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I love a celebration, and we have many reasons to revel!

First, our graduates – 181 DDS, residency specialists, Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting, MS, and PhD students – crossed the stage and received their hard-earned diplomas on May 7. After years of study, these men and women began their careers in one of the most distinguished forms of public service.

Nearly 70 percent of our graduates come from Indiana and 80 percent practice here. They are making a significant impact on improving oral health here in Indiana and beyond.

And the world is coming to Indiana. We welcome the opportunity to share knowledge and practice from all disciplines and cultures – a cornerstone of the IU and IUPUI strategic plans as well.

The celebration will continue this summer when a building contractor is chosen and ground will break on our long-awaited clinical addition. The official University groundbreaking of our state-of-the-art dental school clinic is September 23, and you are all invited! It will be a phenomenal day, and the party will keep going at the Dean’s Society dinner that evening for annual donors of $1,000 or more.

The next generation of IU Dentistry students will hone their skills in this new 45,000-square-foot, 21st century dental clinic. Because of the generous contributions of our early alumni donors, we raised more than $4.3 million. Your giving ensured the campus that IUSD alumni are serious about investing in the future of their dental school. The IU “For All” Bicentennial Campaign continues as we create naming opportunities for the new building spaces and engage in a Phase 2 project to raise funds to completely renovate the buildings constructed in the 1930s, 1960s, and 1970s. The design of all phases will be a beautiful blend of our rich dental school past with the high-tech future of oral health care.

We invite you to be a part of this watershed moment in IU Dentistry’s history.

Finally, I rejoiced in seeing so many of you at the alumni Caribbean cruise in January, and the 74th alumni reunion in Indianapolis in May. The turnout for both was excellent!

The IU Alumni Association reports that the dental school alumni reunion is the longest running consecutive reunion in IU history. In 2017, the dental Alumni Association will celebrate 75 years! I think we hold this record because no matter the instruments and technologies we use, at the end of the day, our profession is about relationships – with our patients, our colleagues, and with each other. We are so grateful for our relationships with you, our alumni. I celebrate you, and all that you have accomplished through our profession and all that you continue to provide to the IU School of Dentistry.

For those and so many other reasons, I revel and love a celebration of IUSD!

Warmly,

John N. Williams, Dean
Indiana University School of Dentistry
The IU School of Dentistry is proud to announce its 2016 graduates. These 181 men and women, who came to Indianapolis from across the state and around the globe, have launched their careers in oral health care. They will contribute to one of the most distinguished forms of public service as oral health care providers.
Bobby “Slick” Leonard of IU and Pacers basketball fame was keynote speaker at the IUSD ceremony at the Indiana Convention Center on May 7, 2016. Leonard challenged the graduates to care for others the way an IU dentist cared for him as a high school student in the 1940s. Dr. Glendon Mast (DDS’26) replaced Leonard’s rotted teeth with dentures and completely changed his life.

The DDS class of 2016 was made up of 61 women and 52 men. Indiana residents numbered 77, with 23 graduates from out of state and 13 from outside the United States. The allied health programs graduated 32 dental hygienists and 19 dental assistants.

“Our faculty has prepared our students well to continue their lifelong learning and make a significant impact on improving oral healthcare here in Indiana and beyond,” said Dean John N. Williams.

An awards ceremony and the IUPUI Commencement was held on May 8, 2016, at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Best wishes class of 2016! We already miss you.

6. Everyone beams as Dr. Pamela Shaw hoods Priscilla Clinton after Dr. Christianne Guba reads her name.
7. Elizabeth Nicholson and her father Dr. Philip Nicholson (DDS’76)
9. Chancellor Nasser Paydar took a selfie with the Dental Assisting graduates.
10. Faculty hooders chosen by the dental students, Drs. Daniel Bennett, Priya Thomas, Michele Kirkup and Daniel Shin.
11. Bobby “Slick” Leonard inspired the graduates to care for people who desperately need dental care as he did as a child.
1. Landon Gamble and his mother Dr. Valerie Smith-Gamble
2. Linda Sheng with her parents Drs. Kang Sheng and Li Hua Cao
3. Dental Hygiene graduates, from left to right: Kelly Eisele, Megan Denzio, Lauren Denny, Kelly Dalley, Vashti Daku, Alexandra Booher, Rachel Blazekovich, Celeste Anderson, and Justine Alderman
4. Dean Williams and Dr. Karen Yoder with Laura Albrecht (center), who received numerous accolades at the awards breakfast.
5. Andrew Bachman, Darryl Torculas, Chad Canal, Jonathan Lane, Jeff Cartwright, and Brandt Finney
6. Hannah Haskell, Mackenzie Kelley, Dr. Liz Ramos, Brittany Day, and Heather Washburn
Best wishes class of 2016!

WE ALREADY MISS YOU.

7. Senator Murray Clark and Dr. Janet Clark (DDS’85, Pedodontics’87) share the happy day with their daughter Holly at the awards breakfast.
8. Thomas wore his scrubs to dad Justin Gangestad’s big day.
9. Dr. Chang-Chi Liao hooded his daughter Melissa.
10. Senior members of Vertical Dimension, IUSD’s a cappella singing group, led the audience in “Hail to Old IU.” From left, Elisabeth Nicholson, Priscilla Clinton, Kyle Ratliff, Stephen Hendricks, Joshua Evans, Lauren Brosmer, and Rachel Aziz.
11. Class President Tim Treat

A complete list of 2016 graduates is available at dentistry.in.edu.
First IU Day celebrated
IUSD participated in the first “IU Day” on April 12, 2016, raising more than $3,470 for our International Service Learning program in a 24-hour crowdfunding campaign. Thank you to all who contributed to help the students, faculty, and alumni who travel to underdeveloped countries on their school breaks to provide oral health care for people who may not otherwise receive care.

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ADA president visits IUSD
American Dental Association President Dr. Carol Gomez Summerhays visited IUSD Nov. 15-16, 2015, while in Indianapolis for the National Network for Oral Health Access conference. Dr. Summerhays toured IUSD, met with deans and student leadership, and was keynote speaker at the IU American Student Dental Association Vendor Fair.

IUSD students among Elite 50
The IUPUI Graduate Professional Student Government selected IUSD students, from left, Laura Albrecht, Afnan Al-Zain, Lauren Hippenmeyer, and Hengameh Motevasel Olhagh to be among IUPUI’s Elite 50 graduate students. The Elite 50 represent the top one half of one percent of the graduate and professional student body at IUPUI. Laila Al-Dehailan was named IUSD’s Chancellor’s Scholar, the graduating student with the highest GPA.
IUSD celebrates National Children’s Dental Health Month

Through the month of February, IUSD celebrated National Children’s Dental Health Month by visiting schools and churches in the Indianapolis metropolitan area to present oral health education and awareness with a fun and entertaining twist.

RENOWNED 4TH FLOOR CLINIC OPEN

The new multidisciplinary clinic on the fourth floor reopened in January and includes 25 state-of-the-art operatories for Dental Hygiene, Graduate Operative, and TEAM clinics, as well as a remodeled lobby, reception area, and restrooms. These operatories are prototypes for the new 45,000-square-foot clinical building addition.

Students elected to national leadership positions

At the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) annual meeting in March, the Council of Students, Residents and Fellows (CoSRF) elected D3 student Allison Williams secretary of the CoSRF and recently graduated D4 Class President Dr. Tim Treat as a board director of the national organization. And at the IDA annual meeting in May, Dr. Treat, beginning a general practice residency at the Richard Roudebush VA Medical Center this summer, was elected as an alternate delegate to the ADA annual meetings in 2017 and 2018. He is believed to be the youngest delegate elected by the IDA.

