And so, that pinnacle event of the academic year, pre-commencement and commencement, was suddenly upon us and, as quickly, a memory. But a special one for me, being asked to stand in for Dean Williams to preside at pre-commencement, and congratulate every graduating student in all our programs. One such congratulatory moment is captured in this photograph. Dozens of busy people contributed to the successful event, choreographed by Lucy Bickett and Sheila Horan, but what drew the attention of the campus was the distinctive red diploma tubes, an innovation we can credit to Dean Williams and Terry Wilson.

The hectic pace never relents, and Dean Williams, our CFO Tim Brown and I worked on the budget planning and faculty workload assessments so that the annual submission to campus would be accomplished on time. Thanks to Tim and his team who worked through much of the Memorial Day weekend, the mission was accomplished.

Faculty recruitment is also a continuous dynamic for IUSD, as well as the extremely important process of development. July 1st will see Dr. Angeles Martinez-Mier take the reins as new Department Chair of the new Department of Cariology, Operative Dentistry and Public Health Dentistry, and we congratulate her. This is an important scholarly evolution for the school, and we look forward to major contributions in all aspects of our mission: research, teaching and service.

We also brought in our first candidate to interview for the open position of Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, another vital pillar of our educational and healthcare role. Dr. James Ruskin visited us from Colorado and met a wide range of interested and crucial individuals. Perhaps the importance of this appointment was evidenced by over 50 faculty, staff and students who attended the noon presentation in which Dr. Ruskin presented his philosophy of surgical education against a backdrop of his varied and accomplished career to date. Other candidates will visit, and we hope that the Search and Screen Committee, chaired by Dr. Jeff Dean, will be in a position to make a recommendation to the Dean by late summer.

I myself was supposed to make a visit to the Tehran University of Medical Sciences during late May, but after almost four months of waiting, my visa failed to arrive in time. However, they say that things happen for a reason, and the bonus was to be here in order to host the Chancellor of that prestigious university for an afternoon during his two-day visit to the IUPUI campus. Dr. Ali Jafarian, a liver transplant surgeon by professional training, expressed serious interest in collaborative engagement between our dental schools, and this was fueled by conversation with Dr. Gabe Chu, our Interim Associate Dean for Research, and Dr. Anderson Hara’s skillful and informative tour of the Oral Health Research Institute. I could not resist giving Dr. Jafarian a tube of Crest toothpaste, the chemistry of which was, of course, born at OHRI!

Finally, I can tell you that I am now finally established in DS 102, together with my colleagues Gail Williamson, Damon Spight and Shelley Hall. Beyond official business, do feel free to stop by and take a look!

The weather is beautiful, and for those who are planning vacations or down time in the coming month, please enjoy and recharge your hard-worked batteries.
There are many opportunities for professional development during the month of June. The following list of programs were selected from a variety of resources on the IUPUI Campus such as the IUPUI Office of Academic Affairs (AO), the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Office for Women (OFW) and the Indiana University School of Medicine, Office of Faculty and Professional Development (OFAPD), University Library (UL) and IUSD Office of Continuing Education. Programs are free for all.

**Tuesday, June 2nd**
First Look at Canvas: Webinar IT Training (CTL)
Time and Location: 10:00 am to 10:50 am via Adobe Connect (Online)
Presenter: Kimmaree Murday, Erich Bauer
Register: [http://ctl.iupui.edu/](http://ctl.iupui.edu/)

**Tuesday, June 9th**
Canvas: Communication Strategies (CTL)
Time and Location: 12:00 pm to 12:50 pm via Adobe Connect (Online)
Presenters: Madeleine Gonin, Kimmaree Murday
Register: [http://ctl.iupui.edu/](http://ctl.iupui.edu/)

**Wednesday, June 10th**
Almetrics 101 Hands-on (UL)
Time and Location: 9:00 am to 11:30 am in University Library Computer Lab
Presenter: Stacy Konkiel, Research Metrics Consultant, Altmetric
Register: [http://academicaffairs.iupui.edu/](http://academicaffairs.iupui.edu/)

**Thursday, June 11th**
Enhance Student Engagement by adding CourseNetworking to Oncourse or Canvas (CTL)
Time and Location: 10:00 am to 11:30 am in University Library 1130
Presenters: Mengyuan Zhao
Register: [http://ctl.iupui.edu/](http://ctl.iupui.edu/)

**Thursday, June 18th**
Peer Assessment in Canvas—Webinar (CTL)
Time and Location: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm via Adobe Connect (Online)
Presenters: Lauren Easterling, James Gregory
Register: [http://ctl.iupui.edu/](http://ctl.iupui.edu/)
Dr. Martinez-Mier New Chair

E. Angeles Martinez-Mier, DDS, MSD, PhD, has been appointed to serve as the Chair of the newly configured department of Cariology, Operative Dentistry and Public Health Dentistry effective July 1, 2015. Currently, Dr. Martinez-Mier is the Interim Chair of the Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry. She also serves as the Director of Community Dentistry and the Director of the Binational Cross-cultural Health Enhancement Center.

