COMING UP

Indiana University School of Dentistry
Calendar of Events

A 2010 Pre-Commencement participant readies his camera for IUSD’s graduation ceremony.

Photo by Tim Centers

May 2011

Indiana University to Confer 237 Degrees and Certificates on School of Dentistry Graduates in 2011
3 IU Dental Students Are Selected for
Inaugural Class of Indiana Schweitzer Fellows

CPR TRAINING for full- and part-time clinical faculty and staff continues in May, with choices as follows: 1:30-5 p.m. (May 2 or 23) and 8:30 a.m.-noon (May 3 or 25). All classes at Walker Plaza 201A. Register with Kathy Thompson at 274-8841; kthomps@iupui.edu.

2-6 (Mon.-Fri.)
SECOND SEMESTER FINALS for dental assisting, dental hygiene, and graduate students

3 (Tues.)
A presentation by IU professor Dr. Christianne Guba is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. today in DS114. Dr. Guba will be speaking in her capacity as a CANDIDATE FOR THE NEW POSITION OF ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS. Everyone welcome to attend.

4 (Wed.)
SECOND SEMESTER ENDS for dental hygiene students

5 (Thurs.)
SIMULATION LAB INSTRUCTOR STATION training session, on location in the lab from noon to 1 p.m.

6 (Fri.)
A presentation by IU professor Dr. Edward DeSchepper is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. today in DS S116. Dr. DeSchepper will be speaking in his capacity as a CANDIDATE FOR THE NEW POSITION OF ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS. Everyone welcome to attend.

Indiana University Press SPRING ONLINE BOOK SALE ends today: www.iupress.indiana.edu (code WWEZXX gets you the sale prices and free domestic ground shipping on purchases of $30 or more).

JEANS FOR GENES DAY. Help fight Cystic Fibrosis by contributing $5 to the CF Foundation’s GREAT STRIDES campaign, and as a donor show your support by wearing blue jeans to school today (nice-looking pairs only, please). Vickie Newkirk in the Student Office (DS105) has been spearheading the dental school’s participation in this event for several years. She would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Bring your donation to Vickie or to Judy Doyle in Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs (DS423), Kim Fields in Comprehensive Care (DS323), or Julie LeHunt in Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology (DS S110).

7 (Sat.)
DELTA SIGMA DELTA PROPHY CUP golf outing, Saddlebrook Golf Course, 5516 Arabian Run, Indianapolis. (Registration deadline was April 22.) For more information contact dental student Katie Hungate, khungate@iupui.edu.

OneAmerica 500 FESTIVAL MINI-MARATHON: http://www.500festival.com/marathon/

8 (Sun.)
SECOND SEMESTER ENDS for dental assisting and IUPUI students
9 (Mon.)
DEAN’S TOWN HALL, noon in DS S117. Everyone welcome.

Indiana Section of the American Association for Dental Research presents THE EFFECTS OF TOBACCO ON HUMAN GINGIVAL FIBROBLASTS, by Dr. Weiping Zhang, PhD candidate, Department of Oral Biology; noon-1 p.m. in DS114. Everyone welcome.

10 (Tues.)
DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS for IUSD Faculty Council positions (executive offices and at-large members of council committees). Refer to materials Barbara Gushrowski sent by email to faculty on behalf of Faculty Council President Dr. Laura Romito on April 20.

11 (Wed.)
SUMMER SESSION BEGINS for dental assisting students

12 (Thurs.)
A presentation by IU professor Dr. Jeffrey Platt is tentatively scheduled for today (a confirmation of the date and full details to come from Dr. Vanchit John shortly). Dr. Platt will be speaking in his capacity as a CANDIDATE FOR THE NEW POSITION OF ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS. Everyone welcome to attend.

12-16 (Thurs.-Mon.)
CE course MAXILLOFACIAL PROSTHETICS: INTENSIVE HANDS-ON TRAINING AND PATIENT DEMONSTRATION, by IU professor Dr. John Levon, Restorative Dentistry, and Mr. David Trainer, chief maxillofacial prosthetist at the Center for Custom Prosthetics, Naples, Fla. For more information visit the IUSD Continuing Education site: http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/Depts/CE/Default.aspx.

13 (Fri.)
SECOND SEMESTER ENDS for D4 and graduate students

IUSD FACULTY COUNCIL meeting, noon in DS S116

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE for Student Research Subcommittee’s May 27 meeting

13-17 (Fri.-Tues)
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS annual session, Chicago. IU’s Orthodontic Alumni Association is housed at the Hyatt Hotel McCormick’s Place for activities on May 14-15: http://alumni.iupui.edu.

