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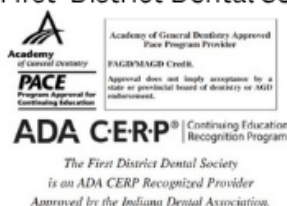
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President's Message



Dear Colleagues,

As we continue to advance dentistry in Southern Indiana, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the energy, commitment, and professionalism each of you brings to our First District Dental Society. It is an honor to serve as your president and to help facilitate the meaningful connections.

This past year, with the help of Dr. Robert Shumate, we were fortunate to welcome engaging speakers and experts who have elevated our conversations around clinical excellence, innovation, and practice management. From updates on digital dentistry to the informative oral cancer symposium, our meetings have remained both relevant and rewarding. I am especially proud of the way our society continues to support both seasoned practitioners and emerging professionals.

Looking ahead, we have a dynamic lineup of educational events designed to keep us informed and inspired. You can expect lectures covering advances in adhesive dentistry, updates in oral pathology, and practical strategies for diagnosing and treating traumatized teeth. We also look forward to hosting sessions on ethics, charitable dentistry, and OSHA.

Beyond education, I encourage you to stay involved, mentor younger members, and contribute your voice to shaping the future of dentistry in our region. Our strength lies in our shared commitment-- to our patients, to each other, and to our profession.

Thank you for your continued involvement. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming gatherings.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luke Keusch".

Dr. Luke Keusch
President, First District Dental Society

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ETHICS UPDATE FOR THE DENTAL PROFESSIONAL

Featuring: Jay T. Dziwlik, MBA, CAE from the IDA

Thursday, September 18, 2025

The Evansville Country Club

2 CE HOURS / 6:00-8:00 p.m.

CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 5:30

Ethics

2 CEs for
Licensing Requirement



Course Description & Objectives

Indiana Jurisprudence, Ethics and Professional Responsibility for Dentists and Hygienists

Dentists and hygienists alike will enjoy the Indiana Dental Association (IDA) fast paced, entertaining session that fulfills your two-hour requirement for license renewal. The program will provide an opportunity for you to be updated on the new laws, test your knowledge; be reminded of your ethical code and walk through case study "sticky situations" every dental professional faces in practice.

IDA Has an up to date, insightful review of the Indiana practice acts and rules of the Board of Dentistry affecting your practice and patients. You will laugh and learn as you fulfill your Indiana State Board of Dentistry requirement.

By attending this course, you will complete the following learning objectives:

- Engaged in peer-to-peer discussions over dental specific legal and ethical situations
- Reviewed portions of the Indiana statutes and rules that relate to the practice of dentistry and hygiene
- Discussed the principles of ethics and code of professional conduct related to dentistry
- Reviewed applications to professional responsibilities of dentists and hygienists.

About the Speaker

Jay has been with the Indiana Dental Association since 2000, currently serving as Assistant Executive Director with over 29 years of experience as a not-for-profit association professional.

Jay coordinates membership, new dentists, dental practice and is liaison to the IU School of Dentistry, and IDA AIR leadership programming. He speaks across Indiana to dentists, staff, Association Executives, and nationally at the American Dental Association.

Jay is a nationally recognized Certified Associate Executive (CAE); holds a graduate MBA and has been recognized as the Indiana Association Professional of the Year by Indiana Society of Association Executives in 2005 and 2019. Indiana Dental Association recognized Jay with the Special Service Award for his work in leadership development and Mission of Mercy charitable dentistry project.

Jay is most proud of his darling wife, Martha and being married happily for 34 years. He delights in his adulting and growing family. He likes reading multiple books at the same time. He works out on C2 indoor rower and is attempting to row virtually around the world. He just passed 17 million meters, over 1/3rd of the way. He leads and teaches at Traders Point Christian Church and volunteers with Scouting Troop 202 in Carmel, IN.

