

The REVEILLE

Newsletter of Isaac Knapp District Dental Society



IKDDS MEMBERS CELEBRATING IU

Hoosiers, Huddles, and Handpieces: Building a Championship Dental Family

My **Indiana Hoosiers** did it! They are National Champions in Football after beating Miami on their home turf in Florida earlier this week. Growing up an avid IU fan, I join all other diehards in asking ourselves, **“Did this really happen?”**

We are a basketball school, and winning a Natty in football was never in the conversation. After all, our best seasons were defined by the occasional Oaken Bucket win! But that all changed last year with the hiring of Curt Cignetti. The rest is history and despite all odds, Indiana University did it: they are indeed **National Champions!** All the pundits spent months explaining why this team couldn't possibly go the distance—too soon, no depth, too big of a stage. And yet, on that biggest stage, this group of young men in cream and crimson reminded the country what can happen when a new leader brings in a new culture of teamwork and family.

The IKDDS theme this year, **“We Are Family,”** feels especially relevant as we watch IU celebrate. Their championship offers a useful lens for thinking about how we, as a **dental community, can stay healthy, connected, and build our own championship team.**

In dentistry, we may not be playing under stadium lights, but we are very much in a game of our own—one where the opponent can show up in a multitude of ways: professional burnout, challenging clinical situations, and staffing issues, to name a few.

Burnout doesn't show up on a scoreboard or a stat sheet. It appears in more subtle ways: dreading the schedule even when it's “not that bad,” feeling emotionally drained after relatively routine days, losing the sense of meaning in work that once felt deeply fulfilling, or growing impatient with patients, staff, or even loved one. Unlike a losing streak in sports, **burnout can be hard to acknowledge.** We're trained to be problem-solvers, calm under pressure, and dependable no matter what. Admitting we're struggling can feel like letting the team down.

That's where **“We Are Family”** moves from slogan to standard. It's easy to use the word “family” on a banner or in a social media post. It's harder to live it when the schedule is packed, staffing is tight, insurance pressures increase, and the day runs behind yet again. If we want “We Are Family” to be more than a theme, it has to shape our daily culture.



DR. DOUG JANSEN
IKDDS PRESIDENT

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In a true family, people notice when someone is off their game. When a colleague or team member seems irritable, unusually quiet, or withdrawn, the family response isn't criticism—it's curiosity. A simple, **"You seem a little fried today, everything okay?"** can be the opening someone needs. The same spirit that leads a coach to pull a tired player aside at halftime can guide us to check in with a hygienist, assistant, front-desk team member, or fellow dentist before small struggles become big problems.

Family also shares the load. Indiana's coaching staff was relentless about rotation, rest, and clearly defined roles. Winning was a shared effort, not a single star's burden. Even IU's star quarterback, **Fernando Mendoza**, acknowledged as much after their first game against ODU. He said he was trying to do too much, and needed to become somewhat of a point guard, meaning, get the ball to his great players and let them make the play. In our practices, that philosophy translates into delegating appropriately, trusting the skills of hygienists and assistants, and protecting lunch breaks and days off as real recovery time—not just opportunities to squeeze in more work.

Just as no championship season is flawless, no career is either. Turnovers happen on the field; in our world they become clinical complications, difficult patients, or days when we simply don't feel at the top of our 'game'. **Family culture doesn't shame those moments.** It treats them as part of the shared story, something to learn from instead of something to hide.

Think for a moment about what happens in a championship locker room: celebration, yes, but also deep trust. Players know they can speak up, vent, laugh, and even fail in front of each other. That same kind of environment can be consciously cultivated in our offices and in our wider district. Staff meetings often focus on metrics and logistics. What if we consistently made room for one simple question: **"How are we really doing?"** Allowing honest answers—without immediate judgment or quick fixes—can transform a group of co-workers into something closer to a team.



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New HIPAA rules address substance use disorder records

Beginning Feb. 16, HIPAA-covered practices must include information in their Notice of Privacy Practices describing how substance use disorder records protected under title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 2 may be used and disclosed.

ADA has revised the [Sample Notice of Privacy Practices](#), (PDF; ADA member login required) and created a [Dental Practice Checklist](#), (PDF; ADA member login required) that includes what dental practices need to do before Feb. 16.

