COMING UP

Indiana University School of Dentistry
Calendar of Events

September 9-30, 2011

IUSD Alumni and Friends to Celebrate Ribbon-Cutting
for Indiana Dental Association Preclinical Laboratory on Sept. 17

8 Great Teams: Dentistry Has 9% of the Field
at IUPUI’s 3rd Annual Regatta on Sept. 24

Charles in Charge: Dr. Palenik “Retires” to Prestigious National Post

September Issue Dedicated to the Memory of Prof. Elizabeth Hughes; Dozens to Walk in Her Memory at Charitable Event on Sept. 24

REGISTRATION IS OPEN ON THE INTRANET FOR OCTOBER’S FACULTY CONFERENCE. Please respond no later than Thursday, Sept. 15. (Staff Conference registration begins Oct. 3.)

Take advantage of one or more brief IUSD Library training classes in the Computer Lab this month: OvidSP – MY WORKSPACE (Sept. 13, 8:30-9 a.m.), MDConsult DATABASE (Sept. 21, 10:30-11 a.m.), and ENDNOTE X5 – GETTING STARTED (Sept. 26, 4-4:30 p.m.). Space is limited – register with Barbara Gushrowski (bgushrow@iupui.edu; 274-5204) or at the Circulation Desk.

9 (Fri.)
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE for Student Research Subcommittee’s Sept. 23 meeting

IUPUI CHANCELLOR’S 2011 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CONVOCATION, 3-5 p.m. in the auditorium of the University Place Conference Center (reception at 2:30). By invitation. The Chancellor’s annual convocation recognizes IUPUI staff who are celebrating employment milestones beginning with the 15th year of service and every 5th year thereafter.

The IU School of Dentistry will be well represented at this event with a total of 16 staff members who have records of service with IU/IUPUI ranging from 15 to 35 years. Congratulations to the following staff:

35 YEARS
Cynthia “Cindy” Corbin
Senior Administrative Secretary
Restorative Dentistry

30 YEARS
Megeen Higgins
Financial Manager
Financial Affairs

Rhonda Lee
Student Credentials Analyst
Student Affairs

Janice Warrick-Polakoff
Director, Bioresearch Facility
Preventive and Community Dentistry

Terry Washington
Coordinator of Purchasing and Inventory Control
Service and Supply Center

Judith Wilkinson
Financial Administrator and Industry Liaison
Preventive and Community Dentistry

25 YEARS
Margie Beiswanger
Problem-Based Learning Coordinator
Academic Affairs

Joyce Cannon
Central Services Technician
Central Sterilization and Services

Jamie Fields
Dental Assistant
Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs

Barbara Lerner
Coordinator of Graduate Education
Office of Graduate Education

Vickie Mattox
Patient Accounts Supervisor
Cash Operations

20 YEARS
Yvonne Baynham
Dental Hygiene Clinical Coordinator
Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs

Donna Bumgardner
Assistant to the Chair
Pediatric Dentistry

15 YEARS
Sheryl Roberts
Dental Assistant
Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry

Jennifer Tran
Research Data Manager
Preventive and Community Dentistry

Kelly Willis
Coordinator of Purchasing and Inventory Control
10 (Sat.)
OPEN HOUSE celebrating year three of the IU STUDENT OUTREACH CLINIC, 1 p.m. at the Neighborhood Fellowship Church, 3102 E. 10th Street. This student-run volunteer clinic, which was organized by IU School of Medicine students, sees patients on Saturdays and also involves students from Butler University College of Pharmacy and the IU schools of dentistry, social work, and law. Beginning on Sept. 24, dental students are expanding their patient education program to include patient care. Everyone is welcome at the open house. For more information see the medical school’s news release: http://communications.medicine.iu.edu/newsroom/stories/2011/student-run-outreach-clinic-celebrates-third-year-on-near-eastsi.

