COMING UP

Indiana University School of Dentistry
Calendar of Events

February 2012

Not One but Two Proud Moments for the IU School of Dentistry
Coming Up on February 23
ALL EYES ON INDY AS THE BOWL BEGINS TO ROLL. From all early appearances it looks as if Super Bowl XLVI is in well-prepared hands – and at least 16 of them belong to IU School of Dentistry staffers. At least eight employees are volunteering through the NFL Experience program or another gig, including: Monica Eller, Orthodontics and Oral Facial Genetics; Christina Freeman, Central Sterilization and Services; Cynthia Grisby, Office of Clinical Affairs; Jennifer Herring, Comprehensive Care Clinics; Brianne Lancaster, Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology; Robin Johnson, Preventive and Community Dentistry; Kathryn Neal, Comprehensive Care Clinics; and Jude Wilkinson, Preventive and Community Dentistry.

Brianne Lancaster, who is putting her voice to work at the event, had the enviable task of choosing between two once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. Brianne was chosen for the 200-member backup choir that will accompany Madonna in part of her halftime show, but last week Brianne decided to forego her spot on the Material Girl’s stage (estimated 111,000,000 viewers worldwide) for a more intimate Super Bowl venue: She and her husband have joined a small group that will sing for a Sunday tailgate party that’s exclusively for the entertainment of the players and coaches of the Patriots and Giants teams. “It’s a private event, and we get to meet and mingle with the players, the coaches, and their families,” says Brianne. “I am REALLY excited about it!” Maybe next time, Madonna.

3-6 (Fri.-Mon.)

IUSD CLOSED. Multiple notices have gone out over the past couple of months regarding a variety of ways to account for the two 40-hour work weeks affected by this special closure of the building, so be sure you understand your options. You may wish to reread the email message Elizabeth Hatcher sent out to DS Everyone on Jan. 17 – it’s a clearly worded summary of activities. If you’re opting to take advantage of professional development opportunities to reduce your need to use paid time off, here are the remaining programs being offered (which you are welcome to attend whether you need to account for the hours or not). All programs are noon to 1 p.m. Registration is not required, but you’ll need your JagTag:

Wednesday, Feb. 1: WORKING ON YOUR SELF-ESTEEM, by Marilyn Kuhn (DS S116)
Thursday, Feb. 2: STRESS MANAGEMENT, by Teresa Shearer (DS S116)
Tuesday, Feb. 7: TOWN HALL MEETING, by Dean John Williams (DS S116)
Wednesday, Feb. 8: EXPLORING CULTURE FROM WITHIN, by Margo Foreman (DS S116)
Thursday, Feb. 9: HISTORY OF DENTISTRY, by Dr. Paul Zitterbart (DS S117)
Friday, Feb. 10: UNDERSTANDING BULLYING, by Dan Griffith (DS S116)

4, 11, 18 (Sat., Sat., Sat.)
CE course LOCAL ANESTHESIA FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS, a comprehensive certification course by Drs. Kyle Kramer and Trevor Treasure of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry:

6-10 (Mon.-Fri.)
The dental assisting class is selling CANDY GRAMS in the main lobby for a dollar a piece. Delivery is Feb. 13 and 14. Support our students while impressing your honey or surprising a friend.

10 (Fri.)
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE for the Student Research Subcommittee meeting on Feb. 24

10-12 (Fri.-Sun.)
IU Alumni Association’s WINTER COLLEGE, Naples Grande Beach Resort in Naples, Fla.: http://alumni.indiana.edu/together/winter-college

11 (Sat.)

IUUSD VALENTINE’S DANCE. In Dentistry, there aren’t many opportunities to get all dressed up and sparkly. This annual event is a notable and much-looked-forward to exception. Don your best semi-formal attire and step out for an evening of dinner and dancing.
tonight at the Indiana Roof Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.-midnight. Tickets for the three-course meal are $50 per person ($60 with alcohol) and are on sale through Feb. 3. Please take note of this deadline – tickets are not being sold at the door. Both cash and checks (payable to the Student Affairs Council) go to dental students Connie Shim, D4, or Nabeel Kheiri, D2.

16 (Thurs.)
CE course ETHICAL DENTAL INSURANCE: AN OXYMORON?, by veteran ethics lecturer Dr. Harvey Weingarten; 6-8 p.m. in DS S117. Dr. Weingarten discusses actual insurance cases as well as laws in Indiana as they relate to the dental team. No cost to students, faculty, and staff. RSVP by calling 278-9000.