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DR. JONATHAN HALE
REVEILLE EDITOR

Keeping the Momentum: Turning Goals into a Way of Life

The beginning of a new year has a way of filling us with optimism. Fresh calendars. Clean slates. Well-intended resolutions written with the best of intentions. Whether our goals are personal, professional, or somewhere in between, **January often brings a renewed sense of motivation and belief that this will be the year things finally fall into place.**

But if we're honest with ourselves, we also know how this story often goes. The gym is crowded in January and quiet again by February. Journals start full and slowly collect dust. Goals that once felt exciting begin to feel distant as daily life creeps back in. The problem usually isn't a lack of desire or discipline—it's that motivation alone is rarely enough to carry us very far.

Over time, I've learned that lasting progress has less to do with motivation and more to do with intention and organization. **Motivation is emotional and fleeting. It comes and goes.** Systems, habits, and priorities are what remain when motivation fades.

One of the most important shifts I've made is learning to organize my life around my goals rather than trying to squeeze goals into an already full schedule. When we say something matters to us—our health, our family, our growth, our happiness—our calendar and routines should reflect that. Otherwise, even the best goals struggle to survive.

That organization doesn't have to be complicated. Sometimes it's as simple as asking a few honest questions: *What truly matters right now? What deserves my time and energy? What needs to change in order to support that priority?*

Whether the goal is exercising more, spending more intentional time with family, improving mental health, or pursuing professional growth, success often depends on creating space for it. That might mean saying no to certain commitments, setting clearer boundaries, or reevaluating how we spend our evenings and weekends. These choices aren't always easy, but they are necessary if we want meaningful progress.

Another lesson I've learned is that goals don't need to be grand to be effective. We often underestimate the power of consistency. Small, repeatable actions—done daily or weekly—add up in powerful ways over time. Progress is rarely dramatic, but it is cumulative. Showing up consistently, even imperfectly, builds momentum that motivation alone never can.

It's also important to recognize that goals evolve. What felt important on January 1st may shift as the year unfolds—and that's okay. Growth isn't about

rigidly clinging to a plan; it's about remaining aligned with what truly matters. Checking in with ourselves throughout the year allows us to adjust without abandoning our direction altogether.

One of the greatest challenges in maintaining momentum is learning to extend ourselves some grace. Life happens. Schedules get disrupted. Energy levels change. Missing a day—or even a week—doesn't mean failure. What matters is returning to the path rather than giving up entirely. **Consistency is not about perfection; it's about persistence.**

As dentists, we are particularly skilled at putting ourselves last. Our patients come first. Our teams depend on us. Our practices require constant attention. Our families need our time and energy. None of those priorities are wrong—but when everything else always comes before our own well-being, something eventually gives. Prioritizing yourself is not an act of selfishness; it's an act of responsibility.

When we invest time and intention into our own health, mindset, and personal growth, we don't detract from those other areas—we strengthen them. Being the best version of ourselves allows us to lead more effectively, show up more fully, and respond with greater patience and clarity. The energy, focus, and balance we cultivate personally inevitably spill over into our relationships, our work, and the people who rely on us most. Taking care of yourself isn't stepping away from your responsibilities; it's what allows you to meet them at a higher level.

As we move forward into the new year, my encouragement is simple: don't rely solely on motivation. **Build structure. Create systems.** Organize your life in a way that supports the goals you care about most. Be intentional with your time, patient with yourself, and willing to keep showing up—even when progress feels slow.

The new year doesn't need to be about radical transformation. It can be about steady growth. About choosing to prioritize what matters. About continuing to strive forward, one intentional step at a time. Because the most meaningful goals aren't achieved in January—they're built over the course of an entire year.



IKDDS Annual Meeting

HOW TO CREATE A MEMORABLE PATIENT EXPERIENCE IN YOUR PRACTICE

Featuring Dr. Richard Madow

Friday, March 20, 2026

Presented by:

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Register at IKDDS.ORG/EVENTS

About the Speaker:

Since co-founding The Madow Center for Dental Practice Success in 1989, Dr. Richard Madow has been a trailblazer in helping dentists achieve unparalleled success and fulfillment in their practices.

With his unique blend of humor and spontaneity, Rich has captivated standing-room-only audiences across North America, inspiring dental teams to redefine their careers, elevate practice performance, and infuse joy into every day. From skyrocketing profitability to creating memorable patient experiences, his teachings resonate with those seeking to transform their practices and lives.

Course Description:

We all want patients who say "yes" to treatment, show up on time, consistently reappoint, refer friends and family members and more. It's not that difficult to accomplish, and it all begins with providing a memorable patient experience - from the time they call on the phone until the time they leave with a beautiful smile!