Digital job board connects alumni and students

Remember the job announcements posted on the dental school bulletin board? Now students seeking jobs and alumni with opportunities can connect digitally through "IU Dentistry Professional Pathways," an Indiana University online job platform used by multiple schools and departments across IU, including the Kelley School of Business. The service links students and potential employers and is free to both parties.

The dental students relaxed into their bus seats at the end of two tiring and completely rewarding days in the small village of Carrera, high in the mountains of Ecuador. Some had already closed their eyes, planning to nap on the 45-minute bus ride back to their guest house. But then the village pastor called the students and faculty back to the clinic.

The nine students, two IUSD alumni dentists, and faculty trip leader Dr. Tim Carlson walked back to the church where they treated 118 adults and provided fluoride application to 120 children in just two days, more patients than the students would see in 13 clinics days at IUSD. Prior to the dental school’s visit, most of the villagers had never seen a dentist.

The students and supervising dentists were surprised to see a large number of the villagers gathered in a circle to thank them. The locals had knitted hats and scarves for their dental providers and placed them on their heads in a ceremony of gratitude.

“Typically we go in and serve, and the village leader or pastor will thank us, and then we leave,” said Dr. Carlson, professor of Operative Dentistry and director of IUSD International Service Learning. “It’s rare for an organization to have a large turnout of the local population to host a ceremony. We were quite touched.”

While the ceremony of gratitude was unique, the transformation that takes place in the students who serve on the International Service Learning experiences is not, Dr. Carlson said.

“Our students come back to Indiana with a greater appreciation of what they have here, a desire to care for the underserved, and much greater sensitivity to treat individuals from other cultures when they begin practice,” Dr. Carlson said. “And their clinical skills grow more rapidly.”

IUSD entered the international service arena more than a decade ago, extending the hand of oral health care

BUILDING BRIDGES
Around the World
IUSD embraces global learning at home and abroad
to underdeveloped regions. To date, our students, faculty, and alumni dentists have spent their school breaks serving thousands of men, women, and children in remote villages in Haiti, Ecuador, Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Honduras, Kenya, Vietnam, and two Native American tribes in the United States.

Students prepare for these service learning journeys by studying the country they will visit over the semester prior to the trip, learning about the country’s politics, economics, cultural traditions, and safety issues. By the time a class graduates, almost half will have volunteered for a service learning experience.

“Our program is unique because our faculty group leaders have all lived in or spent a significant amount of time in the country where they are supervising dental students,” said Dr. Karen Yoder, director of IUSD’s Civic Engagement and Global Health Policy.

At the Moi University dental clinic in Kenya, which Dean Emeritus Larry Goldblatt helped establish with the IU School of Medicine and AMPATH, first- and second-year IUSD dental students screen and provide dental sealants in orphanages for children with various compromising conditions, such as HIV/AIDS, hearing impairment, intellectual or developmental disabilities, or albinism.

Third- and fourth-year DDS students who work in Guatemala, Ecuador, Haiti, and Mexico provide more direct dental services, using local or portable equipment and supplies transported from Indiana to the site.

Grants and school funds help sponsor faculty travel and

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— COURTNEY BUMBAUGH
Fourth-year Student

The IUSD team after grateful village residents gifted them handmade hats and scarves in the village of Carrera, Ecuador.

Fourth-year student Brittany Day with some of her youngest patients in Ecuador.
clinic oversight, but the students fund their trips, primarily by adding to their debt. They raise a small amount for supplies and incidentals by selling pizzas at lunch at the dental school. (Thank you to the alumni who recently contributed to the IUSD fund to help students pay for their International Service Learning trips – see “IU Day” on p.8.)

“It’s hard to put into words how good it feels to give something you are so passionate about – dentistry – to people who have never been exposed to it,” said fourth-year student Courtney Bumbaugh. “Even though we provided a great service, I feel I got more of out of it than the people we treated.”

Academia is the melting pot

A cornerstone of IU President Michael McRobbie’s leadership has been the globalization of Indiana University. The IUPUI campus established a goal that by 2020 every graduate will have at least one international experience.

And while our students and faculty travel the globe to serve others, the world is also coming to Indianapolis.

Students from outside the United States began arriving at 1121 W. Michigan St. in the 1950s, when Indiana’s only dental school launched its specialty certificates and master’s degrees, attracting graduate students from around the world of the highest caliber, said Dr. Michael Kowolik, executive associate dean and associate dean of Faculty Affairs and Global Engagement. Today, as the international demand for a dental education continues to rise, IUSD is one of the most globally engaged schools at Indiana University, he said.

Consistent with our statewide mission, 70 out of 104 DDS positions are allocated for in-state students. In IUSD’s 2016 graduating DDS class, seven students came from countries outside the United States. An additional 13 advanced standing students were members of the second graduating class of the International Dental Program, initiated in 2011 for foreign-trained dentists who wish to achieve a U.S. dental degree. More than 650 people applied for the 14 slots available next year. The countries our international students represent are Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Egypt, India, Iran, Pakistan, Palestine, South Korea, and Uzbekistan. Many of these students are part of the school’s International Dental Program.

Of the 117 certificate, MSD, and PhD students graduating this year, 59 were educated outside the United States before coming to IUSD.

Additionally, IUSD is collaborating with dental schools in nine countries on four continents to improve oral health care worldwide, including China, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, and most recently Iran and the United Kingdom.

“Academia is the crucible, where regardless of one’s nationality, we can collaborate to advance human understanding and progress.”

— DR. MICHAEL KOWOLIK
Executive Associate Dean
Faculty Affairs and Global Engagement

IUSD’s Dr. Michael Kowolik discusses a potential collaboration with Dr. Ali Jafarian, chancellor of Tehran University of Medical Sciences in Iran.
“Our goals are to engage with communities internationally to enhance global learning, broaden health services delivery, promote interprofessional education and collegiality, and enhance the future dental workforce’s effectiveness in working with diverse populations in diverse settings,” Dr. Kowolik said.

One such relationship is with King Saud University in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, catalyzed by Saudi Arabian alumnus Dr. Nawaf Yousef Labban (Dental Materials’07, Prosthodontics’07, PhD Dental Science ’13). King Saud University awarded IUSD a five-year, $1.3 million grant to educate its students and junior faculty through IUSD’s master’s and doctoral programs. To date, IUSD has welcomed 44 students from King Saud into the master’s and PhD programs.

Another Saudi university, King Abdulaziz in Jedda, sent one of its dentists, Dr. Afnan Al-Zain to the United States for her post-graduate work. Dr. Al-Zain achieved her MS in Operative Dentistry in 2010 and is completing her PhD in Dental Science at IUSD. She said she chose IU Dentistry for her post-graduate work because of the warmth and kindness she found in Indiana.

“The faculty and staff have helped and guided me unconditionally. Dr. Gregory, Dr. Platt, and Dr. Kowolik have been like fathers to me,” said Dr. Al-Zain, who like her fellow Muslim students, prays five times a day. “We found a quiet place in the back of a lab to store our prayer rugs and perform our daily prayers,” Dr. Al-Zain said. “I have been treated only with respect here.”

Indeed, academia is the arena in which international barriers to scientific progress may be overcome.

“Academia is the crucible, where regardless of one’s nationality, we can collaborate to advance human understanding and progress,” Dr. Kowolik said. “Intellectual and academic exchange can smooth the path for relationships between countries.”
Thanks to dentistry, a great friendship has developed between Indiana University and a growing group of Japanese dentists seeking advanced implantology education.