14 (Sat.)
NORTH EAST REGIONAL BOARD exam orientation for Dental Hygiene Class of 2011, DS S117

14-15 (Sat., Sun.)
OKU’s Outstanding Students: Claire Hemphill (l), Jason Hemphill, and Elizabeth Kirsch

Dean John Williams and the IU School of Dentistry present a special two-day program in celebration of the IUSD GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2011, including 237 graduates of Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Public Health Dental Hygiene, Dentistry, and the Advanced Dentistry programs.

IUSD’s outstanding Classes of 2011 reflect the far-reaching reputation of our institution, with hometowns listed as far north on the globe as North Pole, Alaska (dental graduate Jason Hemphill) and as far south as Surabaya, Indonesia (dental graduate Patricia Hadiwidjaja). The graduating classes represent 23 U.S. states and 23 countries or regions, with 162 graduates from Indiana hometowns, 41 from other states in the U.S., and 34 from outside the U.S.

We offer congratulations to every member of the Classes of 2011, and a special note of recognition to the three dental students who were recently honored as this year’s Outstanding Students by Omicron Kappa Upsilon national dental honor society: Claire Hemphill, Jason Hemphill, and Elizabeth Kirsch.

The presentation of diplomas and certificates takes place at 3 p.m. on Saturday in Exhibit Hall E of the Indiana Convention Center, with Dean Williams giving the pre-commencement address and Uday Sukhatme, Sc.D., executive vice chancellor and dean of the faculties, IUPUI, representing the campus.

The pre-commencement program will be followed on Sunday morning by the IUSD Graduation Awards Program and Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the convention center’s rooms 140-142. Afterward, graduates of Dental Hygiene, Public Health Dental Hygiene, Dentistry, and the Graduate Dentistry degree programs will be among the degree recipients presented at IUPUI’s Commencement, which gets under way at 11 a.m. at the convention center in Exhibit Halls A-B-C.

15 (Sun.)
NORTH EAST REGIONAL BOARD exam for Dental Hygiene Class of 2011, DS S117

16 (Mon.)
SUMMER SESSION BEGINS for dental hygiene and graduate students

18 (Wed.)
Indiana Section of the AADR presents REGENERATION RESEARCH: SCAFFOLDS, STEM CELLES, AND RETASKING TISSUE, by Dr. Derek Milner, Department of Cell and Developmental Biology and Institute for Genomic Biology, University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign and IU Center for Regenerative Biology and Medicine; noon-1 p.m. in DS S117. Everyone welcome.
19 (Thurs.)
FACULTY (DS114) AND STAFF (DS S116) ENRICHMENT, 9 a.m.-noon. Faculty program TBA. Staff programs include a discussion on responding to emergencies for non-clinical staff by Kathy Thompson and a discussion on civility for clinical staff by Marguerite Watkins. Watch for more details coming soon. No classes or clinics this morning.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THIS REQUIRED TRAINING? All current employees have until June 30, 2011, to complete the online training module “Preventing Sexual Harassment” unless they can document that they have successfully completed it or attended a comparable classroom training program within the past three years. This requirement can also be satisfied if you attend one of the two remaining classroom-style sessions being offered by the Office of Equal Opportunity, including one today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Campus Center 450A. The final classroom opportunity is Monday, June 13, 3-4:30 p.m. in the Lilly Auditorium at University Library. If you’re planning to take advantage of one of the classroom sessions, send your rsvp to affaindy@iupui.edu and mention which date you will attend. You can link to the online training here: http://training.newmedialearning.com/psh/iupui/index.htm.

20 (Fri.)
RESEARCH COMMITTEE, 9 a.m. in OH 110

ISAAC KNAPP FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING, Chestnut Hills Golf Club, 11502 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne. Half price ($47) for fourth-year dental students. Register by May 16. See flyer Dr. Robert Kasberg sent out by email on April 4. Further registration information is available from Dr. Ryan Holmes: RHolmes@HolmesFamilyDentistry.com.

20, 21 (Fri.-Sat.)
Friday CE course co-sponsored by the Indiana Society of Pediatric Dentistry: RACING TOWARDS EXCELLENCE AND EFFICIENCY: AN UPDATE ON MODERN PEDIATRIC RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY COMBINED WITH SEDATIVE TECHNIQUES, by Drs. Kevin Donly, Stephen Wilson, and Keith Morley. Followed by Saturday’s visit to the Indy 500 track for opening day of QUALIFICATIONS. See the flyer on the IUSD Continuing Education website: http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/Depts/CE/Default.aspx.

26-29 (Thurs.-Sun.)
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY annual session, New York City. IU’s PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY ALUMNI BIENNIAL CONFERENCE AND DINNER is held in conjunction with the annual session on Wednesday, May 25, at the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers. IU graduate Thomas Kiebach (DDS’73, Pediatric Dent ’75, Ortho ’78) presents “The Book on Class III: Age Appropriate Treatment” from 8 a.m. to noon. The IUPDAA will be housed at Marriott Times Square for the duration of the academy’s annual session. Visit the IUPUI Alumni Relations website for details: http://alumni.iupui.edu/.