This fun, fast-paced course is perfect for all doctors and team members who want to easily take their practice to a level they never thought possible! In this course Dr. Madow takes a "deep dive" into steps that can turn any practice into one that is highly productive, extremely profitable, patient-centric, team oriented, and FUN! Plus, everyone will laugh so much they won't believe they're at a dental seminar!

Learning Objectives:

Why patients say "no" to treatment and how to change that, How to get tons of referrals, How to have a happy team, happy patients, & happy doctor, How to increase your case acceptance, Five things wrong with your website and how to fix it, The supercharged patient-friendly exam and much more!

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View online form for details. Keep in mind this will be during Lent.

Registration: *(Includes breakfast, lunch, and event registration)* QTY:

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DR. JASON GLASSLEY
IKDEF PRESIDENT

2025 was another impactful year in which the Foundation reached new heights in its support for aspiring dental professionals and our wider community.



We were honored to fulfill nearly all the grant requests we received, providing \$14,500 in much-needed support for area clinics, including **Matthew 25, Neighborhood Health, McMillen Health Center, Unfailing Love Clinic, and St. Martin's Health Clinic**. Furthermore, the Foundation awarded \$14,000 in scholarships to nine exceptional aspiring dental professionals in our area, empowering them to pursue their dreams and significantly lessening their financial burden.

A major highlight was seeing our dedicated support for the **Neighborhood Health Oxford project** come to fruition. The new Neighborhood Health Oxford building stands as a beautiful, state-of-the-art medical and dental clinic serving the city's near southeast side. This new dental clinic will significantly increase access to high-quality care for some of our most vulnerable residents in a welcoming and modern environment.



2025 Dr. Phillip E. O'Shaughnessy Scholarship Recipients

The following Allied Dental Program students at IU Fort Wayne were recipients of the Dr. Phillip E O'Shaughnessy Scholarships. In the spring, the IKDEF Endowed Scholarship will award a 3rd year Dental Hygiene Student.

Dental Assisting Recipients:

- Kayla Ables
- Chloe Clark
- Maggie Kaufman
- Melissa Leon-Duran

4th Year Hygiene Recipients:

- Winner: Mattie Jo Lane
- Runner-Up: Thais Oehninger
- Runner-Up: Carly Smith

2025 IKDEF Excellence in Dentistry Scholarship Recipients

CONGRATULATIONS

GET TO KNOW OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!



AMARA ECKERT
3RD YEAR IUSD

AMARA ECKERT

EDUCATION

- IU School of Dentistry - 3rd year
- University of St. Francis
- Huntington North High School

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

- American Association of Women Dentists
- Scotus Honors Program while competing on the women's collegiate golf team at USF



SAMANTHA MCARDLE
4TH YEAR IUSD

SAMANTHA MCARDLE

EDUCATION

- IU School of Dentistry - 4th year
- Kelley School of Business
- Miami University (OH)
- Homestead High School

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

- ASDA IU
- Prosthodontic Interest Group

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A graphic for a golf tournament. It includes the text: 'ISAAC KNAPP DENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION', 'FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2026', 'GOLF TOURNAMENT', 'NOON SHOTGUN START', '\$125 ENTRY FEE | \$425 FOURSOME', 'Includes cart, green fees, and box lunch. Check-in begins at 10 am', 'FORMAT: Foursome scramble', 'CHESTNUT HILLS', 'CHECK-IN STARTS AT 10:30 AM SHOTGUN START AT NOON', 'DOES YOUR OFFICE WANT TO SPONSOR A HOLE? \$200 HOLE SPONSOR', 'HOLE SPONSORSHIPS SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION', 'REGISTRATION WILL OPEN JUNE, 2026'. There is also a small 'ik def' logo.

SAVE THE DATE IKDEF Events

We kicked **2026** off with our **3rd annual Pickleball Tournament** held at Wildwood Racquet Club. It was a fun, laid-back evening of pickleball and camaraderie

IKDDS Members, **Dr. Larry Park** and **Dr. Jim Klinger** took home the trophy this year! **Dr. Jake Yager** and **Dr. Eric Wiedemann** were the runner-up winners. **Dr. Tamara Watkins** was Best Dressed and **Dr. Mark** and **Laura Stetzel** won the Intermediate Division.