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☐ FDDS Member Staff & Young Dentists - \$119

☐ Non-Member - \$209

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Trustee's Report



On March 13, the First District Dental Society held their annual Awards Ceremony. This is always a special event to honor dentists and dental personnel to thank them for all they do for our community. This year's recipients are:

Ms. Janie Kegel- Special Services Award

Janie has been a dental assistant for over 48 years. She is a very dedicated dental professional that is looked up to by her fellow co-employees as a leader. Janie spent countless hours volunteering as a dental assistant to serve the dental needs of children with Villages of Indiana Foster Care Program. Janie, also, spent many after work hours along with her employer dentist seeing patients in nursing homes. Congratulations on receiving this award and thank you for your time as a dedicated dental professional.

Dr. Jennifer E. Fehrenbacher- Maynard K. Hine Award

Jennifer has been a dental hygienist in the First District for nearly 20 years. She has dedicated most of her career to educating dental assistants and dental hygienists at the University of Southern Indiana. Her students speak very highly of her and have the utmost respect for her. She has spent her career mentoring and encouraging students to go into the field of dentistry because of her awareness of the need for our profession. She even received the Volunteer Mentor of the Year award in 2021. Congratulations Jennifer for this well-deserved award.



Dr. John Anoskey- Component Society Honor Dentist

John recently retired from private practice but continues to serve as a dentist on the St. Vincent Mobile Dental Unit. John has been a Past President for the First District. John has volunteered through the Evansville Christian Life Center and has gone on four separate medical/dental mission trips to Honduras during his career. The First District Dental Society is very proud to have John as our Component Society Honor Dentist.

Dr. Peter Wulff- Gish Community Dental Health Award

Peter is currently on the Executive Council for the First District Dental Society serving in an alternate delegate role. Peter has been a presenter/lecturer for CE for the First District several times. Peter has also served the Evansville community with his role as the lead dentist for the ECHO Community Dental Clinic for Vanderburgh County for the last 8 years. Congratulations Peter for receiving this award.



Dr. Kassidy Wolfe- Rising Star Award

Kassidy is currently serving the Executive Council of the First District in two roles. She is an Out-of-Town Council member as well as an alternate delegate. Kassidy is the current chair of the Young Dentist Committee. Kassidy helped develop the Mentor Me Program for the First District. She is also an Air Program graduate and serves on the Membership committee and the Governmental Affairs committee for the the Indiana Dental Association. Congratulations Kassidy on the well-deserved award.



Dr. Robert Janowski- President's Award

Bob served as president of the First District from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Bob has a soft-spoken type of leadership but demanded attention of everyone in the room. Bob was a great leader at getting things done timely and was able to solve problems on the fly. Bob is a very well-respected leader and very deserving of the President's award.



If you know of anyone who is serving dentistry and the community that you think deserves recognition, do not hesitate to contact Meagan Mitchell or myself. It is always enjoyable to see someone getting recognized for their hard work in the dental community.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patrick Tromley, DDS
First District Trustee

Congratulations
to all of our
Award
Recipients!

common oral PATHOLOGY

Featuring: Dr. Ashley Clark

Friday, October 17, 2025

The Evansville Country Club

3 CE HOURS / 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 8:30

3 Credit Hours!



Course Description & Objectives

This course is designed to inform the participant about various oral pathologic lesions of the oral cavity. The oral health care professional should be able to identify common lesions and understand how to manage patients with such conditions.

Objectives:

After completion of this course, the participant should be able to:

- Identify common lesions of the oral cavity during routine examination
- Determine how to properly manage patients presenting with various oral pathologic lesions
- Discuss the treatment plan and prognosis of various oral pathologic lesions with patients

About the Speaker

Dr. Ashley Clark is a board-certified oral pathologist currently serving as the President of CAMP Laboratory in Indianapolis, Indiana after a nearly decade-long career serving as an oral pathologist in academia. She is on the Professional Board for Oral Cancer Cause and Digital Dental Notes and the Advisory Board for General Dentistry. Dr. Clark has won several teaching awards, has provided over 200 continuing education courses, and has authored more than 50 publications and book chapters. She is a member of the American and International College of Dentists. For a free biopsy kit, please email aclark@camplaboratory.com.