27 (Fri.)
STUDENT RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE, 8 a.m. in DS B29

SECOND SEMESTER CLASSES END for D1 and D2 students

28, 29 (Sat.-Sun.)
IUSD alumnus Dr. Alan Snyder of Vincennes, Ind., suggests we look into the perfect holiday weekend getaway: 35th annual SPIRIT OF VINCENNES RENDEVOUS. Check out all the details at www.spiritofvincennes.org.

29 (Sun.)
INDY 500 RACE DAY: http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/indy500/

30 (Mon.)
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY (school and library closed)

May 31–June 3 (Tues.–Fri.)
ASSESSMENT WEEK for D1 and D2 students (semester ends on Friday)

People, Places, and Things

Schweitzer fellows Jennifer Sitjar (l), Stephanie So, and Miriam Viernes

3 IU DENTAL STUDENTS ARE SELECTED FOR INAUGURAL CLASS OF SCHWEITZER FELLOWS. The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) has announced the first class of Indiana Schweitzer Fellows – 16 multidisciplinary advanced-degree students from several Indiana universities who will spend the next year addressing health disparities throughout Indiana while developing lifelong leadership skills.

IU School of Dentistry fellows are Jennifer Sitjar, Stephanie So, and Miriam Viernes, all of the DDS Class of 2012. They will be mentored by Dr. Karen Yoder, director of IUSD’s Community Dentistry division.

Ms. Sitjar and Ms. Viernes will work on a project together to improve the oral health of children in the Martindale-Brightwood community through the Indianapolis Public Schools. They will develop a comprehensive oral health program at two schools in this neighborhood. Ms. So will address the oral health needs of underserved Indianapolis residents by working to improve oral health access and utilization of dental and preventive services through the People’s Health & Dental Center. She will be directing the initiation of a student-run dental clinic in partnership with the center.

“Due to the passage of the Affordable Care Act, an estimated 32 million previously uninsured people will soon be entering our country’s healthcare system for the first time,” says ASF Executive Director Sylvia Stevens-Edouard. “Now more than ever, it is essential that we focus on developing a multidisciplinary pipeline of health professionals who have the dedication, skills, and cultural competency to effectively meet the health needs of these and other underserved people.”
The other Indiana Schweitzer fellows are enrolled in medicine, nursing, law, pharmacy, social work, and psychological sciences programs at IU, the University of Indianapolis, and Butler University.

Upon completion of their initial year, the Indiana fellows will become Schweitzer Fellows for Life, joining a network of more than 2,000 Schweitzer alumni who are skilled in and committed to addressing the health needs of underserved people.

The Indiana Schweitzer Fellows program was launched in January 2011 with major funding from the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation among other sponsors. The Indiana program is hosted by IUPUI.

CHANCELLOR BESTOWS HONORS ON DENTAL STUDENT AND COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC IN SHIPSHEWANA THAT IS INTEGRAL TO IUSD’S COMMUNITY DENTISTRY EFFORTS. The IUPUI community gathered at University Place Hotel and Conference Center on April 29 to celebrate the achievements of top graduating students and others who are making a difference on campus and in the community at large.

Among the honorees was DDS Class of 2011 member Elizabeth Kirsch, of Pittsboro, Ind., who was recognized as the IU dental school’s Chancellor’s Scholar. A newly inducted member of Theta Theta Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon honor dental society, Ms. Kirsch has been ranked #1 in her class every semester since her matriculation.

Chancellor Charles Bantz also bestowed the 2011 Chancellor’s Community Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement on the northern Indiana Community Dental Clinic of LaGrange County, and one of the clinic’s founders, Mr. Dennis Lehman of Shipshewana, Ind. The clinic, which primarily serves members of the Amish community, and Mr. Lehman were nominated by the dental school’s Community Dentistry division in part for their efforts in providing valuable clinical and service-learning experiences to IU’s fourth-year dental students for more than a decade.

Dr. Mirowski

DR. MIROWSKI IS RECOGNIZED AT NATIONAL MEETING. Most of IUSD’s educators find ways of mentoring our students, either officially or informally, but we don’t often think about the important impact our teachers also have on colleagues within their own professional communities. This year Ginat Mirowski, MD, DMD, a dentist and dermatologist who is a part-time associate professor of oral medicine in IUSD’s Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology department, was among those recognized at the annual session of the American Academy of Dermatology in New Orleans for her work in mentoring a colleague. She received a gold Star Pin for mentoring Bethanee Schlosser, MD, PhD, an
assistant professor of dermatology and director of the Women’s Skin Health Program at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

NEW DENTAL STUDENT RESEARCH OFFICERS. A recent election has placed the following dental students into officer positions for the IUSD Student Research Group: Olga Isyutina, Class of 2012, is president; Devin Shone, Class of 2013, is president-elect; and Ali Sajadi, Class of 2012, is secretary-treasurer.