Our **Pickleball Tournament** and **Fall Golf Outing** support the Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation! Thank you for supporting these events!

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Rituals help. IU's team had its own traditions—songs, pre-game routines, post-game celebrations. Our version might be a brief morning huddle with a positive story to start the day, an occasional “no dentistry talk” lunch without phones, or regular recognition of birthdays, work anniversaries, and personal milestones. These small, intentional touches remind everyone that the people behind the masks and loupes are more than their job descriptions.

Beyond our individual offices, IKDDS is uniquely positioned to reinforce the idea that **no one in this profession must go it alone**. Our top-notch continuing education and social events are not just about staying current with techniques and technology; they are a built-in defense against isolation. When we show up, we send a quiet but powerful message: **“You’re not the only one feeling this. We’re in this together.”**

Perhaps you haven’t attended our [All-Day Meeting](#) in a while. This year it is on **Friday, March 20th**, and is all about building your championship team to provide a great patient experience. It is sure to be fantastic and I really hope to see and your team there.

As unbelievable as it seems, IU has won its first of what I hope is many football championships. Our prize is different: **a sustainable, meaningful, connected professional life**. If we commit to that together, then in the ways that truly matter, we are already champions. Thank you for letting IKDDS be part of your championship dental team.

--Dr. Doug Jansen, IKDDS President

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DR. JESSE BLAIR
YDC CHAIR

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The **Young Dentist Committee (YDC)**, is proud to bring a new spring lineup of events.

On **February 26th**, the YDC hosting a **Winter CE event featuring Dr. Adam Frounfelter**. Dr. Frounfelter focuses on practical digital workflows for implant dentistry. His concepts help teach how to create practical approaches to placing and restoring dental implants. Spots are limited, sign up now.

This year, we will host an annual **Family Fun Day on Sunday June 14th 3-7pm** at The Shops @ The Sanctuary in Columbia City, owned by our very own **Dr. Ben Yoder**. The event centers around an official cornhole tournament. Food, refreshments, and family friendly activities will be offered. More information to come soon.

The **YD Series** will offer a local specialist lecture this April. All specialists that have not participated yet are encouraged to sign up for our lottery style selection. Each of our prior events have been a big success with many of our young local dentists attending. This is a great opportunity for the specialists in the area to share their knowledge and meet many of our younger colleagues.



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YDC WINTER CE: Scan. Plan. Place.

Featuring Dr. Adam Frounfelter!

Thursday, February 26, 2026

ELECTRIC WORKS

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Dinner and beverages will be served

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About the Speaker:

Dr. Adam is passionate about oral surgery and focuses most of his time on larger, full-arch surgical cases involving multiple implants and restoring the patients' full smile. Dr. Adam received his undergraduate degree in Biology from DePauw University in 2006. After graduating, he attended the Indiana University School of Dentistry, where he earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree in May 2010. Dr. Frounfelter is an accomplished dentist deeply devoted to the field of dental implant treatment and is a Full Arch Educator.

Description:

A Practical Digital Workflow for Modern Implant Dentistry. Digital Dentistry isn't the future - it's the expectation. But for many dentists, the jump to fully digital implant workflow can feel overwhelming. This course is designed specifically for younger dentists who want to go fully digital without overcomplicating things or making expensive mistakes along the way. We'll break down a simple, repeatable digital workflow that works for single-unit implants and scales all the way to full-arch cases, using the same core principles and systems throughout. No theory-heavy lectures. No perfection required. Just real-world dentistry you can apply immediately. This course is taught from the perspective of a private-practice implant dentist who made the transition from analog to fully digital - and understands exactly what it feels like to be early in that journey.

Lecture Objectives:

Capture reliable digital scans for implant cases | Plan implants confidently using a guided, predictable approach | Understand how one digital workflow can support singles and full-arch | Avoid common digital mistakes that slow dentists down early | Build confidence and momentum as you grown your implant skill set



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January Dine & Learn featuring Dr. Jeffrey Platt

Isaac Knapp District Dental Society was able to bring **Dr. Jeffrey Platt** to Fort Wayne to lecture on issues surrounding materials today, from fluoride and ion releasing to additive manufacturing as well as history.

In addition to being IKDDS member, **Dr. Joseph Platt's**, dad, Dr. Jeffrey Platt has authored over 140 research manuscripts and 130 abstracts primarily focused on adhesive dentistry and resin composites.