11 (Sun.)
In preparation for her newspaper column this morning, Indianapolis Star health reporter Shari Rudavsky interviewed a variety of local citizens about the grieving process people go through when a tragedy occurs that affects an entire community, such as the recent collapse of the concert stage at the Indiana State Fair or the global tragedy that took place on this date 10 years ago in New York City, Washington, D.C., and near Shanksville, Pa. Among her interview subjects was periodontics faculty member Dr. Steven Blanchard, who spoke of his experiences as a first responder at the Pentagon on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. Back then, he was Colonel Steven Blanchard, periodontics director of the Pentagon’s Tri-Service Dental Clinic, which is located one level below ground and just outside the Pentagon’s fifth (outer-most) ring. As Dr. Blanchard told us in an interview for the Alumni Bulletin a few years ago, one Pentagon worker was scheduled for a 10 a.m. appointment with one of the other dentists in the clinic that morning. An 8 o’clock patient canceled, so the receptionist called this man and told him he could come down to the clinic early for his appointment if he wanted to. When the airliner crashed into the Pentagon at 9:37 a.m., the man was reclining in a dental chair in the underground clinic instead of sitting at his desk in the Pentagon. The man’s office took a direct hit in the attack, and all of his office coworkers were killed. “A root canal saved his life,” Dr. Blanchard said.

12-17 (Mon.-Sat.)
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS annual meeting, Philadelphia

14 (Wed.)
Special Faculty Council meeting to DISCUSS PROPOSED INCREASED ENROLLMENT MODELS for IUSD; noon-1:15 p.m. in rooms DS114 and DS115

FEELING PRESIDENTIAL? THROW YOUR HAT IN THE RING for the Staff Council presidency or another officer position (VP, secretary, treasurer) by emailing Elizabeth Hatcher no later than today.

14-17 (Wed.-Sat.)
FDI ANNUAL WORLD DENTAL CONGRESS, Mexico City

16 (Fri.)
IUSD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION board of directors, 5 p.m. at University Place Hotel. Followed by the ALUMNI BOARD AND PAST PRESIDENTS’ RECEPTION AND DINNER at 6:30 p.m. By invitation.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE for 4th annual IU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ART EXHIBITION. See all the details at http://medicine.iu.edu/art. (And go to this site if for no other reason than to see on the photo rotation
the lovely “green peppers” that faculty member Dr. **Armando Soto** captured with his digital camera and presented as one of the more striking images at last year’s exhibition.)

**16, 17 (Fri.-Sat.)**

69th ANNUAL FALL DENTAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE, headquartered at University Place Hotel, honors classes whose graduation years end in “6” and “11.”

**Kenneth Hyde** (DDS’75, M’77 Orthodontics), Valparaiso, Ind., will preside over the 2011 conference as head of the IUSD Alumni Association board of directors.

The centerpiece of this year’s event is the dental school’s dedication of the IDA Preclinical Laboratory (see Sept. 17 entry below). Hundreds of our graduates will be joining us in a celebration of the new lab.

This year the IUSD Alumni Association is also proud to announce the recipients of its 2011 awards:

**Martin Szakaly** (DDS’78), South Bend, Ind., will receive the DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS award in recognition of an outstanding career that has included a recent term as president of the Indiana Dental Association.

Northwest Indiana dentist Dr. **C. Richard Altenhof**, Valparaiso, will be awarded HONORARY ALUMNUS status for his leadership in governmental affairs within the Hoosier dental community and for the role he played in establishing the Dental Hygiene Program on the IU Northwest Campus in 1975.

**B. Charles Kerkhove** (DDS’62, M’65 Pediatric Dentistry), Greenwood, Ind., will receive the DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY award for lifetime achievements in the specialty and for his work in helping to integrate ethics into the dental curriculum at IU.

The IUSDAA will also honor Dean Emeritus and current faculty member Dr. **Lawrence Goldblatt** (M’73 Oral Pathology) and the memory of his wife, **Judy Goldblatt**, with the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE award for the couple’s long and outstanding record of service to the IU dental school, its students, and its alumni. Mrs. Goldblatt was an adept spokesperson for the school – she loved engaging people around the country and around the world in conversations about the school’s good works. During Dr. Goldblatt’s nearly 14 years as dean, he galvanized a community-service program at this school that has helped thousands of Hoosiers as well as persons on three continents and has drawn high praise from the university and campus.