The friendship was the brainchild of Dr. Yoshiki Oshida, a world-renowned metallurgist and retired IUSD biomaterials faculty, and Kihei Tsunekawa, a Japanese businessman. They realized there were crucial discrepancies in dental implantology education between the United States and Japan.

“During the six-year pre-doctoral training in dental school in Japan, there was no solid dental implantology course, and several fatal accidents occurred in Japan, partially due to ill-educated and poorly trained practitioners,” Dr. Oshida said.

Since 2011, the Japan Implant Program brings IUSD and IU Medicine faculty to the Far East four times each year to train Japanese dentists on implantology. One of the sessions includes cadaver maxillofacial dissection at the University of Guam.

“This allows these dentists to perform a dissection from the outside of the jaw and see where the nerves and vessels run from the outside in to enervate the tooth root,” said David Burr, PhD, professor of anatomy and cell biology at the IU School of Medicine. In addition to the didactic coursework and dissection, the seminar participants make an implantology case report poster presentation.

“There is a glut of dentists in Japan, and receiving this advanced implantology training from IUSD distinguishes these dentists,” Dr. Oshida said. In 2014, the program expanded to Japanese dental hygienists. IUSD broadens their technical repertoire with education in dental hygiene ethics, psychology, and management. The participants write essays on these topics, graded by IUSD Professor Heather Taylor and Dr. Michael Kowolik.

“This additional certificate allows the hygienists in Japan to understand their extremely important role on the dental care team and gain respect as a valued prevention specialist within the practices they work,” Professor Taylor said. “It’s so rewarding to see these women gain more self-respect and respect from their employers because of their additional education through IUSD.”

1. Cadaver dissection allows the Japanese dentists to work from the outside in as they grow in their implantology education.
2. IU faculty and the leaders of the IU-Japan Implant Program: IUSD Executive Associate Dean Michael Kowolik; Professor David Burr, Anatomy, IU Medicine; Japanese businessman Kihei Tsunekawa; retired IUSD Professor Yoshiki Oshida; Dean John Williams; and Dr. Vanchit John, chair of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs.
3. Japanese dental hygienist Hiromi Iwata, left, and her IUSD mentor, Professor Heather Taylor. Iwata completed an advanced education program created for dental hygienists as an outgrowth of the IU-Japan Implant Program.
Joy. That’s what Forrest Hines, 48, said he missed without his front teeth.

When Hines left the National Guard, he couldn’t afford dental care, nor did he have a home or family to fall back on. He found warmth and comfort at Wheeler Mission Ministries in Indianapolis, a social services organization.

It was through a connection at Wheeler House that Hines met Dr. Jeni Heselbarth, then a fourth-year student at IUSD. She noticed he had missing teeth and suggested he could participate in a new IUSD program: Veterans’ Employability: The Dental Connection. Hines received job training and a new set of front teeth, and he comes back for regular cleansings.

Funded by a $75,000 grant from the Delta Dental Foundation and a $25,000 grant from the Dental Trade Alliance, the program matches dental students and faculty with unemployed homeless veterans in Indianapolis to overcome a barrier that often stands in the way of them getting a job – their teeth, said Dr. Karen Yoder, professor of Preventive and Community Dentistry and director of Community Engagement and Health Policy at the IU School of Dentistry.

“People without front teeth are at a disadvantage in the job interview process,” Dr. Yoder said. “Having teeth and job training can have a huge impact on enabling a person to have a productive, self-sufficient, and meaningful life.”

Veterans’ Employability: The Dental Connection is a collaboration between Indiana University School of Dentistry and Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation (HVAF), which houses 200 homeless veterans in Indianapolis and provides services to hundreds of other low-income veterans. The dental program began in 2013 and has provided 63 veterans with comprehensive dental services and job training. To be eligible, homeless veterans with an honorable discharge must be age 60 or younger, be missing front teeth, and can commit to job training.

A separate IUSD program provides low-income veterans who do not meet these eligibility requirements with unlimited comprehensive primary dental care for $299, plus laboratory fees. To date, 35 veterans have enrolled in this offering.

The programs benefit both those providing and receiving care. First- and second-year dental students locate appropriate candidates and serve as patient navigators to work with HVAF case managers, while third- and fourth-year students provide direct dental services to the veterans at the dental school.

“Working with homeless veterans helps dental students understand the complexity of issues that create barriers to receiving dental care,” Dr. Yoder said. “We’re thankful to Delta Dental Foundation and the Dental Trade Alliance for making this possible.”

Like many other veterans helped through this program, Hines has been able to find his smile again. Now working at the Richard Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, Hines said he has the confidence he lacked before.

“Since I’ve been helped, I want to do all I can do to help those who need it also,” Hines said.

Dr. Jeni Heselbarth (DDS’16) was the student dental provider for veteran Forrest Hines. They met at Wheeler Mission at Thanksgiving. They have also become running buddies and competed in the Carmel Marathon.
In 1944, 19-year-old Ramón León (DDS’55) won the Puerto Rican lottery – the entire $18,000 jackpot. With his winnings, his dreams to go to dental school and establish the first dental and medical clinic in his village became attainable.

But an unexpected chain of catastrophic events intervened. Winning an enormous amount of money created as many problems as it solved. León experienced jealousy, betrayal, love, and subsequent loss, but in the process, discovered a strength he didn’t know he possessed.

The remarkable story of how León overcame these obstacles and became a dentist has recently been told by his daughter Celeste León in her novel, Luck is Just the Beginning (Flaicanto Press 2015). An enchanting story of the joys and sorrows of a family, it is also the saga of one man’s determination to never give up on his dream.

Celeste said she had been fascinated with her father’s story since she was a child. “He literally saw a winning lottery number in the sky,” she said.

Born in 1925 as the youngest of 15 children, Ramón León was raised in the remote beachside village of Maunabo, Puerto Rico. Around age seven, León had a painful toothache that warranted his first trip to the dentist, where he lost the tooth, but gained a dream to one day open the first dental practice in his otherwise poverty-stricken hometown.

Trudging forward in the years that followed, Ramón never lost sight of his dream, and in 1944 at 19 years old, his time had finally come, bringing him luck by the thousands.

“A number came to him and he was so convinced of its importance, he bought his first lottery ticket, a whole sheet of them actually for the exorbitant price of $6 in 1944, with all the money he had saved since he was a kid,” Celeste said. “It was an incredible stroke of luck, almost too good to believe, and rather than squander it, he used the money to achieve his dream of becoming a dentist, and follow in the footsteps of his village’s ‘humanitario,’ the old dentist who helped my father and so many others.”

Celeste spent many hours interviewing her father for the book. He is 90, retired, and living in Florida with his wife Evelyn of 60 years. “When I first approached him to do a book project, he said, ‘Why do you want to write about me?’ It shows how kind and humble he is, and his patience through the years of my writing was unwavering. I also interviewed my parents with a cassette recorder. I will have their voices for years to come, which I will treasure.”

Although the novel is considered fiction based on a true story, “the book is very close to the events as my father told them to me,” said Celeste, the youngest of Ramón’s three daughters. “The heart of the story is very much the same — it’s the premise of a man who will do anything to help his family and his community, and accomplish his dream against all odds. The most difficult scenes are where the protagonist, Ramón, behaves in ways he later regrets. This is all part of his growth, however, and in the end, his actions are selfless.”
An excerpt from Luck is Just the Beginning:

Ramón León Carrasquillo had a powerful premonition. Something extraordinary was about to happen.