He served in officer and leadership roles for the Isaac Knapp District Dental Society, Indianapolis District Dental Society, and Indiana Dental Association. He was a member of the 7th District ADA Delegation and served as Chair of the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs. He also served as President of the Dental Materials Group of the International Association for Dental Research. He is currently Chair of the ADA Standards Program Oversight Committee, USA Head of Delegation and Chair of Subcommittee 2 of the International Standards Organization Technical Committee 106, Chair of the FDI World Dental Federation Science Committee

Dr. Doug Jansen called a business meeting to order and after officer reports, members elected the following individuals to represent IKDDS as Alternate Delegates to IDA this year and as a Delegate next year.

Congratulations to the following members elected to serve a 2-yr term to represent IKDDS at IDA:

- **Dr. Alexander Ahmadi**
- **Dr. Ben Clinkenbeard**
- **Dr. Caroline Derrow**
- **Dr. Steven Ellinwood**
- **Dr. Ryan Hart**
- **Dr. Jake Yager**
- **Dr. Jill Stetzel Torkeo**

The event was held at Manchester University - Fort Wayne Campus and one of our annual sponsors, Orthobrain, was present to share the evening with us.

[Click here to read minutes from the January Dine & Learn](#)



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November Dine & Learn: Tooth Talks

Isaac Knapp District Dental Society hosted their annual November Dine & Learn: Tooth Talks

Brought back by popular demand, ToothTalks provides round table discusses on topics our Professional Development & Planning Committee identifies and asks IKDDS members to share on a topic to their fellow dentists.

Before all of the holiday hustle and bustle, we were able to host our November Dine & Learn at Bergstaff place.

Keep your calendars marked for **Thursday, November 19, 2026** when the next Tooth Talks hits the calendar!

Special Thank you to the following IKDDS Members who presented on the following topics:

- **Dr. Aron Dellinger** - "High Performance Drivers Education"
- **Dr. Jason Glassley** - "Explore the latest advancements in endodontic therapy"
- **Dr. Jonathan Hale** - "Go Kart Racing: A sport to enjoy as a family"
- **Dr. Brian Hoagburg** - "Early Orthodontic Intervention: Indications and Benefits of Phase I Treatment"
- **Dr. Janaya Jansen** - "Myofunctional Therapy in the Dental Office: An Approach to Oral Function and Frenectomies"
- **Dr. Matt Kolkman** - "Integrating a Digital Dental Lab with Your Practice"
- **Dr. Aaron Light** - "TMJ and Sleep Apnea Treatment"
- **Dr. Ben Yoder and Dr. Jay Hayes** - "Woodworking"

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2026 IKDDS BYLAWS AMENDMENTS


MARCH 20, 2026

Proposed Amendments to the IKDDS Bylaws

The IKDDS Constitution & Bylaws Committee, lead by Committee Chair, **Dr. Joseph Platt** has presented some proposed amendments to the IKDDS Bylaws.

IKDDS Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting. We will be voting on these proposed amendments at the [March 20, 2026 IKDDS Annual Meeting](#). Click here to view [Proposed Amendments](#).

[Current IKDDS Bylaws](#) can be viewed on our website.



TO BE VOTED ON AT THE IKDDS ANNUAL MEETING

2026 IKDDS BALLOT

MARCH 20, 2026

Proposed 2026 IKDDS Ballot

The IKDDS Leadership Committee, lead by Committee Chair, **Dr. Joseph Platt** has presented a list of candidates to serve on the Isaac Knapp Board of Directors

IKDDS Elections shall be made by ballot and the Secretary shall provide facilities for voting unless there is only one nomination for an office, then the Secretary may be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for the nominee. Nominations can be made from the floor.

We will be voting on candidates at the [March 20, 2026 IKDDS Annual Meeting](#). Click here to view [2026 IKDDS Ballot](#).



IKDDS Members visit Dental Day at the Capitol with IUSD Students

IKDDS Members, **Dr. Joseph Platt and Dr. Jill Torkeo** and IKDDS Executive Director, **Jamee Lock** recently attended Dental Day at the State Capitol Building in Indianapolis.

Hosted by IDA, dental students from IU School of Dentistry attended and learned about current topics that impact dentistry that are being debated at the statehouse.



Dr. Jill Torkeo serves on both IKDDS and IDA Government Affairs Committees. IDA's committee guided students about the importance of being active and aware of how laws can impact dentistry.