IDA MEETING ON HORIZON. The 2011 annual session of the Indiana Dental Association is set for June 9-11 at the French Lick Resort in French Lick, Indiana. IUSD Professor Ted Parks, Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology, is one of the IDA’s headliners this year. He’ll be giving two courses on the 9th – “Oral Medicine Potpourri” (8:30-11:30 a.m.) and Forensic Dentistry (1-3:30 p.m.). Register for the annual meeting at http://indental.org/register.

SWENSON AWARD FOR DR. TOLOUE. Congratulations to third-year periodontics graduate student Dr. Samira Toloue, who is the 2011 recipient of the Henry M. Swenson Scholarship. Dr. Toloue received the award during a graduation periodontics party in April.

NEW CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND LEARNING DIRECTOR HAS IUSD TIES. Congratulations to Dr. Richard Ward, an IUPUI professor of anthropology who has been named executive director of the IUPUI Center for Research and Learning. Dr. Ward, who was a founding member of IUPUI’s University College, has long contributed to the dental school faculty through his joint appointment here as an adjunct professor of oral facial genetics. You can read about his appointment at http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5096/Chancellor-Appoints-Ward-Executive-Director-of-IUPUI-Center-for-Research-and-Learning.

RISING TO THE TOP OF THE TOP. As we reported in the April issue of Coming Up, IUPUI students Kathryn DelaCruz, Jessie Rodenbeck, and Han Shih were scheduled to be among those honored by IUPUI in April as three of the “Top 100” IUPUI undergrad students for 2011. But at that reception and dinner, these young ladies were further singled out as three of the campus’s Top 10 female students. Ms. Shih also made the Top 10 female student list a year ago. All three students have made significant contributions to research in the IU dental school’s Oral Biology department –Ms. DelaCruz in the lab of Dr. Jack Windsor, Ms. Rodenbeck in the lab of Dr. Richard Gregory, and Ms. Shih in the labs of Dr. Gregory and Dr. Karen Gregson. “Jessie and Kathryn are predental students, and Han will enter the graduate Biomedical Engineering program at IUPUI this fall,” says Dr. Gregory.

IRWIN NOMINATIONS SOUGHT. The IUPUI Office of Human Resources Administration has put out the call for nominations for the 2011 GLENN W. IRWIN, JR., M.D., EXPERIENCE EXCELLENCE AWARDS, which are presented each fall to full-time faculty and staff for service “above and beyond the call of duty.” Nominees must have worked for IU for at least 12 months. Nominations are due Aug. 12 – review the guidelines at http://www.hra.iupui.edu/irwin-award.asp.
Bea Gordon poses on the steps of the College Inn, which was practically an annex to the dental school. At right, she is interviewed by a local TV station shortly before her legendary establishment closed its doors.

BEA’S COLLEGE INN WAS HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR IU’S DENTAL STUDENTS. Over the decades IU’s dental classes have gifted the dental school everything from paintings to pianos, usually at graduation when the class officers must decide how to dispense of any cash remaining in the class bank account.

The oddest gifts came from the departing DDS Class of 1956, whose unspent dollars paved the way – literally – for future dental students, and brought Bea’s College Inn even further into the IUSD fold. The class had a sidewalk built between the school and this burger joint and a dental school-to-restaurant paging system installed.

Bea’s College Inn? Huh? Well, until the close of 1974, there was a cute little cottage-like inn on the grounds east of the dental school, just a few steps from the side door that leads to the offices of Dental Education and Student Affairs. The inn’s manager – and chief cook and bottle washer – was the one-in-a-million Bea Gordon, who gladly served meals to the entire campus but who always held a special place in her heart for her most loyal, frequent, and conveniently located customers: IU’s dental students. Bea only had to hear your name once, and she remembered you forever.

Because the inn was so close to the school, dental students practically lived there between patients, sipping on soft drinks while playing cards. (And not spending much money – Bea Gordon was a patient businesswoman.) But the Class of 1956 decided that the school needed a more efficient way of alerting Bea’s diners that their dental patients had arrived at the school for their dental appointments. With Dean Maynard Hine’s approval, the class’s left-over funds were used to extend the school’s paging system to Bea’s. Presumably medical students and other restaurant patrons still had to rely on their watches. The sidewalk was built between the inn and the parking lot, which no doubt kept 1950s dental students’ dress shoes free of dew on their early-morning treks to Bea’s for that first cup of coffee.

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