Faculty Enrichment features PARAMETERS AND CALIBRATION IN RADIOLOGY, by Dr. Ted Parks, Oral Surgery, Medicine, and Radiology, and Dr. George Willis, associate dean for Clinical Affairs; noon-1:30 p.m. (room TBA)

17 (Fri.)
RESEARCH COMMITTEE, 9 a.m. in DS S421

22, 23 (Wed., Thurs.)
AMERICAN EQUILIBRATION SOCIETY annual meeting, Chicago Downtown Marriott

23 (Thurs.)
ORAL HEALTH POLICY FORUM for DDS Class of 2012 at the Indiana Dental Association and the Indiana State House

IU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY RECEIVES “AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR” HONORS FROM NATIONAL CHILDREN’S DENTISTRY ORGANIZATION. The National Children’s Oral Health Foundation (NCOHF) has named Indiana University School of Dentistry “Affiliate of the Year” for the school’s ongoing support of the foundation’s mission “to eliminate pediatric oral disease and promote overall health and well-being for children from vulnerable populations.”

Pediatric dentistry faculty members Drs. Judith Chin and Joan Kowolik will accept the honor today during the NCOHF’s Celebration of Smiles program at the Chicago Hyatt Regency.

Dr. Chin took the pioneering steps at IU to worked with the administration to acquire affiliate membership for the dental school in the NCOHF in 2008. Dean John Williams currently serves as one of 16 members of the foundation’s board of directors.
Our pediatric dentistry faculty have been busy making the most of this affiliation by using NCOHF grants to help children in need both at the school and in the field. To date, Dr. Chin has applied for and been awarded more than $368,000 in donated dental supplies and equipment. “We have used these donations directly for patient care internally, distributed them to various clinics we partner with throughout Indiana, and taken them abroad to help children in nations that IU’s dental teams visit through the International Service Learning Program,” says Dr. Chin.

Dr. Chin involves IU in the foundation’s Tomorrow’s Smiles program, in which older teens in need are selected for free dental work that the patient then finds a way to “pay back” through volunteerism. One teen selected for treatment locally wants to become an elementary school teacher, so she chose to pay back her dental care by volunteering her services at elementary schools.

In 2011, Dr. Chin coordinated an NCOHF Trick or Treat for America’s Toothfairy fundraiser locally that brought in more than $2,400 to be used at the school for pediatric patient care of youngsters from impoverished backgrounds.

Dr. Kowolik, faculty mentor for the IUSD student volunteers in children’s dentistry known as the Kids Club, says the NCOHF grants have made it possible for the school to provide reduced-cost treatment to families who have fallen on hard times and to accept some referrals of children in need of urgent care from school nurses. She also is looking into working with the Kids Club to start an IU chapter of the NCOHF’s Students United for America’s Toothfairy, a fundraising and awareness-building student action group.

The NCOHF affiliation is valuable, says Dr. Kowolik, because it has “double-dip” value — the foundation’s grants make it possible for children to get the treatment they urgently need, and students in turn gain important experiences and knowledge in caring for the underserved.

Dr. Yoder’s award honors memory of Dr. Maynard Hine.

DR. KAREN YODER TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS MAYNARD K. HINE MEDAL. February 23, 2012 brings the IU School of Dentistry into the spotlight not just in Chicago, where it is being singled out as the National Children’s Oral Health Foundation’s Affiliate of the Year, but also in Indianapolis, where one of its own will receive a distinguished award from the IUPUI campus: Dr. Karen Yoder, director of Civic Engagement and Oral Health Policy, is one of three individuals receiving a 2012 IUPUI Alumni Leadership Award known as the Maynard K. Hine Medal. The medal honors the memory of IUPUI’s first chancellor (1969-1973), who was also longtime dean of the IU School of Dentistry (1945-1968).
We congratulate Dr. Yoder, whose contributions to this campus, to this school, and to the community are enormous. In less than a decade, which began with her transition from the part-time faculty to full time to become director of Community Dentistry in 2002, Dr. Yoder, to quote a recent article in the Alumni Bulletin, “turned the ripples IUSD was making locally in community outreach into waves with a global reach.”