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WHERE:

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TIME:

8:00AM - 3:00PM ET



If you are interested in volunteering, please visit [TeamSmile and The Fort Wayne Tin Caps](#) or email, bobby@teamsmile.org





DR. STEVE ELLINWOOD
IUFW



From the Director of Dental Education at IUFW

Hello IKDDS,

I just returned from Miami following an exceptional run by our **Indiana Hoosiers football team to a national championship**. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me, and I cannot express how much I enjoyed the trip. **Go Hoosiers!**

I would like to update you on several important developments in the **IUFW Dental Education Program**.

First, we will be receiving new simulation lab equipment this summer. The **simulation lab at IUFW** in Fort Wayne is like SB05 in Indianapolis for some of us seasoned dentists. This is where students practice on manikins before moving into the clinic to treat real patients. Our dental assisting and dental hygiene students begin developing their hand skills, making this a vital part of their education.

Our current equipment is more than 25 years old, and replacement parts are no longer available. Thanks to generous gifts from **Tim and Bobbie Shambaugh** and **Tom and Trish Teel**, we can move this project forward. However, significant funding is still needed. Dr. Teel and I will partner this spring to reach out to you help support this effort. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

In other news, we will be increasing the size of our **Dental Hygiene class to 30 students** beginning in Fall 2026. This increase—from 24 to 30 students—is a direct response to workforce needs. We can accommodate this growth comfortably within our current space and with our existing faculty. This is the maximum number we can accept. We are doing our best to meet the needs of the dental community. Our students are securing jobs well before graduation, we know the demand is high.

Our **Dental Assisting program** is also seeking **dental offices willing to host students for externships**. Please keep our students in mind if your practice can help. We currently have 16 CDA students who will begin rotations on March 16, and we are working to secure enough general and advanced dentistry offices to support them. (We are also hoping to identify a few back-up offices to help cover situations such as spring break closures or other unexpected schedule changes.)

Before IUFW CDA students are assigned to offices, all didactic and pre-clinical requirements will be complete; they have passed the DANB Infection Control (ICE) board examination, hold a radiology permit, and are ready to work directly with patients. Students typically begin chairside assisting within the first couple of days of the initial rotation and come prepared to contribute while continuing to refine their chairside skills.

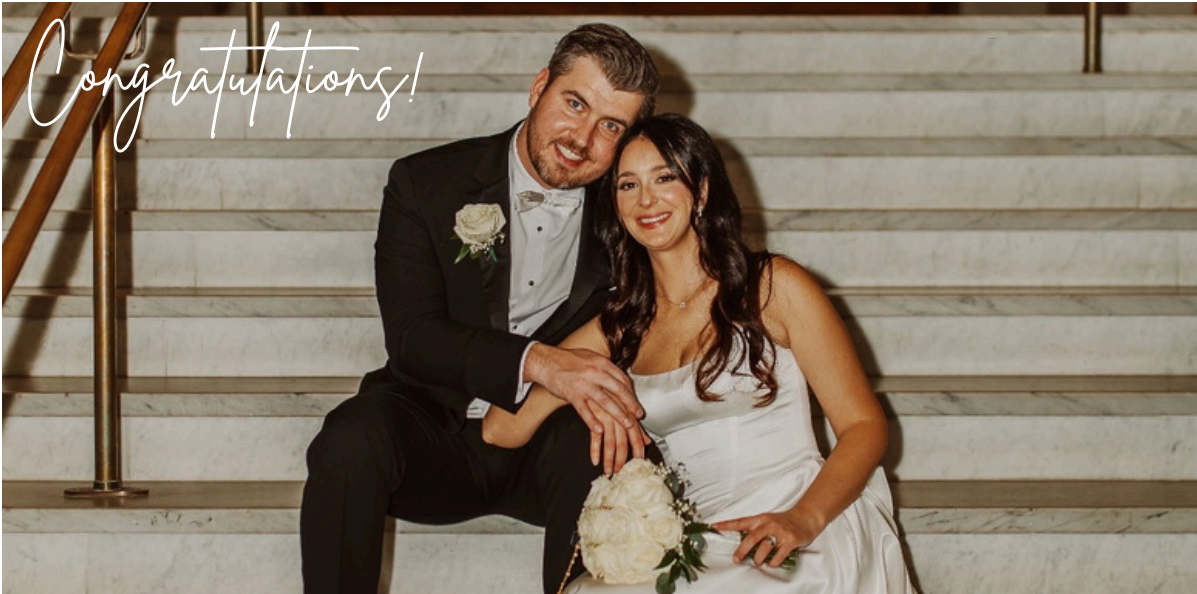
Lastly, our **Dental Lab Technology programs** have received a wonderful grant from the Don Wood Foundation. This funding has allowed us to acquire state-of-the-art equipment to train the next generation of dental technicians. The curriculum has been updated to fully utilize this new technology, and a pre-dental school track has also been embedded into the degree. As a result, students now have multiple pathways to follow based on their interests. If you know anyone interested in becoming a dental lab technician or pursuing dental school, please have them contact me.