Finally, IUSD’s good friend at the Indiana Dental Association, **Douglas Bush**, Greenwood, will receive the CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION in part for the strong partnership he has helped to preserve between organized dentistry and dental education in the state of Indiana.

You can read about all the many other fall conference activities at this link: http://www.myiupui.com/s/895/index.aspx?sid=895&pgid=619&gid=1&cid=1339&ecid=1339.

**17 (Sat.)**
As the final touches are made to the dental school’s remodeled lower level, we are gearing up for a ribbon-cutting event that is expected to draw hundreds of alumni, Indiana Dental Association representatives, and other guests.

IU’s preclinical laboratory now stands among the nation’s finest – it is equipped with world-class instrumentation and technology to give the school’s students the most comprehensive and contemporary preclinical education possible. It is named to honor the organization that has been a faithful friend to and supporter of the dental school for generations.

“When I was researching Indiana as a candidate for IU’s dental deanship, I learned early on that this dental school has benefited from an exceptionally close and longstanding relationship with organized dentistry through its ongoing collaborations with the Indiana Dental Association,” said Dean Williams. “For decades the IDA and its membership have helped to uplift and support dental education in Indiana on countless occasions through its Pursuit of Excellence fund. We are extremely pleased to honor the state’s practitioners by naming the lab for the IDA. The completion of the lab is a substantial achievement that will result in the enhancement of the education of each of our dental and allied dental students – and that ultimately will affect dental practices throughout Indiana and beyond.”

Faculty and staff are invited to participate with alumni in the ribbon-cutting event for the opening of the IDA Preclinical Laboratory – the deadline to RSVP is Sept. 9 (send an email to Yvonne Owens: yowens@iupui.edu, providing your name and your guest’s name as they should appear on nametags as well as your daytime phone number).
United Way campaign KICKOFF LUNCHEON for full-time faculty and staff; 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at University Place Hotel’s Scholars Hall. Luncheon is $6 per person – save yourself a place at the table by Sept. 16 by emailing bejoyner@iupui.edu or calling (317) 278-0238.

21 (Wed.)
**Barbara Lerner**, coordinator of Graduate Education, will be among those representing the IU School of Dentistry at the annual IUPUI GRADUATE EXPO, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on the 4th floor of the Campus Center. Followed by the IUPUI Graduate Office’s STEM OPEN HOUSE (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), 4-7 p.m. on the same floor. For more information go to http://www.iupui.edu/~gradoff/gradexpo/index.html.

23 (Fri.)
FACULTY ENRICHMENT features “Team-Based Critical Analysis” by guest **Linda Ficht**, JD, MBA; noon-1:30 p.m. (room TBA)

STUDENT RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE, 8 a.m. in DS B29

24 (Sat.)

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**Prof. Elizabeth Hughes**

**Elizabeth Hughes** had big dreams: When once asked by the Periodontics and Allied Dental Program’s alumni newsletter, *The Practicing Academic*, what career she would have pursued had she not gone into the field of dentistry, she replied: “I would have been the Queen of England or first chair in a world-renowned orchestra or a regular contributor to the *New Yorker.*” (It’s not a stretch to picture her having flourished in any of those roles.)

Elizabeth Hughes, who died Aug. 11, also had a big heart, a big capacity for friendship, a big reservoir of wacky humor, a big sense of commitment and dedication to her students, and a big passion for her life and work. Her courage in the face of a terminal illness and her determination to live out the remainder of her life on her own terms were beyond measure.

She was honored for her skills as a teacher and held in high regard as an educator during the 14 years she was with IUSD, but she will be forever remembered as a woman who touched so many of us with her humor, her honesty, and her exceptional interest in us – our lives, our opinions, and our own dreams, big or small.