She worked with Drs. Timothy Carlson and Angeles Martinez-Mier to initiate the school’s International Service-Learning Program, which started in Haiti and Mexico and today sends volunteers to sites in eight nations on three continents. In 2003 she collaborated with the Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana Dental Association to launch the Seal Indiana mobile dental program, which to date has served more than 23,000 Hoosier children statewide while helping dental students realize there’s a wider role they can play in community wellness when they become practitioners. The Community Dentistry division of Preventive and Community Dentistry helped inspire the creation of many other projects that connect IUSD to the greater community on an ongoing basis, such as the Shelter Sealant Program for homeless persons; screenings and mouth guard fabrication for athletes in Indiana’s Special Olympics; IUSD’s student-managed partnership with the HealthNet People’s Health and Dental Clinic in which dental students volunteer their Saturdays to see patients in need for free; the Oral Health Policy Forum that engages students in discussions about policymaking and introduces them to legislators and the Indiana State House; and student volunteer service at a northern Indiana clinic serving primarily the Amish community.

In her new role as director of Civic Engagement and Oral Health Policy, which she accepted in 2011, Dr. Yoder is working to further raise IUSD’s profile and impact, aligning the dental school’s civic engagement program with IUPUI’s RISE initiative, which focuses on increasing student participation in research, international, service, and experiential learning programs.

Dr. Yoder’s Hine Medal will be bestowed this evening at Scholars Hall, University Place Conference Center and Hotel.

**23, 24 (Thurs., Fri.)**

**AMERICAN PROSTHODONTIC SOCIETY** annual meeting, Swissôtel Chicago

**23-25 (Thurs.-Sat.)**

**CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY’S MIDWINTER MEETING**, McCormick Place West

**24 (Fri.)**

**STUDENT RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE**, 8 a.m. in DS B29
IUSD ALUMNI RECEPTION in Chicago co-sponsored by Dean John Williams, the IU School of Dentistry, the Indiana Dental Association, and the IUSD Alumni Association; 5-6:30 p.m. at the Hyatt McCormick Hotel, room CC12B, 2233 Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago. Held in conjunction with the Midwinter Meeting. Everyone welcome – RSVP to Karen Jones, kdeery@iupui.edu.

24, 25 (Fri., Sat.)
D4 and D3 dental students are invited by the IDA COUNCIL ON THE NEW DENTIST to participate in a trip to the Chicago Midwinter Meeting. The motor coach leaves IUSD on Friday at 10:30 a.m. and returns to Indy at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Cost to share a hotel room is $75 and includes lunch, dinner, event admission, transportation, and an American Dental Association seminar. Cost for a private room is $150. Firm reservation deadline is Feb. 13, and deposit is non-refundable. For more information and to register contact heather@indental.org.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FIXED PROSTHODONTICS annual meeting, Chicago Downtown Marriott

25, 26 (Sat., Sun.)
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY annual meeting, Ritz-Carlton hotel, Chicago

26-28 (Sun.-Tues.)
ACADEMY OF OPERATIVE DENTISTRY annual meeting, Westin Hotel, Chicago

27 (Mon.)
DEAN’S TOWN HALL FOR STAFF ONLY, noon in DS S117. All staff welcome – feel free to bring your lunch.

29 (Wed.)
23rd annual JOSEPH TAYLOR SYMPOSIUM features as luncheon speaker Charlotte Westerhaus, acting president of Martin University. The program, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Campus Center, is presented by the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI in association with the Department of History. To read about the presentations and to register (by Feb. 19) go to http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/index.php/signature/C69.
BACCALAUREATE- AND ASSOCIATE-DEGREE STUDENTS IN DENTAL HYGIENE REACH OUT TO COMMUNITY ON THE SOUTHSIDE. Dental hygiene professor Melinda Meadows, Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs, reports that students of dental hygiene recently provided services to members of underserved groups on Indy’s Southside, including Burmese refugees and Spanish-speaking Southsiders who belong to the ministry of Esperanza En Jesucristo in Greenwood. The students are members of the Public Health Dental Hygiene bachelor’s degree program enrolled in Prof. Meadows’ H403 course “Advanced Community Dental Hygiene” as well as the Dental Hygiene associate’s degree program. In the photo above, standing from left: Mattie Lynn and Melanie Davenport, both DH2; Lindsey Landes and Allie Winland, both of the BS program; Prof. Meadows; Whitney Waldrup, BS program; and volunteer interpreter Kari Colli. Front: volunteers Katie Landes and Marisa Kaye; Samantha Turner and BreAnn Thornburg, both DH2; Abbey Rieck, BS program; and volunteers Darlene Metzger and Jali Holding.

