENCEMENT** and its associated celebrations begin on Saturday afternoon for the IU School of Dentistry Classes of 2013.

The dental school's students of dentistry, dental hygiene, dental assisting, and graduate dentistry are among the 18,828 students on seven IU campuses that are eligible to participate in commencement exercises in 2013. An additional 1,286 Purdue University degrees will be awarded through the IUPUI campus.

The **OPEN HOUSE AND RECEPTION** for 2013's dental school graduates and their families is at the school on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. The group then moves downtown to the Sagamore Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center, 100 South Capitol Avenue, where the **IUSD PRE-COMMENCMENT PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES** takes place from 6 to 8 p.m.

On Sunday morning dental school graduates will return with their guests to the Convention Center, rooms 236-239, for the dental school's **AWARDS PROGRAM AND BREAKFAST BUFFET**, beginning at 7:30. Following the breakfast is **IUPUI'S COMMENCEMENT** in Halls A-B-C. All of IUSD's degree recipients (dental, dental hygiene, and graduate dental students) are invited to the campus's commencement.

#### 13 (Mon.)

SUMMER SESSION BEGINS FOR DENTAL ASSISTING, DENTAL HYGIENE, AND GRADUATE DENTAL STUDENTS.

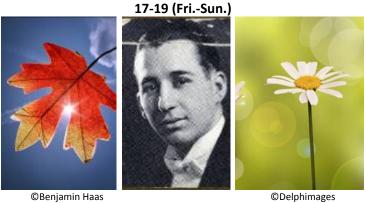
#### 16-18 (Thurs.-Sat.)

INDIANA DENTAL ASSOCIATION annual meeting, Hyatt Regency Indianapolis

17 (Fri.)

RESEARCH COMMITTEE, 9 a.m. in DS S421

IUSD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, RECEPTION, AND DINNER, beginning 5 p.m. in the Hyatt Regency's Network room; the reception at 6:30 in the Regency CF foyer is followed by dinner in the Regency EF room.



Fall Dental Alumni Conference pioneer Dr. Jimmy Huckelberry

A NEW TWIST FOR THE "FALL" DENTAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE. The IUSD Alumni Association's annual conference is one of the oldest events in the IU system. Indiana Dental College Class of 1924 graduate James Huckelberry worked with IU's alumni association during his presidency of the dental school's alumni group to launch the first conference in October 71 years ago in Bloomington, in the midst of World War 2 rationing. Despite the lean times, the event drew 150 participants – the dentists were treated to lectures on acrylics and economics while "the ladies" were entertained with university skits and IU radio show rehearsals. The conference has been held in the autumn ever since and was moved to Indy a few years ago, but for the first time in its distinguished history the conference is playing out in the springtime, in conjunction with the Indiana Dental Association's annual session. Headquartered downtown at the Hyatt Regency, the 2013 conference celebrates classes whose graduation years end in 8 and 3. Alums and their guests will be shuttled over to the DENTAL SCHOOL ON SATURDAY FOR AN EARLY EVENING RECEPTION (5:30 p.m.), where they and members of the Indiana Dental Association will learn more about the school's new building campaign. The HANGOVER HUSTLE 5K, like last fall, is for Sunday's early risers (8 a.m.). Registration is through the IDA this year: <a href="www.INDental.org/register">www.INDental.org/register</a>; 888-421-1442.

#### 21-23 (Tues.-Thurs.)

IU PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BIENNIAL CONFERENCE, Lido Ballroom at the Pink Shell Beach Resort and Spa, Fort Myers Beach, Fla. IU event leads in to the annual session of the AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY, Thursday through Sunday (May 23-26) in Orlando, Fla.

24 (Fri.)

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



27 (Mon.)

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY (school closed)

**31 (Fri.)**SECOND SEMESTER CLASSES END FOR 1ST- AND 2ND-YEAR DENTAL STUDENTS.

### People, Places, and Things



Dr. Walker

**HONOREE LaQUIA WALKER IS "DRIVEN WITH A PASSION TO SERVE STUDENTS."** Congratulations to Pediatric Dentistry faculty member Dr. **LaQuia Walker**, who received the Outstanding IUPUI Woman Leader award in the newcomer faculty category from the IUPUI Office for Women. The honor was presented at the 2013 Women's History Month Leadership Awards reception at the Campus Center on March 27.