Dr. Martinez-Mier received her DDS degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in Mexico City, Mexico in 1989. She completed an MSD degree in Preventive Dentistry in 1994, a certificate in Postgraduate Studies as a Clinical Fellow in Periodontics in 1995 and a PhD degree in Dental Sciences in 2000, all from Indiana University School of Dentistry.

A recipient of numerous awards, Dr. Martinez-Mier received the Johnson Public Health Faculty Community Service Award in 2003, Boyer’s Scholar in 2007, the Distinguished Research Faculty Award in 2008, the Trustee’s Teaching Award both in 2009 and 2011, the Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year Award in 2010, and the prestigious John W. Ryan Award for Distinguished Contributions to International Programs and Studies in 2014. In addition, she has authored or co-authored more than 45 peer-reviewed articles in the dental literature, served as Principle Investigator and Co-investigator on numerous funded grants, and delivered more than 70 presentations at scientific meetings.

Dr. Martinez-Mier was recently promoted to the rank of Professor which will also become effective July 1st as she assumes this new administrative position.

We look forward to her vision and leadership as she shapes and guides this new department in collaboration with the departmental faculty.

Please join the Office of Faculty Affairs in congratulating Dr. Martinez-Mier on her new appointment as Chair of the department of Cariology, Operative Dentistry and Public Health Dentistry.

Faculty Development Continued

Tuesday, June 23rd
B.E.S.T. Series Session 3: Navigating the Challenges - Work Schedules, Attendance, Time Off (OFAPD)
Time and Location: 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Walther Hall (R3), 303/305
Presenters: Neelam Chand, Theresa Martin
Register

Tuesday, June 23rd
Using Groups in Canvas (CTL)
Time and Location: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm via Adobe Connect (Online)
Presenters: Lauren Easterling, James Gregory
Register: http://ctl.iupui.edu/

Thursday, June 25th
Canvas: Quizzes and Tests—Level 1 (CTL)
Time and Location: 1:00 pm to 1:50 pm via Adobe Connect (Online)
Presenters: Cordah Pearce, Kimmaree Murday
Register: http://ctl.iupui.edu/

Tuesday, June 30th
Using Groups in Canvas (CTL)
Time and Location: 11:00 am to 11:50 am via Adobe Connect (Online)
Presenters: Kimmaree Murday, M Leach
Register: http://ctl.iupui.edu/
IUSD Graduation Highlights

Aristotle once said, “the roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.” On May 9th and 10th, 121 IUSD graduates experienced the ecstasy of having endured many years of stressful weeks, dreaded exams, many clinic and patient experiences, and inevitable encounters with sleepless nights to fulfill program requirements. This year’s pre-commencement ceremony was masterfully presided over by IUSD’s Executive Associate Dean, Dr. Michael Kowolik, and our own Vertical Dimension brought generations together in their enthusiastic performance of “Hail to Old IU.” For each graduate, the calling of their name on May 10th, immediately transformed their anxious moments of matriculation into celebration, honor, and achievement. For IU School of Dentistry, we as a family also celebrated with a special accomplishment, graduating our first class of International Dental Program students who represented at least nine different countries: America, Burma, Egypt, India, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Nepal, and Ukraine. Seven of those IDP graduates received distinguishing honors and/or awards, one of whom was Inna Grishin (Ukraine), recipient of the IDP Class Leadership Award and another was Seyyedeh Zahra Hassantash (Iran), recipient of the Dean’s IDP Citation. Overall, nine of our 121 graduates earned the honor of graduating with “Highest Distinction.” Those individuals were Courtney Creed (Greenwood, IN) of the Dental Hygiene program; Amanda Bradley (Jasper, IN), Carrie Friend (Fort Wayne, IN), Seyyedeh Hassantash (Tehran, Iran), Rachel Hoffman (Fort Wayne, IN), Krestina Johnson (Valparaiso, IN), Anna Jouravlev (Carmel, IN), Derek Vajda (Crown Point, IN), and Erin Wilberg (Fishers, IN) of the Doctor of Dental Surgery program. Erik Parker (Brownstown, IN) received recognition for being this year’s Outstanding E4D Student of the Year. Thank you to all of our faculty and staff who contributed to every one of our graduates’ academic success.

