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**First Friday**  
Dean's Update to the IUSD Community

Fritts Clinical Care Center Edition

## ADA Health Policy Institute – Research Briefs

The Health Policy Institute publishes Research Briefs on critical oral health policy issues. They are listed below beginning with the most recent publication.

- [U.S. Dental Expenditures: 2017 Update \(December 2017\)](#)
- [Medicaid Fee-For-Service Reimbursement Rates for Child and Adult Dental Care Services for all States, 2016 \(April 2017\)](#)
- [Trends in Fees and Reimbursement Rates for the Most Common Procedures in Endodontics, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, and Oral Surgery \(February 2017\)](#)

To see all HPI reports click below:  
<https://www.ada.org/en/science-research/health-policy-institute/publications/research-briefs>

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**March 2, 2018**

Today is a historic day in the life of IUSD. Eighteen months ago, in September of 2016, we gathered as an academic community to celebrate the historic groundbreaking of the James J. Fritts, DDS Clinical Care Center. Today, we gather to say thank you, cut the ribbon, take tours, celebrate, and embrace a new era for Indiana's DDS clinical education program. This new facility will truly set us on course to be "one of the best dental schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

More than 500 donors (512 to be exact) made this building possible. They are represented in the 153 named places in the building designated by plaques, which you will see in the dental treatment areas, offices, and common spaces. We experienced an outpouring of support for the Fritts Clinical Care Center. Numerous new donors embraced our message and said they wanted to see their dental school thrive in the future.

To all of you, I say a sincere thank you for believing with us, believing in the exciting possibilities yet to come and for witnessing a transformation of the dental school that the new Clinical Center will allow.

One among us – Dr. Jim Fritts, a 1965 graduate of the dental school – provided a most generous gift to ensure the school flourishes for decades to come. I am deeply grateful to Dr. Fritts and his family for their generous donation that names the building. Jim is one of the most humble, kind men I know. It has been an honor to work with him on this building project. Jim, thank you so very much.



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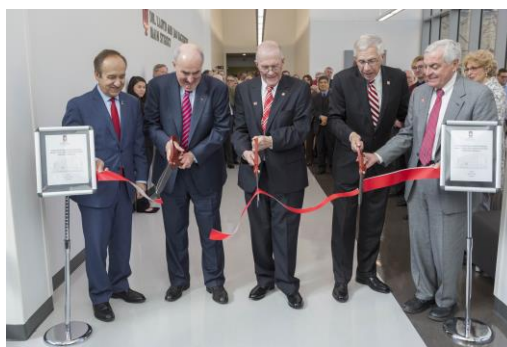
## **New Leadership Announced...IUSD Clinical and Interim Academic Deans Appointed**

I am extremely pleased to announce Dr. Harvey Weingarten as our new Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and Dr. Paul Edwards as our interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Weingarten, who brings more than three decades of clinical management expertise as well as state and national regulatory and clinical evaluation experience, began in mid-February. Dr. Edwards, professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, assumes his role as Academic Dean on March 5, 2018, as Dr. Chris Guba retires from university service at the end of March. Please join me in welcoming these outstanding leaders to their new positions.

## **President McRobbie Feature on [Re-energizing our Commitment to Hoosier Health and Well-being](#)**

In his February communication, President McRobbie cites IU's extensive contributions to the health and well-being of the citizens of our state, which can be seen in countless ways and are directly linked to IU's education and research missions for nearly two centuries. IU has a magnificent tradition of research excellence in the life and health sciences – from five Nobel Prizes for fundamental discoveries about the basic building blocks of life itself, to new diagnostic and therapeutic procedures for deadly diseases, such as cancer. We are, by far, the state's largest and most important center for health sciences education and research with highly ranked programs in medicine, nursing, dentistry, public health, optometry, speech and hearing, social work, and health and rehabilitation sciences. IUSD received nice recognition in President McRobbie's column, including the new James J. Fritts, DDS Clinical Care Center and our expansion into the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) in Bloomington.

## **Enjoy the replay of the James J. Fritts, DDS Clinical Care Center Dedication [here!](#)**



### **• Upcoming IUSD Events**

- March 17-20: ADEA Annual Session, Orlando, FL
- March 21-24: AADR/IADR Annual Session, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- March 19-23: IUSD Spring Break
- April 9: 26<sup>th</sup> Annual IUSD Research Day, IUPUI Campus Center



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

-John

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