Just that morning, he shot an unprecedented seven free throws in a row. He watched the seventh ball soar into the air and sail through the tattered net when numbers appeared, high in the sky above the palm tree that held the faded backboard nailed to its mighty trunk. The number 14, trailed by three zeros, pulsed red above the clouds, so vibrant that Ramón believed God Himself must have painted it.

His heart fluttered in his chest like a moth caught in an oil lamp. He could scarcely breathe before the vision faded away in the breeze. A trail of gooseflesh swept up his arms until his mother’s voice broke his trance, calling him to work at her tienda de ropa (clothing store).

Ramón tucked his basketball under his arm and hurried across the plaza, the only paved area in his village. He passed the whitewashed Colonial Catholic Church and the enormous ceiba trees shading park benches. This morning, Ramón was the only person in the plaza, but the benches would soon be occupied by young boys who polished shoes for a penny and old men too frail to work in the sugar cane fields.

Ramón stepped into the store, legs trembling — had he imagined that vision in the sky? Would everything suddenly look different? No, the shelves were lined with the same bolts and rolls of cotton, broadcloth, and muslin from which his mother fashioned shirts, pants, or skirts that villagers ordered when they could afford it. He placed the basketball under the counter where he tallied purchases, and washed his hands in the old ceramic basin. He began to press and straighten the rolls of fabric tight against one another when the tarnished brass doorbell jingled to announce his first customer, an elderly jíbara from the barrio.

Ramón nodded to acknowledge her. He wondered: what did it mean, the number above the clouds? What other extraordinary things might happen today? When the peasant woman laid seven brown buttons on the worn counter and counted 14 pennies, a revelation struck him like a fist: 14 cents, seven buttons, and seven free throws. He was the seventh child to survive after his beloved mother lost her first eight babies, the lucky one, born in a caul on the seventh day of the seventh month.

“I hope Caimito comes today. It’s lottery ticket day, and my husband’s been saving two dimes to play,” the woman declared.

There was no reason the lottery vendor wouldn’t roll into Maunabo in his battered old truck. Hurricane season had passed, the roads were clear and the sky electric blue. The tropical breeze carried the scent of the sea.

At that moment, Ramón felt the gooseflesh again. Now he knew what those numbers meant. He must play that number in the lottery.

Celeste León is a physical therapist and author living in Lake Tahoe, Calif. Her first novel, Luck is Just the Beginning, about the journey of her father, an IUSD graduate, to provide oral health care for his Puerto Rican village, is available through Amazon or Flaicanto Press. The novel was a finalist in the multicultural fiction category of the 2016 International Book Awards.
Dental classmates from as far back as 1951 gathered for the 74th annual IUSD Alumni Association reunion on May 21, 2016. Reunion events featured the Huckelberry Golf Outing at Eagle Creek, campus and city tours, a 50th reunion breakfast at the dental school, and a reception and awards dinner party at the downtown Indianapolis Marriott.

1. Dr. Carl Bollman (‘51) and his daughter Barbara Reyburn
2. Dr. John (‘56) and Linda Williams (not to be confused with Dean John and Lucy Williams)
3. Ben (‘65) and Shirley Asdell
4. Mark (‘76) and Libby Haring
5. Class of 2011 friends Russ Yancey, Jason and Claire Hemphill, and Sarah Stratton
6. At the annual James W. Huckelberry memorial golf outing, from left, Dr. Robert Michaels (‘69), John Hoffman, Steve Hill, and Dr. Jeffrey Dean (‘83, MSD Pedodontics‘85, Ortho‘96).
7. IUSD Alumni Association past presidents. Back row, from left, Ron Ditto (‘69, Pedodontics‘74), Phillip Pate (‘68, Pedodontics‘70), Michael Bennett (‘79, Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery‘82), Jeffrey Allen (‘95), George Zundo (‘80). Front row, Robert Modlin (‘59), Barry Ray (‘80), Norman Novak (‘68), Steve Stradley (‘76), Sue Green (‘70), current president.
8. From left, Matt Heineman (‘06), Adam Firestone (‘06), Kristy Wiseman (‘05), and Ashlee Cave (‘06).
9. IUSD Alumni Association Board of Directors: First row, Debra Mannia (‘80), Sue Green (‘70), Tyrus Campbell (‘87); Second row, Nancy Halsema (‘80), Steve Rasmussen (‘86), Jennifer Green-Springer (‘99); Third row, Sandra McIlrath (ASHD ‘94), Austin Burns (‘99), Renee Shier (‘98); Fourth row, Michelle Wittler (‘95, Ortho‘97); Fifth row, Lauren Hippenmeyer (Candidate‘17), Jeffrey Dean (‘83, MSD Pedodontics‘85, Ortho‘96), Greg Willhite (‘91); Sixth row, Jacob Balkos (Candidate‘17), Ben Asdell (‘65), Brent Swinney (‘98); Back row, Martin Szakaly (‘78), George Zundo (‘80), Bill Rouch (‘95), IUSD Dean John Williams.
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Dr. Suzanne Germain

Dr. Suzanne Germain views the dental profession as more than her occupation; it’s her passion. Dr. Germain applies her dedication to dentistry into forming organizations and projects that fulfill the needs of a changing profession. She was instrumental in fostering Indiana’s Mission of Mercy (MOM) project, which has provided free dental services for the underserved since 2000.

Dr. Germain graduated from IUSD’s Dental Hygiene program in 1981. After working as a hygienist in hospital dentistry, pediatric private practice, and public health dentistry, she returned to IUSD to earn her DDS, graduating in 1996.

Encouraging diversity in the profession is one of Dr. Germain’s passions, and she has made leaps and bounds in her work by promoting it throughout the state. In 2013, Dr. Germain received the ADA Golden Apple Award for developing the Indiana Acceptance, Inclusion, and Respect (AIR) Leadership Program, which cultivates leaders who strive to create a receptive and inclusive dental profession. In 2015, the IDA also recognized her with its Leadership Award.

Dr. Germain is active in many dental organizations, including the ADA, IDA, and the Indianapolis Dental District Society, serving as president in 2009. She is also a member of distinction of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the International College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the American College of Dentists. In addition to her professional activities, Dr. Germain is a long-distance runner, doting grandmother, and animal lover.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Ms. Joyce Trabel

To many, Joyce Trabel is the best dental assistant ever. Indeed, for 50 years, Trabel’s first priority has been patients and their needs.

In addition to professional excellence, Trabel has been actively involved in Indiana dental organizations, including the Isaac Knapp Dental Assistants Society, where she was president in 1973 and 1983, and has served the northeast Indiana group in multiple capacities since 1966.

Trabel’s dedication to education motivated her to be actively involved in the community during Children’s Oral Health Month, visiting schools and shopping malls to raise children’s oral health awareness.

In addition to the oral health community, Trabel has volunteered on behalf of March of Dimes, breast cancer research, and Riley Hospital for Children. She served at the Center for Prevention of Child Abuse for 19 years as well as the Matthew 25 Center.

According to her nominator, Dr. David Bleeke (’64), “Joyce Trabel is someone you can count on for incredible work and commitment while furthering dental care.”

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Dr. David Douglas

Dr. David “Woody” Douglas (’80) is known for diligently keeping his classmates connected throughout the years and for having a calming and steady influence on everyone he meets.

Dr. Douglas has done a bit of everything in the service of dentistry since graduating in 1980. He worked as a research assistant in IUSD’s Complete Denture Department in the early 1980s, then served as director of dental services at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, Ind., from 1982 to 1997. While holding that position, he opened his own private practice in South Bend. In 1988 he received the ranking of colonel in the Indiana Army National Guard Dental Corps. In 2000, he began teaching as a clinical assistant professor in the IU South Bend Dental Education Program.

