

National- and State-Level Projections of Dentists and Dental Hygienists 2013-2025 USA (Health Resources and Services Administration-HRSA; Feb. 2015):

Dentists

□ *Nationally, increases in supply will not meet the increases in demand for dentists, which will exacerbate the existing shortage.*

□ *All 50 states and the District of Columbia are projected to experience a shortage of dentists.*

Dental Hygienists

□ *At the national level, supply will outpace the demand for dental hygienists.*

□ *Excess supply of dental hygienists at the national level masks projected shortages in some states.*

Read All About it:

<http://bhw.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/supplydemand/dentistry/nationalstatelevelprojectionsdentists.pdf>

DEAN'S UPDATE

TO THE IUSD COMMUNITY



First Friday.....March 6, 2015

March has rolled into Indiana like a lion with winter weather still very much upon us. With the national dental education (American Dental Education Association-ADEA) meeting and the national dental research meeting (American Association of Dental Research-AADR) meetings both in Boston, those attending from IU will be further exposed to up to 8 feet of snow in some places! Participation in professional associations is one useful way to be exposed to new ideas and ways of doing things, discovering new diagnostic techniques and treatments, and bringing these changes back to IU for use as part of our dental education program. I applaud the numerous IUSD participants attending one or both of these meetings for stepping out, learning something new and coming back to IU with the enthusiasm for change. These two superb annual meetings are great examples of the work we continue to do today to advance our Mission and the Vision of IUSD to make Indiana..... *one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.*

• Remembering Dean Emeritus Ralph E. McDonald 1921-2015

I was honored to get to know Dean Emeritus Ralph E. McDonald who passed away on February 20, 2015, at the age of 94. Dr. McDonald, an internationally renowned pediatric dental educator, is widely regarded as a pioneer in pediatric dentistry. He played a pivotal role in the development of the pediatric dentistry graduate program and in the establishment of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at Riley Hospital for Children. He authored or co-authored at least 21 text-books in addition to his many other published articles. Dr. McDonald was appointed instructor in the IU School of Dentistry Children's Clinic in 1946. After receiving an MS from Indiana University in 1951, Dr. McDonald was named the Chair of the Department in 1952. He rose through the various academic ranks and was appointed Dean of the Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1969. After serving the dental school with great distinction for nearly 40 years, 17 as Dean, Dr. McDonald retired in 1985. Just prior to his retirement, he was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Indiana State University. He was responsible for the last major building addition (south wing) completed in the early 1970's, which has stood the test of time. Deans like to build programs both, metaphorically (curriculum and clinical programs) as well as physically (buildings), because we know it is absolutely necessary if we are going to keep our dental profession vibrant and relevant for tomorrow. I salute the untiring work of Dean Emeritus Ralph E. McDonald, who did so much to advance the IU School of Dentistry for almost 40 years.

• Building Project Update – Financing Plan

With the return to the original Phase 1 plan of building a new 45,000 square foot extension to the existing dental building complex, we are now intensely focused on finalizing the financing plan for the estimated \$20M project. Early responses from the university have been encouraging and refinements are underway. The next major hurdle is internal university approval of our financing plan before architectural renderings are

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prepared. I thank you for your continued patience and continued support. IUSD is so fortunate to have a strong cadre of alumni who were early building donors—pledging \$4M to date— to move us closer to the goal of new facilities. Progress! Thank you!

- **IUSD DDS Admissions Update for Class of 2019**

As I reported in January, demand for first year dental school seats remains extremely competitive. My thanks to the IUSD Admissions Committee for their hard work during the fall and spring to review, evaluate and make selection decisions for fall 2015. As of March 3, we have admitted a total of 106 DDS students (57 males/49 females) with about 70% in-state residents/30% out-of-state and 8% of the class being underrepresented minorities. In addition, we began our third cohort of the International Dental Program (IDP) in January by enrolling 14 IDP students in this 30-month advanced standing program.

- **Tau Sigma Military Student Organization Formed**

IUSD students are rallying around a new interest group to help acclimate them to life in the US military. Under the faculty leadership of Dr. Kim Diefenderfer, USN-retired, interested students will learn about the various branches of the military dental operations, hear from active duty and reservist dentists, and raise monies in support of homeless veterans. If interested, please contact Joshua Evans. Thanks to all dentists who have served our country in one of the uniformed branches of the military!

- **Healthy Smiles—Dental Assistants Recognition Week, March 1-7, 2015**

When you see IUSD dental assistants this week (*and each week for that matter*), thank them for their hard work, training, and support of the dental school as members of our educational team. We couldn't do it without you—IUSD Dental Assistants! Thank you for a job well done.

- **Celebration of Smiles at Chicago Midwinter: NCOHF – Congrats Risa Hurwich!**

IUSD was wonderfully represented in Chicago at the National Children's Oral Health Foundation reception by D3-DDS student Risa Hurwich. Risa received an award on behalf of IUSD highlighting the tremendous outreach work done by the IUSD Kids Club under the mentorship of Drs. Joan Kowolik and Judith Chin. Bravo!

- **Director of IUSD Library Appointed March 1**

Coming from California, Sean Stone will serve as our new dental library director and work in an enhanced role as we build further synergy between IUSD and the Ruth Lilly Medical Library. Modern health libraries are rapidly changing and under Sean's leadership, we will expand additional information literacy competencies to courses, evaluate and select electronic resources that best support IUSD's academic instruction and research goals, and better position the dental library to be "one of the best of the 21st century." Welcome Sean!

- **Upcoming Events**

- March 7-16: IUSD Spring Break; ADEA Annual Session; AADR Annual Session (Boston)
- April 13: [23rd Annual IUSD Research Day](#) IUPUI Campus Center
- For 2016.....[IUSD Dental Alumni Cruise](#)— 7 Night Southern Caribbean Cruise onboard The Celebrity Summit: January 23-30, 2016. Please call Barb Albertin at Ambassadair at 317-218-0802.

- **Coffee and Donuts**

You are invited for coffee and donuts as part of our monthly First Friday event in the IUSD Student Lounge lower level from 7:30 to 9am. I am in town so come join the festivities!

Thank you for your continued dedication and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back next month with the 2015 April edition—perhaps in a new format— of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.

Still waiting for spring 2015!



-John

Check out the IUSD website:
<https://www.dentistry.iu.edu/index.php>