The IUPUI organization chose its recipient well: According to one of Dr. Walker's nominators, she is a professor who is driven with a passion to serve both predoctoral and graduate students – she has committed herself to enhancing the educational environment, and is using her background in informatics to create a Student Technology Committee.

Dr. Walker joined the Pediatric Dentistry faculty part time in 2004, after completing her specialty training at the University of Illinois, Chicago. She is a 2002 dental graduate of the University of California. She was appointed to a full-time IUSD position in 2009, and in her still-new career at IU she has already served on the thesis committees for 18 master's degree students.

Dr. Walker is enrolled in coursework through IU East to help facilitate the School of Dentistry's goal to transition more educational content to an online format. At the American Dental Education Association meeting in Seattle this spring, she presented a workshop on the keys to implementing e-texts into the curriculum. "These activities, along with her research on haptics in dental education and training with

simulation, are key examples of her dedication to elevating the learning opportunities for our students," Dr. Walker's nominator wrote.

In addition to serving her department, school, and campus, Dr. Walker helps patients at Riley Hospital for Children through her work as a member of the Cleft and Craniofacial Anomalies Team. Her area of expertise on the team involves emerging care concepts for patients born with cleft lip and palate.

She serves on the board of directors of the Arc of Indiana, an organization committed to helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities realize their goals. She earned diplomate status in the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry in 2009.

The Outstanding IUPUI Woman Leader Award is a reflection of Dr. Walker's commitment to creating a more positive learning atmosphere, to her fostering of student success, and to her unwavering dedication to service on every level.



Ms. Ellis

**CHARLENE ELLIS'S DENTAL ASSISTING EDUCATION PREDATES IUSD'S PROGRAM.** Every field of dentistry has its pioneers. Take Preventive and Community Dentistry staff member **Charlene Ellis**, for example: She was a student of dental assisting at our school a half century ago – and long before IUSD's Dental Assisting Program even *existed*.

Before our program was established in 1972, Harry E. Wood High School, a former vocational school housed in a building originally occupied by Manual High School on Indy's near south side, sent its dental assisting students to IUSD for the clinical portion of their training.

Wood also accepted students who had already earned their high school diplomas, and during the 1962-63 academic year, recent high school grad Charlene Ellis took her place in a class of about 25 Wood dental assisting students. The turbulent 1960s, the program's length, and Charlene's sweetheart all played a role in her choice to become a dental assistant.

"This was at the time of the Vietnam War," says Charlene. "My sister-in-law was a dental assistant near a naval base in Kansas. My boyfriend (and future husband) was interested in joining the Air Force. Planning ahead, I saw dental assisting as a good career choice for a military wife. Other careers such as teaching or nursing would have required four years of college."

It turned out to be a very good choice indeed for Charlene, although far from an easy one. "Wood – both the classroom and clinic – was *very* intense, with lots of hands-on experience," she says. "We used our time very efficiently. We *had* to pay attention!"



Mrs. Carr, first IUSD director of Dental Assisting (1972-1981)

The clinical portion of the training at IUSD was exceptionally thorough, involving virtually every clinic in the building. Program director was **Marjory (Dinwiddie) Carr**, who would eventually leave Wood to become IUSD's first dental assisting director. "She taught us to be attentive to the needs of our patient *and* our dentist at all times," says Charlene.

Since the Wood dental assisting program had started in 1956, IU's dental students were well accustomed to four-handed dentistry by the time Charlene was a student. Dentistry was practiced standing up in those days. Dental student upperclassmen helped teach the dental assisting students, and as Charlene and her classmates became more sure of themselves, they were assigned to help teach dental student underclassmen how to work with an assistant. "Most dental students accepted us readily, and many of us were often requested," says Charlene. "However, Mrs. Carr kept check on everything to make sure no girl was skipped over in any way."

In addition to its extensive dental/technical training, Wood also emphasized phone technique (taught by a Bell Telephone rep) and business acumen (several levels of business classes were required for graduation).

As a Wood graduate Charlene was a private practice dental assistant until she was hired at the Oral Health Research Institute as a clinical research study assistant in 1994.

She marvels at how the dental assisting dress code has grown more relaxed over 50 years. "In the 1960s we were outfitted in white from head to toe – the uniform dress (dresses only), hose, nurses' shoes, and optional cap. When I began to assist sitting down in the 1970s, I changed to the more casual slacks and smocks or lab jackets. Today, it's scrubs and tennis shoes."

While dental assisting may not be the highest paying job in the healthcare field, the profession has suited Charlene well. "I have always had time to take part in teaching dental health in schools and the scouting community and also to pursue other personal interests," she says.