Today, several dozen of Elizabeth Hughes’ friends – 43 at last count, according to dental assisting faculty member **Sheri Alderson** – will honor her memory as “The Queen’s Team” in the OVARIAN CANCER RUN.
& WALK, beginning this morning at the City Market in downtown Indy. No stranger to this charitable event, the Queen’s Team has twice been recognized as the largest team at past events. You can learn all about it at this link (and we see that the Walk & Run website is featuring a photo of IUSD staff members Pat Huff, Ronda Powers, and Kathy English taken at last year’s Walk & Run):
http://www.ovarianwalkin.org/#/teams/4551447209. For questions about The Queen’s Team 2011, contact Sheri Alderson (salderso@iupui.edu).

The Dental School Canal Fillers with Dean Williams and his pup, Buttercup, at the 2010 Regatta. Standing: Laura Hinds, Nikla Reddy, Rachel Harvey, Lesa Allison. Kneeling: Laura Davila, Sujin Yi. All are of the DDS Class of 2012.

WILL 2ND TIME BE THE CHARM FOR THE DENTAL SCHOOL CANAL FILLERS? Four of the original 6 Canal Fillers will be back for another go at the title at 2011’s IUPUI Regatta, with Sujin Yi once again serving as team captain for a group of rowers that also includes Laura Hinds, Rachel Harvey, and Lesa Allison. We wish them luck at today’s competition, along with 39 other IU dental school students, staff, and faculty composing 7 other fierce dental teams – we’ve got 9% of the IUPUI field sewn up with way-better-than-average odds of having the fastest canoe in the race. Everyone’s welcome to watch this event on the north end of the downtown canal on Saturday, Sept. 24 – come on down for an hour or two to help cheer Dentistry to victory. First heat is 11 a.m., and the event goes till about 5. (We’ll share more details about the teams closer to the event.)

People, Places, and Things
DR. PALENIK DIRECTS NEW NATIONAL RESEARCH GROUP. Dr. Charles Palenik’s retirement must be one of the shortest on record: After he retired from his longtime career at the IU School of Dentistry in June, he was named inaugural director of a new branch of the national Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP), effective Sept. 1.

As director of the new office of Research and Scientific Affairs, Dr. Palenik will oversee the activities of the Research and Scientific Affairs Committee and is charged with advancing organizational and individual research efforts concerning infection prevention and human health and safety.

Some of you may recall that our own Dr. Chris Miller, now professor emeritus of oral microbiology, was a charter member of OSAP’s board of directors. Established in 1984 and headquartered today in Annapolis, Md., this non-profit organization is the world’s leading membership association exclusively dedicated to preventing disease transmission and ensuring the safe delivery of oral healthcare for all. OSAP helps dental practitioners close the gap between policy and practice, and included among its membership are dental and other healthcare professionals, consultants, researchers, non-governmental organizations, manufacturing and distribution companies, policymakers, and educators.

In choosing Dr. Palenik, a well known infection control expert, for the new post, OSAP reports that it is meeting one of its organizational strategic goals of identifying, fostering, and building a strong community of recognized infection prevention and safety experts within oral healthcare.

Dr. Palenik was appointed to the oral microbiology faculty at IU in the 1970s and held a variety of positions at the dental school over his career, including the directorship of Infection Control Research and Services.

A former OSAP chairman and past winner of OSAP's research award, he also received the organization’s Dr. Milton E. Schaefer Award for Superior Service.
Christina Dean receives her white coat from Dr. Steven Dixon

WOMEN COMPOSE HALF OF INCOMING DENTAL CLASS FOR FIRST TIME IN DENTAL SCHOOL’S HISTORY. Women students have participated in Indiana’s dental classes ever since Hattie Scott and Lucinia McCollum earned their dental degrees in 1891, but for the first time in the 132-year history of Indiana’s dental school the newest Doctor of Dental Surgery class is composed of an equal number of males and females: 52 men and 52 women.

Large numbers of women have populated IU’s dental classes for the past generation, but this wasn’t always the case – in Indiana or anywhere else in the nation. Between 1879 and 1974, more than 5,000 men – and just 56 women – earned dental degrees from IU and its predecessor, the Indiana Dental College. The women in the DDS Class of 2015 represent the largest class group to date at IU.