A 1980 classmate shares that when one member of the class fell on tough times, both in his health and finances, “Woody called him and talked him into coming to our reunion and reconnecting with the rest of us. He even paid for the evening and picked him up to make sure he came to the reunion. This speaks to Woody’s character: he is someone who is always there for you – an all-around good guy,” his classmate said.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Roland Ditto

Friends, colleagues, and patients know they can count on Dr. Roland Ditto for sage advice, as well as his talent, time, and support for his community and Indiana University.

Dr. Ditto received three degrees from IU: a bachelor’s in chemistry in 1965, DDS in 1969, and an MS in pediatric dentistry in 1974.

Dr. Ditto is dedicated to helping others while furthering the dental profession. From 1969 to 1971, Dr. Ditto served in the Army Dental Corps in Vietnam with the rank of captain. After he returned to Indiana, he completed a Cerebral Palsy Fellowship at Riley Hospital for Children. In 1973, he opened a private practice in Lafayette, Ind., and began teaching at IUSD as an assistant professor in Graduate Pediatric Dentistry, where he continues as volunteer faculty today. His generous contributions to pediatric dentistry and Indiana University garnered him the IUPUI Spirit of Philanthropy Award in 2002.

Dr. Ditto has been heavily involved in dental organizations throughout his career, including serving as president of the Indiana Society of Pediatric Dentistry in 1983. Since 1996, he has been a member of the IUSD Alumni Association Board of Directors, serving as president in 2003 and 2004. Dr. Ditto is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and a Fellow in the Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Always upbeat, Dr. Ditto has a broad perspective on patient care and running a practice. He is focused on making the future better for the next generation of dental students.
IUSD Alumni Association Reunion

1. Class of 1956

2. Class of 1961
   Front row, Donn Spilman, William Border, Donald Derrow, David Sawyer, Chuck Smith, Gerald Wilzbacher. Back row, Ralph Walls, Paul Lew, John Regan, Karl Gossweiler, Harold Laswell

3. Class of 1966

4. Class of 1971
   Front row, Harvey Hostetler, Will Burgess, Michael Ellis, Art Roberts, Noble Sevier, Craig Thomson. Back row, Jerome Holman, Ernie Hendricks, Bob Sisk, Paul Roebke, John Lee

5. Class of 1976

6. Class of 1981
   Back row, Tim Dudley (Class of ’86), Mark Bohnert, Richard Sherer, Craig Scott, Edward Poslusny, Paul Dunkley. Front row, Susan Mauk, Thomas Prather, Philip Polus, David Howell, S. Christer Gartner, John Marconnit
Great to see YOU!

7. Class of 1986

8. Class of 1991
Back row, Steve Salkeld, Greg Willhite, Amy (Viano) Gore, Jeff Gore, Jeffrey Spilman, Anthony Puntillo, Brad Sammons. Front row, Steve Douglas, Raymond Wong, Kelly Willhite, Sangyoung Lee, Chanbo Sim, Alex Mishel, Maurice Healey, Chuck Sadler

9. Class of 2001
Joan Thompson, Carrie Pumphrey, Bernardo Taina, Chad Stutsman, Amy Gerardot, L. Reneé Goodwin, Danielle Stutsman, Mystie Pieters

10. Class of 2006
Front row, Stephanie White, Michele Kirkup, Kellie Schaub, DeLayne Lefevre, Michelle Harman, Tina German. Back row, Tom Frank, Ajay Joshi, Kathleen Bradley, Woon Kang, Michelle Hofer

11. Class of 2011
Back row, Dana Awad, Carter McCrea, Emily McCrea, Steve Zent, Sheena (Khlinani) Zent, Dennis Morrow, Christy Cranfill, Scott Papineau, Emily Stout, Alex Titus, Igor Ristevski, Natasha Ransom. Middle row, Kelly Horvath, Janaya Jansen, Annie Babb, Laura Geiger, Isaac Zeckel, Claire Hemphill, Jason Hemphill, Holly Austgen, Stacie Beasley, Sarah Stratton, Allison Noble. Front row, Amy Feller, Claire MacIntyre, Jill Aldrich, Jamie Place, Michael Talbott, Russell Yancey, Allison Frounfelter, Valerie Scola
1. Marty Szakaly ('78), Todd Briscoe ('85), John Hoffman, assistant dean of development
2. Jennifer Kennedy ('97), Alumni Association President Sue Green ('70), Michael Gasko ('75)
3. Ryan ('12) and Lauren Hungate
4. Asra Ali ('01), Carrie Pumphrey ('01), Mystie Pieters ('01), and Robert Pieters ('00)
5. DDS class of 2012 friends, from left, Chris Painton, Jonathan Dingeldein and Daniel O'Callaghan with Daniel's wife Kristin
6. Mrs. Lucy Williams (center), wife of Dean John Williams, with IUSD Faculty Practice staff Alicia Wade, Heather Yarnell, Jennifer McKee, and Carrie England
7. Father and son, Mark ('87) and D1 student Steve Magura
8. Dean Williams with the Carrillo family of Mexico: Patricia, Carlos ('83), and Carlos Jr.
9. Phil Conn ('78), Alumni Association Senior Director Karen Jones, George Zundo ('80)
10. From left, Jeff Dalin ('80), Harvey Weingarten ('79) and Barry Ray ('80)
Orthodontics Alumni Reception
American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session
May 1, 2016 Orlando, Fla.

From left, Chris Crane (‘08), Anthony Puntillo (‘93), Robert Becker (‘94)

Back row from left, Mahya Farnia (‘12), Connie Riggsbee (DDS’84), W. Eugene Roberts. Front row, Cheri Roberts and Enrique Cruz (Periodontics ’09, Orthodontics ’12).

From left, Steven Reese (‘02), Van Wallace McCarlie (‘12), Edwin Alvarez (‘01)
IU Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Association Reception
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
May 26-28, 2016 San Antonio, Texas »

1. Graduate Pediatrics Program Director Dr. Brian Sanders (center) with new graduates Drs. Kevin Brown (Pediatrics’16), left, and John Emhardt (DDS’14, Pediatrics’16).

2. From left, Dr. Joe Forgey (DDS’75, Pedodontics’77) and Dr. Chad Hazelrigg (DDS’99, Pediatrics’01), IUPDAA president.

3. From left, Drs. Andrea VanCleave (Pediatrics’14), Lesa Allison (DDS’12, Pediatrics’14), Allison Spera (Pediatrics’16) and Amy Goodlett (Pediatrics’14).

Cruise 2016

The east coast blizzard of January 2016 couldn’t stop almost 200 IUSD alumni and family and friends from making it to their ship. They cruised around the southern Caribbean from Jan. 23-30, 2016. Many of the IUSD alumni passengers received up to 21 continuing education credits while enjoying the sun and fun.
While sailing was a breeze, getting to the departure port in Puerto Rico was harder than dental school for many. Miraculously, cancelled and delayed flights prevented only one couple from making the cast off. Dr. Barry and Sharon Ray of Evansville, Ind., who ran to the ship as the stairs were closing, shared their travel tale:

“Like so many others going on the cruise, we almost didn’t make it. After a day’s delay, we changed flights four times, drove five hours through a winter mess from Louisville, Ky., to Nashville, Tenn., and just barely made that flight because it was delayed 35 minutes. We finally landed in San Juan at 7:30 pm, which is when the ship was supposed to set sail.

“By the grace of God, we convinced our cab driver to drive like the wind. Sharon ran to the ship and begged the gangway personnel to wait while Barry got the luggage. Luckily, our ship was blocked in by another cruise ship or we would have never made it. We are so thankful that we did! We laughed so much that week at our dinner table that our stomachs hurt! Everyone we were with verbally committed to try to attend every cruise in the future.”