In her work with OHRI research studies Charlene still gets to employ many of the skills she learned at the Wood school – and that 1960s Bell Telephone teacher would probably appreciate knowing that Charlene continues to make excellent use of her telephone training as an OHRI research telephone screener and recruiter.

"I have learned so much over the years, and research is a very interesting avenue in dentistry," she says. "However, those basic, methodical techniques and lessons I was taught in my youth remain the basis of my structured lifestyle."

In this, the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of her graduation, Charlene has no plans to retire or even slow down, and she is still following the motto she says describes her best: "Do What You Like, and Like What You Do."









Predoc researchers Hani Ahbab (left), Allison Scully, Stuart Ryan, and Austin Starr

**PREDOCTORAL RESEARCH ACTIVITY FLOURISHING.** Dental students at every point in their education are finding ways to be involved with research during the four-year program, and some of them are getting honored for their efforts at the national level. Dr. **Richard Gregory**, faculty adviser for the Student Research Group, reports that a recent election at the biweekly Student Research Presentation Program has resulted in new Student Research Group officers for the 2013-2014 academic year, as follows: President: **Hani Ahdab**, D3; Vice President: **Allison Scully**, D2; and Secretary-Treasurer: **Stuart Ryan**, D1. One of the key tasks the SRG is getting ready to embark upon is the creation of a biennial electronic newsletter that will highlight achievements of the membership. Stuart Ryan will play a helpful role in this project.

During the American Association for Dental Research meeting in Seattle, the research projects of **Hani Ahdab** and longtime SRG officer **Austin Starr**, D3, impressed the judges of the AADR National Student Research Group Dentsply/Caulk Competition: Hani's project, "Oxidative Burst of Neutrophils Induced by Doxycycline-Containing Delivery Systems," won the \$500 2<sup>nd</sup> Place award in the Basic Science category; and Austin's project, "Metronidazole-Containing Delivery Systems – Effect on the Oxidative Burst of Human Neutrophils, won the \$250 3<sup>rd</sup> Place award, also in Basic Science. Both were mentored by Dr. **Marco Bottino** of Dental Biomaterials.

In addition, Austin Starr was one of 20 students in the nation to receive a prestigious AADR Student Research Fellowship Award. His research study for the fellowship is titled "Long-term Antibacterial Potential of Metronidazole-Containing Drug Delivery Devices Against *Porphyromonas gingivalis*." Austin's mentors for this project are Drs. Bottino and Gregory. "The award consists of a \$2,100 stipend, \$300 for supplies, and \$600 for Austin's travel to present the research at a future AADR meeting," said Dr. Gregory.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF:**



Kids Club volunteers Landon Gamble (left), Zachery Helsley, Zachary Bozic, and Shira Ruggs Dancy show off a sampling of the thank you messages they received from kids at South Creek Elementary School.

• Pediatric Dentistry faculty member and Kids Club manager **Heather Taylor** reports that eight members of the DDS Class of 2016 got a sweet surprise as Kids Club volunteers after their trip to a local elementary school to talk to schoolchildren about the importance of oral health: Thank You cards from youngsters who enjoyed the program. "Several elementary schools requested a visit from the Kids Club during the month of February, which is National Children's Dental Health Month," she said. "One of the schools, South Creek Elementary, was so appreciative of the visit that our dental students received hand-made thank you cards from the kindergarten students." Joining the dental students pictured above at the South Creek program were fellow volunteers and classmates **Holly Clark, Hannah Haskell, Jake Long,** and **Brittany Pangburn**.



Dr. Wolfe (left) accepts award from Dr. John.

• Each year, the American Academy of Periodontology honors one professor at each university across the country for his or her outstanding teaching and mentoring in the specialty. IU's recipient of the AAP

award this year is Dr. **James Wolfe**, an outstanding adjunct clinical assistant professor of periodontics. Dr. Wolfe earned both his dental and periodontic degrees at IU, in 1993 and 1996, respectively. He joined the faculty part time in 1996, and teaches in the graduate program. On behalf of the AAP, Dr. **Vanchit John**, chair of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs, presented the award to Dr. Wolfe in March.