One month after embarking on their education in dentistry at IU, 104 students from 17 states and four nations gathered in Indianapolis to take the professional oath of Dentistry and to receive a white coat that will serve as a symbol of professionalism for them throughout their careers in healthcare. The dental school’s White Coat Ceremony was held before an audience of the students’ family and friends at the IUPUI Campus Center on Aug. 13.

If you missed IUPUI’s news release about our White Coat Ceremony, check out the coverage on the IUSD Homepage (which includes links to additional photos and the White Coat video): http://www.iusd.iupui.edu/about-us/news-and-information/women-half-of-incoming-dental-class.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT IUPUI NEWS STORY ABOUT IUSD YOU MAY HAVE MISSED: As of August the IU dental school has a new center that is serving as a hub for dental implant education and services. Located in the Graduate Prosthodontics Clinic, the school-sponsored center is directed by longtime Restorative Dentistry faculty member Dr. Fidel Barbosa.
IUSD has long been involved in implant education and services, with courses being offered not only to dental students but also to graduate students in prosthetic dentistry and periodontics and to hospital residents in oral and maxillofacial surgery. “These programs will continue to flourish under their respective directors, and we look forward to coordinating our efforts with faculty from each of these fields,” said Dr. Barbosa. “The goal of the center is to serve as a convenient gateway for individuals, organizations, and companies who wish to take advantage of the school’s patient implant services, continuing education programs, and research capabilities.”


**NEW OFFICERS.** Officers for the 2011-2012 academic year for the IUSD Advanced Graduate Organization are Dr. Nawaf Labban, PhD Dental Science program – president and primary contact for IUPUI’s Graduate Student Organization (GSO); Dr. Ghaeth Yassen, PhD Dental Science program – co-vice president and GSO alternate; Dr. Ashleigh Rexford, Endodontics program – co-vice president and GSO alternate; and Dr. Oriana Capin, Operative Dentistry/Preventive Dentistry, treasurer. Dr. Richard Gregory, director of the PhD Dental Science and Student Research Programs, continues to serve as the group’s faculty adviser.

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**WHAT’S YOUR TALENT?**

Don’t miss an opportunity during October’s popular Staff Conference contests to show your fellow co-workers a side of you they haven’t seen before. If you love to perform, submit your talent to Pamela Clark by email (pamelac@iupui.edu). Or, if you’re a non-performing artist or crafter with a creative piece of some type to share, Monica Doyle (mmdoyle@iupui.edu) would like to hear from you by Oct. 7 – complete and return the form she sent you on Aug. 16. Or, if you’d prefer to wow the crowd with one of your palate-pleasing desserts, let Ina Jackson (iljacks@iupui.edu) know by Oct. 7 what you’re planning to whip up. And, of course, the multi-talented among us are welcome to enter all three contests.

**YOU’RE NEVER TOO LONG IN THE TOOTH TO PURSUE A CAREER IN DENTISTRY.** We don’t know who holds the record in the IU dental school’s history as its oldest dental student, although we recall one gentleman who left a successful, thriving career as a bank president to come to dental school at IU in the 1980s. He was in his early 40s by the time he headed out the door with his diploma. The University of Minnesota is gearing up to hold what will surely be the record in this area – Minnesota’s dental school
has accepted into its DDS Class of 2015 a dental hygienist and mother of three who will be 60 when she completes the program. Check out her story at http://www.wthr.com/story/15204348/56-year-old-student-accepted-at-the-u-of-m-dentistry-school.

**TOOTH FAIRY HOLDING TIGHTER TO HER PURSE STRINGS.** We didn’t know Visa was dabbling in dental research, but the company recently conducted a telephone survey of 1,600 households to find out what the going exchange rate is between children with teeth under their pillows and the Tooth Fairy’s bankroll. Visa found that in these harsh economic times, the Tooth Fairy’s per-tooth generosity has dropped on average nationally from $3 to $2.60 – with gap-toothed kids in the Midwest feeling the penny-pincher the least: http://www.edition.cnn.com/2011/LIVING/08/02/tooth.fairy.penny.pincher.

End September 2011 Calendar

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