Thank you for your continued support of IUFW Dental Education.

Steve Ellinwood

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Member Good News



IKDDS Member, **Dr. Nicholas McCarthy**, married his best friend, **Monica** on January 10th.



IKDDS Member, **Dr. Joshua Bertsch** recently traveled to the Dominican Republic with Kairos Moment to provide dental care to those in need!



IKDDS Members, **Dr. Tom Blake**, **Dr. Caroline Derrow**, **Dr. Steve Ellinwood**, and **Dr. Matt Kolkman** traveled to Honduras with **Sonrisas Siempre**. 4 dental hygiene students, 3 dental lab technology students, and 2 D4 dental students traveled with them.

They served 273 patients in the clinic and 251 patients across 4 remote sites.

IKDDS It's YOUR Society!

SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS WITH US!

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Do you have a unique experience that would make a good article? Have you recently gotten married or had a baby? We want to celebrate with you! Email Jamee your good news!

January FLIK Training Module

We are already midway through another FLIK cohort. In January, our FLIK Cohort learned valuable financial considerations and how proper planning can help you achieve your goals. Presenters for the day were **Andy Young** and **Dr. Matt Kolkman**.

The group received special resources to help them achieve and track their goals.

Module 4 also finished the day off with some fun Duckpin bowling at Ducky's.

Do you want to learn more about FLIK? Applications for Cohort 4 will open in March 2026!

Please consider applying to be a part of FLIK 2026-2027!



FLIK is a leadership development program made for dentists by dentists. Each year, IKDDS accepts a cohort of 8 - 12 dentists. This cohort commits to 6 training modules and 1 volunteer day.

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JAMEE LOCK
IKDDS EXEC. DIRECTOR

“We are Family” is more than a Slogan

It is a known fact that social connection leads to a healthier and more fulfilling lives. Even the [CDC’s website](#) points out, **“Social connectedness...is when you feel like you belong and have the support and care that you need”** and this is important because, **“Social connection can help reduce the risk of chronic disease and serious illness...”**

Millennials and Gen Z are engaging with associations at decreasing rates. Obviously, this trend is at the front of my mind. Often, younger generations cite the cost of being a member to an organization or a feeling that the association doesn’t really impact their professional career as reasons they aren’t joining. **What can we offer to the next generation of dentists?**

One amazing benefit of being a member that I witness regularly in Isaac Knapp is community. Dr. Jansen’s theme of **“We Are Family”** is more than just a slogan. Isaac Knapp is a family, a community, a place where every dentist belongs.

Mission statements are often the driving force behind an organization. Several years ago, the IKDDS Board worked on revising and updating the mission of Isaac Knapp. **“Advancing the health of the public by promoting the art, science, and profession of dentistry.”** We knew that at the base core of existence, IKDDS was created to help dentists be the best they can to serve the public.

However, the wisdom of this board also recognized that the community that we live in and serve also matters so we added a vision statement, **“To nurture a healthier community by empowering the dentists of Isaac Knapp to serve with excellence and compassion.”** Community. Family. Excellence. Compassion.

Three years ago, we launched FLIK. We developed a mission statement for the purpose of what we were trying to achieve with this program. **“To provide dentists of IKDDS a leadership development program for self-discovery, business planning, clinical development, and mentorship.”** Why did we create FLIK? We already offer Continuing Education, so why invest tens of thousands of dollars to develop a program? These are excellent questions that our IKDDS board also challenged us when we first pitched the idea. I recently was review our notes of when we were in the process of developing it and I absolutely love some of the questions that **Dr. Matt Kolkman** presented:

“Are you comfortable being uncomfortable? How painful is it to change? Structure influences behavior, behavior determines results.