Dr. Chu

• IUPUI Vice Chancellor of Research Dr. Kody Varahramyan recently announced that 16 of 108 proposals for IU Collaborative Research Grants (IUCRG) have been funded for the 2012-2013 academic year, including a medical school/dental school team project involving Dr. Tien-Min Gabriel Chu, Division of Dental Biomaterials. The group also includes from the medical school Dr. Melissa Kacena, Orthopaedic Surgery; Dr. Michael Sturek, Cellular & Integrative Physiology; and Dr. Christine Boehm, Laboratory Animal Resource Center. They are working on a bone study titled "Thrombopoietic Agents in Bone Regeneration: Development of a Minipig Bone Healing Model." The IUCRG grants are highly sought, says Dr. Domenick Zero, associate dean for Research. "It's a great reflection on IUSD to be one of the collaborating schools," he said. Some of you may recall that the med school's Dr. Kacena is also involved in collaborative studies with Dr. Angela Bruzzaniti of the Oral Biology faculty.



Dr. Shaw

• Dr. Pamella Shaw, associate dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, has been accepted into the American Dental Education Association's 2014 Leadership Institute. As a Leadership Institute fellow, Dr. Shaw and her 23 classmates from other American dental institutions will pursue projects in a year-long program that is designed to assist the nation's most promising individuals at academic institutions in becoming leaders in dental and higher education. Several of IUSD's professors have participated in the institute since its creation in 1999, including 2013 fellow Dr. Jeffrey Bennett, chair of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry.



Dr. Kowolik

• During ADEA's annual meeting this spring, Dr. **Joan Kowolik**, Pediatric Dentistry, was named chair of the Administrative Board of the ADEA Council of Sections. The council is composed of 38 Sections and 10 Special Interest Groups that represent major disciplines and various areas of interest in dental and allied dental education. Dr. Kowolik shares her administrative responsibilities with university and ADEA colleagues in New York, Ohio, North Carolina, and Washington, D.C., as pictured with Dr. Kowolik and detailed on this ADEA web page:

http://www.adea.org/about\_adea/governance/Pages/CouncilofSections.aspx.



Dr. Romito

• While we are on the topic of ADEA's Sections and Special Interest Groups (SIGs), we've learned from Prof. Lorinda Coan that, thanks in large measure to the leadership efforts of her fellow tobacco educator colleague Dr. Laura Romito, ADEA's Special Interest Group on Tobacco-Free Initiatives has been transitioned from a group to a full-fledged ADEA section in its own right titled Substance Abuse, Addition, and Tobacco Dependence Education. Dr. Romito has served as an officer for the former SIG group for four years, and recently completed a term as the group's chair. "It has been largely through her dedication to tobacco education that this was made possible," said Prof. Coan, who serves as the section's secretary. "Laura is the one who pursued it, did most of the work in filling out forms, and has contributed largely to the SIG's research of tobacco. The process of transitioning a SIG into a section is extremely rigorous and peer-reviewed. Without Laura's efforts and continued encouragement of the rest of our SIG team, I do not believe it would have happened."



Dr. Ghoneima

•Dr. **Ahmed Ghoneima** is one of 11 young professors in the U.S. and Canada to be chosen for an Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Award from the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation. He received the Michael Matlof Memorial Teaching Fellowship Award for the proposal he

submitted titled "Cone Beam Computed Tomography and Airway Analysis in Obstructive Sleep Apnea." These awards are competitive and difficult to obtain, says Dr. **Katherine Kula**, chair of Orthodontics and Oral Facial Genetics. "Dr. Ghoneima is holding up the departmental standards by being our fourth orthodontic faculty member to obtain this award," she said.

#### IN CASE YOU MISSED THEM - NEWS ITEMS FROM HERE AND THERE:



• IUSD professor Dr. **Timothy Carlson** was the subject of a March 26, 2013, *Inside IUPUI* faculty spotlight for his longtime dedication and contributions to the dental school's International Service Learning program, particularly service missions to Ecuador and Haiti. He is shown above with his wife, **Ann Carlson**, who also participates in the annual trips that acquaint IUSD's students with other cultures and give them opportunities to provide care to populations having limited resources. In the photo, Tim and Ann are traveling by boat with a team of students to reach a remote community in eastern Ecuador during spring break this year:

http://inside.iupui.edu/spotlights-profiles/faculty-staff/2013-03-26-carlson-iupui.shtml.