More cruise amusement:

On a snorkeling excursion in Barbados, Dr. Homer Faucett drifted away from the group, distracted by his explorations. The boat pulled anchor and was leaving when Drs. Gary Haller and Larry Fortress noticed he was missing. Dr. Faucett was recovered and went on to win the ship’s Karaoke Idol contest with his rendition of “House of the Rising Sun” by The Animals. Dr. Phil Miller also was a finalist.

Other contest winners: Dr. John Roberts – slot tournament; Dr. Paul McLeod – Dancing with the Stripes (ship crew) contest; Dr. Brent Swinney – three card poker; Dr. Phil Conn – won $500 at craps and came off the ship $140 ahead; Dr. Brian Henry – paper plane contest; Patty and Dr. Marty Szakaly and Dr. Trang Mai and Dr. Paul McLeod – Majority Rules Game.

Mark your calendars! Karen Jones, senior director of the IUSD Alumni Association, said planning is underway for the next cruise in January 2018.
**FACULTY NEWS**

Dr. Gabriel Chu, professor and associate dean for research, has been accepted into the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Leadership Institute, designed to support the nation's most promising faculty at academic institutions in becoming leaders in dental and higher education.

Dr. Jeffrey Dean, Ralph E. McDonald Professor of Pediatric Dentistry, professor of Orthodontics and senior advisor, Office of the Chancellor, has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship through the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) for the 2016-2017 academic year. He will take a 50 percent sabbatical to further his pediatric dentistry research in Dublin at RCSI.

Dr. Joseph Heideman, clinical associate professor, was appointed interim chair, Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry. He also serves as interim program director of Hospital Oral Surgery.

Dr. James E. Jones, chair, Pediatric Dentistry, is the first recipient of the Paul E. Starkey Dental Research Professorship. This is the first research professorship for pediatric dentistry at Indiana University. Dr. Starkey was a beloved pediatric faculty member for a quarter of a century. His many friends and colleagues funded this professorship to support seminal research in pediatric dentistry.

Dr. Gerardo Maupomé, professor, Cariology, Operative Dentistry and Dental Public Health, is the principal investigator of a $3.6 million, five-year National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research grant to study the complex network dimensions that can prevent people from receiving adequate oral health care. The grant will partner IUSD with the Department of Sociology, Fairbanks School of Public Health, the IU Network Science Institute, and others. They will trace relationships over time to yield a solid base for effective public policy and culturally sensitive clinical care. In April, Dr. Maupomé received the IUSD Alumni Association Distinguished Faculty Award for Research.

Dr. Paul Reifeis (DDS’78, Operative Dentistry’97) received the Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching from the IUSD Alumni Association at the 24th Annual Research Day on April 11.

Dr. Thankam Thyvalikakath, associate professor and director of the Dental Informatics Core, is principal investigator of a three-year, $1.2 million dental informatics grant from the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. For the first time, researchers at IUSD and the Regenstrief Institute will analyze data mined from electronic dental records of thousands of dental practices to assess treatment outcomes for posterior composite restorations and for root canal procedures.

The oral and maxillofacial surgery community and friends have raised more than $500,000 to create the Dr. Charles E. Tomich Endowed Professorship in honor of the professor emeritus of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Dr. Tomich retired in 2001 after 32 years of teaching oral pathology, oral histology, and general pathology. “Dr. Tomich mentored many of us as predoctoral dental students, oral and maxillofacial surgery residents, and as practicing oral and maxillofacial surgeons,” said Dr. Joseph Heideman. “This endowed professorship signifies the history of his leadership in the development of our program and his continued presence in many of our lives.”

Dr. Achint Utreja, assistant professor of Orthodontics, received a 2016 Biomedical Research Award and a research grant from the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation.

Dr. Juan Yepes, associate professor of Pediatric Dentistry, authored the first chapter in history on pediatric oral medicine in the textbook *Burket's Oral Medicine* (People’s Medical Publishing House), the leading textbook in oral medicine and oral diagnosis.

The 2016 Trustees Teaching Award was conferred upon Dr. Steven Blanchard, associate professor and Graduate Periodontics program director; Melinda Meadows, clinical associate professor, Pediatric Dentistry, and director of Program and Institutional Assessment, Office of Academic Affairs; Dr. Elizabeth Ramos, clinical assistant professor, Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs; and Dr. L. Jack Windsor, professor, Biomedical and Applied Sciences.
Dr. George Willis

Dr. Christianne Guba (DDS’80, MSD’90), associate dean, Academic Affairs, shared her thoughts about her longtime friend and colleague as he retires.

Dr. George Willis must have been destined to spend his life’s career at the Indiana University School of Dentistry, as he was born only a stone’s throw away at the William H. Coleman Hospital for Women on what is now the IUPUI campus.

George did take some time away after growing up on Indy’s north side to attend Purdue University, from which he earned his BS degree in 1974. He matriculated into IU Dentistry in 1974 and earned his DDS degree in 1979.

It was during that time that our paths first crossed (I’m a 1980 graduate). We only knew each other slightly in dental school, occasionally saying “Hi” in the hallway and passing each other as we hauled our tackle boxes and articulators between the “Med Sci” building (now the Van Nuys Medical Science Building) and IUSD every week. And of course SB05 as well (Ah, the smell of denture monomer!). With approximately 130 students in each of our classes, there was only room for half of the class in each area at any time, so we hauled a lot of stuff!

I really got to know George well when I came back to teach part time in the famous “TEAM” (Training in Expanded Auxiliary Management) Clinic in 1983. George had already been on board as a full-time faculty member since 1980. He kindly showed me the ropes of teaching in a highly popular and extremely busy clinical environment. I could not have had a better mentor or role model to emulate, as he demonstrated his superb dental skills, management of patients, and his ability to work with students and make them feel that they were special and competent. In between working with the students and patients, he and I solved all of the world’s problems in the faculty work room. In 1986, George made the now famous Infectious Disease Control Tape in which the question was posited: “What if Saliva Was Colored Red”? It got a lot of play and really made a point – yuck!

In 1995, George’s multifaceted talents led him to be chosen as the first chair of the Department of Restorative Dentistry, which encompassed multiple areas of training for our DDS students and led to the development of IUSD’s Comprehensive Care Clinics. These were at the forefront of a national trend to move away from siloed dental education. I was fortunate to come on board full-time in 1987 and continued to work with him in the clinics.

George was then recruited to be the associate dean for Clinical Affairs in 1997, a position he has held most admirably for 19 years. We worked with each other through three accreditations (1999, 2006, 2013), during which neither of us had much time to eat. He caught me on more than one occasion sitting in my office eating cold SpaghettiOs out of a can and peanut butter straight out of the jar. In his mild-mannered way, he just turned and walked out of the room.

George also has a special passion for animals, which he has been able to nurture for many years. He is one of the foremost non-veterinarian exotic animal consulting dentists in the country, treating creatures large and small at the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, the Columbia Park Zoo in Lafayette, and, of course, the Indianapolis Zoo. He has given many interesting lectures on this topic. Some of my favorites: “Endodontics in Large Carnivores” (ask him about the “sleeping” tiger who snapped a two-by-four bite-block in half while George was treating him); “Hemisection of a Maxillary Premolar in a Lion; Extraction of a Fractured and Abscessed Tooth in a False Killer Whale;” and my favorite, “Direct Gold from the Far Side,” in which George discussed the applications of direct gold in dentistry on exotic animals.