Dr. Mirowski

DR. MIROWSKI WRITES CHAPTER FOR CONSUMER BOOK ON FOOT HEALTH. Dr. Ginat Mirowski, Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology, is the co-author of a chapter in a new book for the lay public that provides the A-to-Z on foot health. Both a dentist and a dermatologist, Dr. Mirowski wrote a chapter titled “The Skin” with Celia Ristow for The Whole Foot Book: A complete program for taking care of your
The Armando says, “I project agreed demonstrated healthcare to The toothbrushes was healthcare to chapter, and layperson http://www.demoshealth.com/prod.aspx?prod_id=9781936303243. The Academy Katherine as including ADA IUSD’s Student Ethics Video Contest, five IU School of Dentistry students demonstrated their video know-how, story-telling skills, and sense of philanthropy.

The ADA Council of Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial Affairs, sponsor of the contest, announced the winners, including students at the University of North Carolina who took the first-place honor, during the ADA annual session in Las Vegas last fall. The IU students’ video titled “Back to Ethics” won $1,000 and also was displayed at a special exhibit in Las Vegas. The IU video was produced by Ewelina Ciula, D3, Katherine Hungate, D4, Gabrielle Johnson, D2, Tadziu Kula, D2, and Ali Sajadi, D4. “The five of us agreed to donate our share of the winnings to IUSD’s Student Professionalism and Ethics Association,” says Ms. Ciula. “We are all SPEA board members, and this was our collective effort to fundraise for our organization.”

The ADA has recently made the videos available through a news release – you can read more about the project and link to the videos here: http://www.ada.org/news/6651.aspx.

SANTA’S GIFT SACK INCLUDES DENTAL SCREENINGS, COURTESY OF HIS “LITTLE HELPERS” AT IUSD. Four IU School of Dentistry-based groups pooled their resources last Dec. 10th to make sure Santa didn’t come to town empty handed in terms of dental services for youngsters. Seal Indiana, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s Kids Club, the American Academy of Public Health Dentistry student chapter, and IUPUI’s Binational/Cross Cultural Health Enhancement Center participated in “Santa Comes to Town,” a charitable annual event organized by the Latino Community Development Corp. and held at the State Fairgrounds. “As in previous years, we provided dental screenings, oral health instruction, and toothbrushes and toothpaste for the children,” says dental event organizer and on-site mentor Dr. Armando Soto, Preventive and Community Dentistry. “Personal care products and medical items as well as education and legal services were given to over 300 families, thanks to donations from individuals and organizations in the metro Indianapolis area. Toys were also distributed to the younger children.”

The dental school’s volunteers saw 56 children from 2 to 14 years of age. “Half had dental caries, and only three children had dental sealants present,” says Dr. Soto. “We recommended that 20 of the
children receive sealants. All of the children who were screened were referred to IUSD’s Pediatric Dentistry clinic for follow-up care.

The screenings were coordinated by faculty member Heather Taylor, Pediatric Dentistry. Dental student volunteers from the Kids Club and the American Academy of Public Health Dentistry were Tiffany Garrett, Allison Scully, Nathan Fiebke, Anna Jouravlev, and Dane Mishler, all D1; Austin Baker and Melinda Landwerlen, both D2; Nathan Stanley, Lauren Mummert, Betsy Rogers, and Christine Foulkes, all D3; and Mary Ann Maravillas, Brian LaBlonde, and Shellie Steffen, all D4.

Dr. Joan Kowolik, Pediatric Dentistry, helped with the event planning, and Cassie Riley of the Seal Indiana team helped organize supplies.

BRUSHING UP ON THE BASICS – MAKING MEMORIES IN THE FIELD. Dr. Cheryl Krushinski, a professor in Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology who also serves as a faculty mentor for Seal Indiana, shares a touching encounter from one of Seal Indiana’s visits to a rural town in southern Indiana shortly after Thanksgiving. Her story is a poignant reminder of how rewarding the practice of dentistry can be, and of how even the smallest act by a caring dental team can help patients find their footing on a path to wellness. Dr. Krushinski writes:

Dr. Krushinski

On Wednesday, late in the day, a fourth-grade girl was seated. Her gingiva was very inflamed and bled easily when brushed. One of our students, Dan O’Callaghan, D4, asked her about her brushing habits and showed her how to brush properly. She told Dan that she did not have a toothbrush and could not brush her teeth. She was concerned about her bleeding gums and said she was afraid to brush.