IUSD New Faculty Profile

What does Brown University, the University of Missouri, the University of Texas, and our own Department of Oral Biology have in common? Each has had the privilege of sending a campus “welcome” letter to Dr. Rachel Menegaz. This month, Dr. Menegaz joins the Department of Biomedical and Applied Sciences (aka Oral Biology) as Visiting Assistant Professor. She comes to the School of Dentistry with a remarkable background in research and an impressive start in teaching. This 2013 doctoral graduate whose dissertation was on “Ecomorphological implications of primate dietary variability: an experimental mode,” received her PhD in Integrative Anatomy from the University of Missouri. She has received grants from the National Science Foundation, Wenner-Gren Foundation and the American Society of Mammalogists. Dr. Menegaz has significantly contributed to seven peer-reviewed journal articles, three book chapters, four professional societies, four courses, and ten research articles whose abstracts can be found in the Journal of Integrative and Comparative Biology. She also has served as a research mentor for undergraduate students and delivered two invited presentations, one for the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, the other to the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research. A Research Associate at Brown University, Dr. Menegaz will be responsible for directing the Head and Neck Anatomy course for pre-doctoral dental students, directing the neuromuscular module in the Systems Approach to Biomedical Sciences (SABS) pre-doctoral course, teaching the Advanced Head and Neck Anatomy course for post-doctoral/graduate students, and for contributing significant portions of the lectures in the SABS courses and various occlusion courses. In addition, she will teach didactic anatomy to dental hygiene and other allied dental students and provide a refresher course in anatomy and neuroscience to the International Dental Program (IDP) students. Please join the Office of Faculty Affairs and the Department of Biomedical and Applied Sciences in welcoming Dr. Rachel Menegaz to our dental school team. WELCOME!
ADEA Leadership Workshop

Early in the month of May, Dr. Michael Kowolik, Executive Associate Dean, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Global Engagement, solicited nominations for the 2015 American Dental Education (ADEA) Summer Program for Emerging Academic Leaders. Department Chairs were asked to nominate up to two junior faculty, clinical or tenure track, in their department who have been in their position less than three years. In addition, Department Chairs were asked to provide a brief rationale as to how the nominee and IUSD would benefit from faculty attendance at the program. The selected nominees will be funded by a 50-50 cost-sharing plan financed by the respective department(s) with matching funds provided by the Office of Faculty Affairs. In the event that more than two nominations were received, the OFA would exercise the right to select the final program participants.

The Office of Faculty Affairs is pleased to announce that Thankam Paul Thyvalikakath, DMD, MDS, PhD, Associate Professor and Director of Dental Informatics Core, Department of Restorative Dentistry and Daniel Shin, DDS, MSD, Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of Pre-doctoral Periodontics, Department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs were selected to participate in the leadership program. The ADEA Summer Program for Emerging Academic Leaders is designed for faculty members who have been at their institution for less than three years, and who have demonstrated the potential for making significant contributions to academic dentistry. The program focuses on helping faculty plan and implement successful academic careers by cultivating leadership, facilitating networking with colleagues and providing mentorship from leaders in dental education. The learning objectives of the program include the following items:

⇒ Understand current topics and trends in academic dentistry.
⇒ Build a professional network of colleagues and mentors.
⇒ Create career plans to help faculty focus on activities that will build their professional capacities.
⇒ Assess and develop leadership competencies to help prepare early-career faculty for future opportunities (both institutionally and within ADEA).

The Summer Program for Emerging Academic Leaders will be held July 8-11, 2015 at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport, Maine.

P&T Platform

The eDossier system was developed by the Office of the Vice-Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, Bloomington, in collaboration with UITS to provide a university-wide application to facilitate the creation and review of faculty dossiers to support the promotion and tenure processes. The IUPUI Office of Academic Affairs has begun the transition to the eDossier system with the 2015-16 Promotion & Tenure (P&T) dossier submission cycle to serve as a platform for submitting, routing and reviewing promotion and/or tenure dossiers. The eDossier system organizes a promotion and/or tenure candidate’s dossier according to the various sources of evidence usually used to make the case for excellence in the candidate’s selected area. Some of the suggested content areas may not be applicable to all campuses or all case types.

Last month, Dr. Anne Massey, Vice President for Academic Planning & Policy, IU Bloomington, presented several online and in-person programs to introduce eDossier to campus administrators, candidates and support staff. IUPUI Academic Affairs will present several additional programs early this month (see page 2). The IUPUI eDossier Information for 2015-16 P&T Submissions handout provides information about the use of eDossier at IUPUI and maps the sections from IUPUI’s current dossier format to the proper location in the eDossier system. This handout is a supplement to the IUPUI Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Promotion and Tenure Dossiers and should be used in conjunction with the guidelines. More help links: Candidate, Reviewer, Administrative Access, Manage Group, Tutorial.
Dr. Gopen’s approach is based on a single idea: learning to write for the reader allows the writer to control what readers learn. **Advanced workshop participants MUST attend the introduction workshop or have attended one in the years prior.** Limited individualized consultations will be available for participants.