George has been a rock solid clinical dean for 19 years, always working from a position of what is best for the patient, while creating strong educational opportunities for our dental students. George has spent tens of thousands of hours and loads of patience in accomplishing both goals so that one was not slighted for the other. I suspect that is why he has much less hair than he had in 1979 when he graduated!

George will be sorely missed. He has richly enhanced the lives of students and patients alike here at IUSD. I wish George and his talented and beautiful wife Lisa (an outstanding dental educator in her own right) and their wonderful children much happiness and success as they move on to a new chapter in their lives. Wishing you Fair Winds and Following Seas. We love you, George.
Dr. Lawrence Goldblatt

Dean Emeritus Lawrence Goldblatt (Oral Pathology ’73) is officially retiring after 45 years at IUSD. Dr. Goldblatt came to Indiana in 1969 to learn from the master in oral pathology, Dr. William Shafer. Dr. Goldblatt was asked to join the faculty and grew over the following decades as a faculty leader. He left Indiana for three years in the 1990s to serve as dental dean at Case Western Reserve University, but returned to become IUSD’s dean in 1997 and served until 2010. After a one-year sabbatical, Dr. Goldblatt re-joined the faculty as a full-time professor. And while he is ready to enjoy sailing at Eagle Creek and traveling with his wife Cassie and family, he will still volunteer at IUSD as a guest lecturer and consultant on oral pathology biopsies.

In Dr. Goldblatt’s “Last Lecture” for the IUSD community, he said what gave him the most satisfaction over his career was “the opportunity to work with multiple generations of absolutely incredible people in the dental education and the dental practice community.”

He also offered sage wisdom: “Decide what principles you believe in and don’t compromise on those principles. Treat everyone well and with respect.”

Principled, kind, and respectful, Dr. Goldblatt has embodied these words.

Pamela Lovejoy

Pamela Lovejoy, director of annual giving and special events, is retiring after 24 years at IUSD. Lovejoy spearheaded annual giving appeals, coordinated beautifully planned donor and faculty events, and developed close relationships with IUSD alumni, especially the graduate pediatric community.

“It is has been my pleasure to work with Pam for over 20 years,” said Karen Jones, IUSD Alumni Association senior director. “I’ve had the opportunity to witness first-hand the commitment and affection she has for School of Dentistry alumni. Pam enjoys every moment of talking and being with our alumni.”

Dr. Paul Zitterbart (DDS’77, Preventive Dentistry ’89) is retiring after 27 years on faculty. He has been involved in multiple disciplines while at IUSD, including preventive dentistry, public health, geriatrics, special care, and oral diagnosis and radiology. One of Dr. Zitterbart’s most significant contributions has been teaching a didactic course on the fascinating history of dentistry.

1930s


1940s

Alexander J. Chaiko, DDS’46, Juno Beach, Fla., April 4, 2016

1950s

Sanford S. Asahina, DDS’53, Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 7, 2015


Hubert P. Cottrell, DDS’51, Littleton, Colo., March 24, 2008


George W. Justus, DDS’52, Terre Haute, Ind., March 18, 2016

Betty J. Knafel, ASDH’56, Wabash, Ind., Dec. 12, 2015

Simon Kleefer, DDS’52, Norfolk, Va., Nov. 23, 2014

Jerry H. Leer, DDS’58, Indianapolis, Ind., March 5, 2016

Dwain R. Love, DDS’56, Crown/Bridge’60, Alamogordo, New Mexico, May 12, 2016

James M. Moran, DDS’58, Indianapolis, Ind., April 10, 2016


David N. Roberts, DDS’56, Cortez, Colo., Feb. 28, 2016

Edward C. Thibodeau, DDS’52, Pompano Beach, Fla., Feb. 11, 2016

Mary E. Zerkle, ASDH’55, Ft. Wayne, Ind., March 11, 2014

1960s

Kendall E. Carll, Sr., DDS’69, Ocala, Fla., Dec. 1, 2015


Jerome A. Follmar, DDS’66, Lapel, Ind., April 11, 2013

Robert L. Gayle, DDS’60, Columbus, Ind., March 17, 2016

Edmund E. Laskowski, DDS’61, Greensburg, Ind., May 14, 2016


Sybil S. Niemann, DDS’65, Princeton, Ind., May 12, 2016


James A. Shupe, Jr., DDS’62, Pedodontics’64, Bradenton, Fla., March 19, 2016


1970s

Wade B. Anshutz, DDS’78, Terre Haute, Ind., April 20, 2016

Robert D. Morris, DDS’72, Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 4, 2015

Fred R. Sickles, DDS’71, Dublin, Ohio, June 1, 2016


Richard E. Whaley, DDS’73, Vincennes, Ind., May 3, 2016
Dr. James Dirlam
Dr. James Dirlam (DDS’50), a professor and chair of the undergraduate division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the 1970s and 1980s, died Jan. 7, 2016, at age 90. Dr. Dirlam joined the faculty in 1970 after serving more than 20 years as a dental officer in the U.S. Air Force, retiring with the rank of colonel. He completed an oral surgery residency at Grady Memorial Hospital and Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

“To know Jim was to love him. He was like a father to me and many of the Oral Maxillofacial Surgery residents,” said Dr. Joseph Heideman, interim chair of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry and interim program director of Hospital Oral Surgery. “I spent many lunch hours with him when I was a resident discussing cases. He was a staunch student and patient advocate, and he was also, in his own humble way, the oral surgeon’s oral surgeon.

If an oral surgeon around the state had a question or a problem, Jim was the one who got the call for help.”

A longstanding member of the Indiana oral and maxillofacial surgery community, Dr. Dirlam was a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, and a past president of Theta Theta Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon. He retired from full-time academia in 1987 and enjoyed caring for his farm in Lebanon, Ind.

Dr. Dirlam is survived by his wife Norma and their three daughters, Diana, Jane and Gretchen. His nephew, Mark Dirlam, is a member of IUSD’s Dental Illustrations department. Contributions in Dr. Dirlam’s memory may be made to the Indiana University Foundation and mailed to the attention of Travis McDearmon, Associate Director of Development, IU School of Dentistry, 1121 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis, Ind., 46202.

Dr. Sybil Niemann
The colleagues and students of Dr. Sybil Niemann (DDS’65, Oral Pathology’80) are remembering their good friend and mentor as an unceasingly kind and caring teacher and friend who made everyone she knew feel important. On faculty from 1981 until she retired in 2005, a long line of students frequently waited outside her door for advice, encouragement, and consolation.

“What was singularly unique to Sybil was her ability to bring forth the issue that encouraged important discussion,” said Periodontics and Allied Health faculty member Dr. Norman Lee Stump. “She could raise important issues at meetings with no emotional undertones and no self-centeredness. This led the discussion away from attacks on persons to attacks on problems and issues and toward solutions.”

Dr. Niemann was one of two women graduated from the DDS class of 1965. She taught at the University of Arkansas in the 1970s and was briefly in private practice in Indianapolis and Oaktown, Ind. She returned to IUSD in 1978 to complete a residency in Oral Pathology and was awarded an American Cancer Society clinical fellowship.

Dr. Niemann joined the IUSD Oral Pathology faculty in 1981 and helped construct the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology national board exam. She later served as director of Dental Auxiliary Education, known today as Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs. She taught Dental Assisting courses in pathology, physiology, and oral histology and supervised patient care in the Dental Hygiene Clinic.

A 50-year member of the Indiana District Dental Society, Dr. Niemann once described her mentor, Dr. William Shafer, by saying, ‘He was the yardstick by which we measured ourselves as professionals.’

“Sybil now is the same to us,” Dr. Stump said.