Rear Admiral Elaine Wagner (D'80, Cert'82 Pediatric Dent) with IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz (left) and Dean John Williams at IUSD Commencement 2012

• The spring 2013 issue of *IUPUI Magazine* featured IUSD alumna **Elaine Wagner** in a personal profile about her life as chief of the U.S. Navy Dental Corps. In its 100-year history, the Navy Dental Corps has

had only two female chiefs – and both are IU dental grads. The first female chief, **Carol Turner** (DDS'75), served from 2003 to 2007: You can read "'Best Job I've Ever Had': Dental Grad Shaping Naval Health Care" here: <a href="http://magazine.iupui.edu/13Spring/features/best-job.shtml">http://magazine.iupui.edu/13Spring/features/best-job.shtml</a>.







Seal Indiana team members Armando Soto and Cassandra Riley team up with Pediatric Dentistry's Heather Taylor to identify Hoosier kids most in need of dental care as well as community dentists who can donate their services.

• In a February 2013 news release, the Indiana Dental Association describes the IU School of Dentistry's newly revised Give Kids a Smile program, which emphasizes both interdepartmental teamwork at the school and collaboration among the school, the IDA, and the IDA members who are stepping forward to provide free care to children from impoverished families: http://www.indental.org/News/Revamping-Give-Kids-a-Smile.



Dr. Weingarten

• On April 1, 2013, IUSD welcomed South Bend private practitioner and adjunct IUSD professor **Harvey Weingarten** (DDS'79) as the dental school's new director of Continuing Education. Those of us who have known Dr. Weingarten for a few decades know that the CE directorship has been placed in highly capable, talented hands. Congrats, Harvey! Here's the announcement: <a href="http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/about-us/news-and-information/weingarten-director-dental-continuing-education-at-iu">http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/about-us/news-and-information/weingarten-director-dental-continuing-education-at-iu</a>.



Mr. Smith

• IUSD building manager **Adam Smith** discusses the dental school's involvement in the campus's new hydration stations, which are helping to divert plastic bottles from the waste stream, for an April 8, 2013, IU Communications news release:

http://news.iupui.edu/releases/2013/04/hydration-stations.shtml.



Dr. Howell

• In an April 1, 2013, article titled "Who Calls the Shots?," IUSD graduate **Barry Howell** (DDS'88), current president of the Illinois State Dental Society, discusses with *ADA News* reporter **Karen Fox** proposed legislation in Illinois to allow dentists to administer flu shots and other vaccines – the bill was eventually pulled after substantial opposition from the Illinois State Medical Society: <a href="http://www.ada.org/news/8429.aspx">http://www.ada.org/news/8429.aspx</a>.



Jane Pauley addresses the crowd at the 2012 ribbon-cutting after remarks by several school and organization representatives, including IU graduate Dennis Kelley (D'81), left, Dean John Williams, and Lou Anne Schwenn of the Walker Career Center.

• Congratulations to the new Jane Pauley Community Health Center Dental Clinic, which opened its doors at Warren Central High School's Walker Career Center in April. Our students will begin treating child and adult patients there in the fall. The IU School of Dentistry was well represented at the clinic's ribbon-cutting ceremony with American journalist **Jane Pauley** last August – you can watch DDS Class of

2013 students **Elizabeth Rogers** and **Nathan Stanley** joining Ms. Pauley and Walker Career Center dental assisting students in the ribbon-cutting in this three-minute video clip from the Warren Township schools: http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\_embedded&v=2YdKFVos-ho#!.

TO BOLDLY GO WHERE NO DENTAL PROFESSIONAL HAS GONE BEFORE. Trekkies, a 1999 documentary about hard-core Star Trek devotees, is a salute to escapism, and you don't have to know anything about the phenomenally successful, long-running series or its creator Gene Roddenberry to enjoy this look into the fascinating world of average Americans who are having the time of their lives adopting the persona (some of them on weekends, others full time) of the Vulcans, Klingons, or voyagers on the starship Enterprise. The documentary is funny, but in a gentle way that is respectful to the Star Trek enthusiasts. Of particular note is Floridian practitioner and Star Trek aficianado Denis Bourguignon, DMD, owner of Stargate Dental, New Age Dentistry, in Florida. In 1999, the inside of his office resembled a space ship, and his staff was required to dress accordingly. (One reluctant dental hygienist balked at the futuristic dress code, and held out for a year before being given an ultimatum.) Stargate Dental has apparently lived long and prospered – it's still listed as a dental practice in Clermont, Fla. You can see Dr. Bourguignon and his office in this official Trekkies trailer (click on Watch Trailer in the center of the page): http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0120370/?ref =sr 1 . And here's the movie review by the late, and forever awesome, Roger Ebert: http://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/trekkies-1999.

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