We told her the worst thing she could do was not to brush and that her gums should bleed less the more she brushed. She also reported having many siblings at home. Needless to say, we filled a bag and sent
her home with many toothbrushes and much toothpaste! The little girl also needed several sealants, but we could only finish half of them before school was dismissed, so we told her that we would finish the rest of the sealants on Thursday.

On Thursday morning, we seated the younger once again to finish her sealants. She had a huge smile on her face and reported that she had brushed her teeth last night and was very proud of her accomplishment! She said that she made sure that her little sister also brushed and used her new toothbrush, too.

In the U.S. in 2011 – in the dental age of CEREC crowns, laser surgery, and dental implants – this girl just needed a simple toothbrush! I truly believe we made an impact on this child and her future oral health. And yes, education is a very powerful tool. Even though we saw 20+ children and placed 50+ sealants on Wednesday, this was our best accomplishment of the day.—Cheryl Krushinski

JOHN WOODEN SCULPTURE – THE WORK OF AN IU DENTAL GRAD – COMING TO GEORGIA STREET.
Details aren’t finalized yet, but in March a sculpture of legendary basketball coach John Wooden will be unveiled downtown on Georgia Street, and it’s going to have a direct connection to the IU School of Dentistry: the sculptor is Jeffrey Rouse (DDS’80, M’83), who is a maxillofacial prosthodontist in dentistry circles but also an extraordinarily talented sculptor living in Manhattan. In addition to his IU dental studies, Dr. Rouse took classes in sculpture and pottery at the University of Indianapolis, and he discovered his interest in casting figures in bronze while a student at IUPUI’s Herron School of Art. We’ll share more about the ceremony as the date and details become available. In the meantime, check out this article in the Indianapolis Star (link is temporary: http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2012201070320) and view more of Dr. Rouse’s finely detailed sculptures at his website: http://rousesculpture.com/home.html.

UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS. The Year: 1912. The Scene: Dinner Party at a Country Estate in North Yorkshire, England. The Conversation:
Says the displeased Dowager Countess to the Turkish Diplomat, upon learning that a young maid on the estate intends to leave service to improve her station in life by studying to be a secretary:

“I should far prefer to be a maid in a large and pleasant house than work from dawn to dusk in some cramped, gloomy office. I hanker for a simpler world – is that a crime?

Says the Turkish Diplomat to the Dowager Countess:

I too dream of a simpler world – as long as we can keep our trains and our dentistry.”

The aristocrats and the servants of PBS’s Downton Abbey have returned for season 2, as the Great War crashes down around them, throwing a nation and a household into turmoil and ultimately blurring the lines between high society and the hired help. It’s a riveting story in which every character, from the lord of the manor to the cook’s assistant, is multi-layered with a compellingly written in-depth story line. The only thing wrong with this exquisite series is that, like season 1, it’s only 7 episodes long. Catch it if you can – Netflix subscribers can stream Season 1, and PBS is making this year’s episodes temporarily available online after they air: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/downtonabbey/#mediabox.
ABOVE AND BEYOND – ANOTHER 1970s BLIZZARD TALE. We thank the many people who contacted us about the Dec./Jan. newsletter story recounting a couple of 1970s blizzards that shut down most of the action at the dental school. We were especially pleased to hear from Dean Emeritus Ralph McDonald from his home in Florida. He remembers those weather emergencies well, and how he, too, was trapped behind mounds of snow in his driveway. He also recalls that Dr. Sam Patterson, who chaired Endodontics in those days, owned a Jeep that could plow through snow (we take such technology for granted in the 21st century, but most vehicles in the 1970s weren’t equipped to handle treacherous roads). Dr. Patterson spent the blizzard of 1978 driving all day long to deliver nurses to and from their jobs on the IU medical center to help minimize interruptions in patient care in the hospitals. Those of us who remember Dr. Patterson know that’s exactly the kind of cool project he would have happily taken on at a time of crisis in our city. He was a wonderful man. Dr. Patterson, who died in 1993, is also another example of the amazing people who have helped shape IUSD’s history. Thanks for sharing this anecdote, Dean Mac!

End February 2012 Calendar

Send items for March calendar by Feb. 24: Indiana University School of Dentistry, Room B32, 1121 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis IN 46202-5186. Fax: (317) 274-7188. E-mail: smcrum@iupui.edu

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