Surviving Dr. Niemann are her sons Sam and John Niemann, their families, and her brothers Roy and Fred Sanders. Memorial contributions may be made to the R. Hunter Rackley Jr. Dental Hygiene Scholarship fund (Acct#P370012350) in care of Travis McDearmon, Associate Director of Development, IU School of Dentistry, 1121 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis, Ind., 46202.
When I assumed my duties as director of major gifts and campaigns in August of 2002, I wanted to establish a renewed awareness among IUSD alumni and friends about the importance of giving back to the dental school. Fourteen years later, you have certainly answered the bell!

As we head toward our $25 million campaign goal as part of IU’s systemwide $2.5 billion “For All: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign,” your loyalty and belief in IUSD is apparent now more than ever. Thanks to your generosity, we are at the threshold of achieving this important objective. But perhaps, most importantly, the attainment of a major financial goal for IUSD has created a new awareness and expectation about the importance of supporting IUSD. Many of you have not only assisted the school during this campaign by increasing your annual gift, but you have helped secure the future direction of philanthropy at the school by making multi-year pledges. These long-term commitments help establish the strong foundation of support necessary to further enhance private giving to IUSD in the next several years.

Giving is an emotional decision. One knows that I could write at length why the school needs additional financial support from its alumni and friends. A reduction in annual state allocations in itself has created an urgent and compassionate case for new resources in order to maintain the financial viability of our school.

Yet, as I visit with donors, I find the tendency for donors to give back to IUSD is derived from deep and heartfelt appreciation for what IUSD has provided to create the opportunity for both personal and professional development. Fond memories of a particular instructor, lifelong friendships with classmates, and personal satisfaction, and fulfillment provided by a career in dentistry have been echoed time and time again as reasons to give back. You have also stressed a strong belief that quality education and preparation must continue to thrive in order to prepare tomorrow’s oral health professionals for the challenges that lie ahead. IUSD’s campaign to build new state-of-the-art clinical facilities is a prime example of the need to recognize and institute new technologies in dental education. Through your generosity and commitment, IUSD will continue to provide and enhance an environment conducive to meeting these challenges.

As IUSD approaches its 140th anniversary of providing dental education, I know you will continue to be responsive and generous when asked. Know that your loyalty and selfless giving are truly appreciated and are making a difference!

Feel free to contact me at (317) 274-5313 to discuss what you can do to make a gift to IUSD.

Best wishes,

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Individual retirement accounts, more widely known as IRAs, have been a popular method of setting back additional funds for a comfortable retirement ever since they were first introduced more than 25 years ago. Many have taken advantage of this tax savings option, especially business owners and other private practitioners who did not have a corporate retirement plan or pension fund waiting for them during their golden years.

As nice as they have been for many retirees, IRAs can also be a burden since the IRS passed a resolution in 2002 requiring anyone 70½ years or older to take an IRA distribution whether they have a need for it or not. Like any other financial source, this distribution increases the receiving individual’s adjusted gross income, which can have severe tax implications.

The IRA charitable rollover provision has been a great way for many to avoid the tax burden created from the minimum distribution. However, this option required congressional approval on a yearly basis, leaving many waiting until the last moments of the year to make plans on how they would fully utilize their funds. Fortunately, in December 2015, the IRA charitable rollover was made permanent, which means fund holders can use the charitable rollover provision every year when developing their annual financial strategies.

The IRA charitable rollover is a great option for those who have reached the age to take the required minimum distribution but do not need the income. The IRS allows you to transfer up to $100,000 from an IRA directly to a qualified charitable organization without being subject to income taxes on the distribution. As a graduate of the IU School of Dentistry, you clearly care deeply about our mission to train the best oral health professionals in the world. Gifts made through the IRA charitable rollover can assist us in training future generations of oral health care providers.

For example, in January of this year, an IUSD alumnus endowed a $50,000 scholarship – half from a bequest and half from a charitable IRA rollover. The University matches the income from the endowment, so the annual income for this scholarship is approximately $4,500. This is the consummate win-win. It’s great for the scholarship recipient, and it’s great for the donor because that person does not have to pay taxes on that income.

Making a gift to the IU School of Dentistry through your IRA is easy. Simply direct any amount of your distribution (up to $100,000) to the fund of your choice. You can also use these gifts as ways to establish your own legacy within the school. As part of “For All: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign,” certain newly established endowments are eligible to receive a match on income – including endowed scholarships like the one above. This means that not only will your support assist the education of IUSD students, the impact will be doubled through the matching program.

If you want more information on how the IRA charitable rollover program can benefit IUSD, or if you would like to explore other tax-advantageous giving options, please contact me or John Hoffman, assistant dean of Development. We can help you with your tax-saving goals through several giving vehicles.

Thank you for helping us fulfill our vision of becoming one the best dental schools of the 21st century!

Sincerely,

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Supporting IUSD through your IRA
Scholarships help students through dental school

Today’s student debt is nothing like it was when IUSD alumni in decades past went to dental school. Most of the DDS students leave with at least $200,000 in debt – a huge burden for new professionals starting out.

“We are so grateful to our alumni and outside organizations who recognize the need for support and give back to the profession through scholarships,” said 2016 class President Dr. Tim Treat. “Some might say a scholarship is just a drop in the bucket in the amount our students need for their education. Students would disagree. Every dollar helps, whether it’s paying for tuition, food, rent, an international service learning experience, board exams, books, or materials.”

On Nov. 17, 2015, IUSD students received multiple scholarships established by generous alumni and outside organizations at an awards luncheon held at Regions Tower in downtown Indianapolis.

If you would like to contribute to student scholarships, please contact John Hoffman, assistant dean of Development, at (317) 274-5313 or johoffma@iu.edu.

1. Brothers and alumni Kelley and Guthrie Carr present the Guthrie Pullman Carr Academic Achievement Award to Jillian Joyce and Jack Swartout.
3. Dental Assisting Director Pamela Ford awarded the Delta Dental Foundation Scholarship to Katelyn Davis, Janna Thorton, and Ashley Porter.
4. Dental Hygiene Director Lisa Maxwell awarded the A. Rebekah Fisk Scholarship to Andriya Hardy, Ashley Flowers, Kassidy Loehmer, Raina Thurston, Jamie Richards, and Nicole Tuman.
5. Dr. Robert Stokes presented the IUSD Diversity Scholarship to Andriya Hardy and George Jusu.
6. Dr. David Wolf presented the Indianapolis District Dental Society Foundation award to Kendall Frazier and Tim Treat, with Dean Williams
7. James W. Huckelberry Scholarship recipients Dino Dieudonne, Magy McKary, Rohit Chaudhri, Leslie Burris, Lisa Hamad, Durell Dancy, Christopher Hayes, and Hung Truong
8. Lin Inman presented the Dr. Marlin R. and Mary J. Inman Family Scholarship in to Michelle Kelley.
Dr. David R. Avery Graduate Pediatric Dentistry Scholarship Announced

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry has created the Dr. David R. Avery Graduate Pediatric Dentistry Scholarship to honor the former department chair and the first Ralph E. McDonald Professor.

“For more than 30 years, Dr. Avery delivered the highest quality mentoring and instruction to the residents of the graduate pediatric program,” said Dean John Williams. “This endowed fund was created to forever recognize and honor the many years of service and contributions Dr. Avery has given to the pediatric dental profession.”

The Avery Scholarship will provide two or more second-year graduate pediatric residents with financial assistance toward their continued education. To help support the Avery Scholarship, please contact J. Travis McDearmon, associate director of Development, (317) 274-5426, jtmcdear@iu.edu.

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