



## First Friday.....April 6, 2012

Welcome to the April edition of the IUSD Dean's Update to the dental school community. Spring is in the air as I note the temperature rising and the flowers and trees leafing out. We have just completed the NCAA Final Four men's and women's championship games, held our annual OKU (dental) and Phi Sigma Alpha (dental hygiene) honor societies' luncheon and are in the final preparation stages for Commencement weekend May 12 & 13. With all these activities, the Indy 500 can't be far behind! 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*.

- **[IUSD Research Day....April 16, 2012 is Coming!](#)**

Just ten days away is Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, (only 11 days left to get your taxes filed or file for an extension), but more importantly come explore the wonderful exciting world of dental research and see what is happening at the dental school to improve diagnosis, treatment and ultimately the quality of patient care. Basic science research is the bedrock of our profession which leads to translational research, and clinical trials. Dr. Martha Somerman, Director of the NIH [National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research](#), will be our guest and one featured speaker in the afternoon along with IUSD Research Day founder, IUSD graduate and former faculty and administrator--our own, Dr. George Stookey who started this research event twenty years ago. The program begins at 12:30pm in the Campus Center 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

- **Building and Facilities Update**

**New Building Program:** Another milestone has been achieved for the new building program. The initial blocking and stacking concept of a space plan has been submitted to main campus for their review and approval. As reported last month, Adam Smith has been working with me, the university planners and architects on general space requirements for our new clinical and research building. We submitted a proposal for about 100,000 gross square feet in a new building to be contained in a 4 story structure (20K sq ft/floor) plus a basement. Exact details on what clinics and research activities go where to follow soon.

**Conference Room DS421:** Check out DS Conference room 421 next time you are near the dental hygiene clinical area on the fourth floor. Renovation is winding down for this totally updated conference room which will serve as the headquarters conference room September 10-12, 2013 as we host the CODA accreditation site visit team for a two and one-half day on-site re-accreditation review of all our dental education programs.

- **IT Shared Services Update.....IUSD Welcomes CIO Mr. Vince Sheehan**

In December, I announced an exciting new IT initiative working with the IU School of Medicine to improve our planning, integration and delivery of comprehensive information technology services as a strategic priority for IUSD going forward. This change was made as result of a spring 2011 external review of the IUSD-IT operations. Effective April 1, 2012, Vince Sheehan has assumed the new role as Chief Information Officer to lead our IT Shared Services model with the IU School of Medicine. This is important as we enhance our IT operations to improve instruction, research and patient care. Welcome Vince!

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### • Civility and Professionalism

A basic dictionary definition of "civility" states that the word is defined as 1) formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech; 2) polite remarks used in formal conversation. Professionalism, according to the web resource and book entitled, [Professionalism is for Everyone](#) is much more than just "becoming an expert in your field as one part of earning the respect of clients and colleagues. A large part of achieving recognition as a professional has to do with the way that we present ourselves to others." I am committed to establishing and sustaining a civil and professional environment for the IUSD community, and I invite all who desire the same to join me in encouraging others to do the same. Through holding each other accountable for our actions and encouraging each other when we witness good things happening, we can reach a more civil and professional climate for all.

### • IPE....Interprofessional Education...coming to IUPUI...April 11-13,2012

A major topic at the recent ADEA annual session was IPE. Now IPE training of future trainers is coming to IUPUI! One goal of interprofessional education (IPE) is to prepare all health professions students to work together as a team to meet the common goal of creating a safer patient-centered health care system. Representatives from IUSD along with our fellow IU health professions schools will participate in a "train the trainer" 3 day conference conducted by [The Centre for Interprofessional Education at the University of Toronto](#) which is considered by many to be the International leader in IPE. Thanks for Dr. Laura Romito who is part of the planning committee for this initiative. In May 2011, ADEA along with 5 other national health professions released [Core Competencies and Team-Based Competencies for IPE](#).

### • What Are You Reading?

A recent provocative publication has me thinking about our future for IUSD. In the era of national healthcare reform, a recent report from Pricewaterhouse Coopers entitled [The Future of the Academic Medical Center\(AMC\): Strategies to Avoid a Margin Meltdown](#) suggests that AMC [I think dental schools as well] must reinvent themselves by embracing new types of collaboration, re-engineer operations, and use technology as a new kind of extender. This is a thoughtful analysis, and I invite your reaction to it.

### • Search and Screen Updates

- Assistant Dean Finance and Administration – ongoing
- IDP-International Dental Program Director-ongoing; 7 external candidates
- Admissions and Student Affairs – formulating position description

### • IUPUI IMPACT Dental School Campaign Statistics....Great Progress!!!

IUSD Overall Fundraising Goal: \$35M – 89% pledged or received as of March 31, 2012 so only \$3.85M remains to reach our unit goal by June 30, 2013. Thanks to the hard work of our development team (John Hoffman and Pam Lovejoy) and generosity of our IUSD alumni and friends including Dr. Steve Lehman (Carmel) our IMPACT dental campaign chair. Our IUSD new Building Campaign will launch in fall 2012.

### • IUSD First Friday Factoid

IUSD has an operating budget for next year (2013) of about \$45.6 million and derives revenue from the following three major sources: 1) state support 29.5%; 2) tuition and fees 45.8%; and 3) clinical services 24.7%

Thanks to each of you for your continued dedication and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back next month (May 4<sup>th</sup>) with another edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*. Sue Crum tells me the spring edition 2013 of the IUSD Alumni magazine is headed to the printer soon.



-John

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