Are you happy with the results you are getting? “

The key element that we wanted to foster with FLIK was to provide an opportunity for our members to deepen relationships with their peers and organically build a network of mentors by answering some of these tough questions. This year’s cohort has a beautiful blend of early career dentists and mid-career dentists and the discussions each training module is richer because of that.

While FLIK is relatively new, the community IKDDS has built is not. In June, **Dr. Jill Stetzel Torkeo** officially steps into the role of IKDDS President. Not only is she a third generation dentist, but she also will be our 100th President. Her induction represents a beautiful bridge between past, present, and future. **2027 will be the 40th anniversary** of the Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation, which will lead us to **2028 - the official 100th Anniversary** of Isaac Knapp District Dental Society. 100 years of community. 100 years of family.

Back to my original statement of **what do we have to offer the next generation of dentists?** Last week, I had the privilege of attending Dental Day at the Capitol. Dental students were exposed to how organized dentistry can positively impact how they practice dentistry by being their voice when it comes to any legislation or regulation that impacts how their licensed profession. While it was amazing to see the students engaged and learn about the legislative process and how IDA represents their voice, my favorite part of the day was witnessing our member, **Dr. Joseph Platt**, ask the students at our table (3rd year dental students, all from northern Indiana), “What questions do you have for me?” This opened the door for a beautiful interaction. It exposed the uncertainty of their future of how do they find jobs, what happens after dental school, who can they reach out to for help? It was evident that they are already **searching for their community**. IKDDS can offer that network for them.

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We are back to, **“Social connectedness...is when you feel like you belong and have the support and care that you need”**.

People need social connectedness. The tripartite already has the structure of the community. We just need to do better showing that to younger generations.

The community we provide is built through the opportunities to network. The continuing education and social events and our program FLIK all provide an opportunity to build your dental community. Our committees who work behind the scenes build another avenue for community.

Community also means we show up for each other. I loved how **Dr. Ellinwood’s** article shared how **Dr. Tim Shambaugh** and **Dr. Tim Teel** stepped up to help fill a need at the IU Fort Wayne Dental Program. I am also aware of the number of our member dentists who give back at our local dental clinics.

Recently, **Dr. Jason Glassley, Dr. Bob Gebfert,** and I visited **Dr. David Bleeke** at The TowneHouse Retirement center. Dr. Bleeke is a true example of giving back to our community. His name is on the IU Fort Wayne Dental Clinic and he has generously provided to many other dental efforts, including our Dental Education Foundation.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT IKDDS?

Almost 100 years of Excellence

In 1927, the Isaac Knapp Dental Coterie and Fort Wayne District Dental Society started the process to combine into Isaac Knapp District Dental Society. IKDDS held their first official meeting and joined the IDA on May 10, 1928.

[Learn more about the history of Isaac Knapp on our website.](#)



Dr. Bleeke and several others from his generation have helped to build Isaac Knapp to what it is today. What struck me, though, was the intentionality that Dr. Gebfert and Dr. Glassley had to make sure that Dr. Bleeke knew how much we appreciate him.

To me, that is a value of being a member. Everyone belongs. We help each other. I am so thrilled when I see the wide range of dentists at our events. From new to retired. That is an intangible benefit, but one that is elevated above all others. Community. Family.

Over the next year, we will be planning something special for our upcoming milestone years. We want to hear from you! Be on the lookout for opportunities to share what membership means to you.

Lastly, to echo Dr. Jansen's article, **“In a true family, people notice when someone is off their game.”** I want to encourage you to follow that nudge you may feel when you're thinking of a fellow Isaac Knapper. If someone pops in your mind, send them a quick text or make arrangements to visit with them. That is the benefit of being part of one community.



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Use this list to help direct patients looking for low-cost dental care. Many of these clinics are supported by our northeast Indiana Community.

If a patient is looking for a Medicaid provider and you are not one, please encourage them to visit:

<https://ikdds.org/find-a-dentist/>

and click on the **Find A Medicaid Provider** link

This link will direct them to the Indiana state Medicaid website, which includes links to assist them in finding an IHCP Provider.

ARE YOU INTERESTED WITH VOLUNTEERING OR SUPPORTING THESE DENTAL CLINICS?

If you are interested with volunteering with or donating to any of these clinics, please reach out to them directly.

Our **Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation** also supports many of these clinics. When you donate to the foundation, you are also supporting these organizations. IKDEF disburses approximately \$15,000 annually via grants to dental clinics annually. Visit ikdds.org/ikdef for a list of recipients.