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Registration for Common Oral Pathology (includes event and dinner)

- ☐ FDDS Member Dentist - \$199
- ☐ FDDS Member Staff & Young Dentists - \$179
- ☐ Non-Member - \$249

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SMILES SERVED: A WEEKEND OF FREE DENTAL CARE AT THE CLINIC

We're thrilled to share some exciting news from the clinic. Over the weekend of May 2-3, our team hosted a two-day dental outreach event in partnership with Send Relief and Serve Evansville. With the support of a passionate group of volunteers, including dentists, oral surgeons, hygienists, and community members, we were able to provide completely free dental care to 90 individuals in our community.

This event came together thanks to the generosity and vision of Dr. Austin Hixenbaugh, who approached us just six weeks prior with the idea. With his help, along with Natalie, our dedicated dental hygienist, the event came to life in a way that far exceeded expectations.

In addition to the care provided, Send Relief generously covered the cost of the supplies used throughout the weekend. We're also incredibly grateful to the Southwestern Indiana Oral Health Foundation, who is funding a brand-new **Caringa Digital Sensor (bitewing sensor)** that will significantly improve our ability to deliver timely, accurate imaging and dental care in the clinic moving forward.



"Together, we're building something beautiful."

The atmosphere at the clinic was something special, filled with energy, kindness, and teamwork. All new dentists served alongside three oral surgeons, and together, they created an environment that was welcoming and uplifting. Volunteers from Mt. Vernon, IL helped greet clients at the door, offering support, conversation, and encouragement as people waited for care.

Over the course of the weekend, a total of 90 patients received free, high quality dental care, many of whom had not seen a dentist in years. Across both days, our team performed an incredible 85 extractions, 23 exams, 33 restorations, and 2 consultations. Each patient walked away with not only relief from pain, but with dignity and confidence that comes from being truly cared for.

We're incredibly grateful to everyone who made this weekend possible, including those who served, those who donated, and those who cheered us on behind the scenes. Your involvement makes a lasting difference, one smile at a time.

Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to get involved. Together, we're building something beautiful.



BRIDGING THE GAP: PROVIDING DENTAL CARE THROUGH CHARITABLE

Thursday, November 6, 2025

The Evansville Country Club- Bay Room

2 CE HOURS / 6:30-8:30 pm

CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 6:00 pm

Partnerships

*Featuring: The Mobile
Dental Bus, ECLC, and
Donated Dental*

Course Description & Objectives

This continuing education course highlights the critical need for access to dental care among underserved and indigent populations in our community. Featuring presentations from three key charitable organizations-- **The Mobile Dental Bus, Evansville Christian Life Center, and Donated Dental Services (through the Dental Lifeline Network)** -- the course offers valuable insight into how dental professionals can contribute to improving oral health equity. Participants will learn about the missions, impact, and volunteer opportunities with each organization, and explore practical ways to integrate charitable care into their practices. The course also fulfills continuing education requirements for dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, while encouraging a deeper commitment to compassionate, community based care.

Mobile Dental Bus:

"25 Years on the Road to Health: The Impact of the Mobile Dental Clinic"

This session explores the ongoing need for pediatric dental care in underserved areas of Southern Indiana and how the Mobile Dental Clinic has addressed barriers like cost, transportation, and access for 25 years. With over 60,000 appointments, the clinic has improved school attendance, confidence, and overall health. The presentation ends with a call to action to support its continued impact through donations, advocacy, and community partnership.

Evansville Christian Life Center:

"A Look Inside the Evansville Christian Health Clinic"

Join us for an inspiring overview of the vital work happening at the Evansville Christian Health Clinic, with a focus on dental care, and highlights from the medical and pregnancy services also offered. We'll share real stories and impactful outcomes from recent years, explore the partnership with the Evansville Christian Life Center, and discuss opportunities for local dentists, staff, and community members to get involved. Attendees will also receive a newly published book filled with stories from the clinic's mission. Come learn how you can support and participate in this growing local outreach!

Dental Lifeline Network's Indiana Donated Dental Services (DDS)

"Changing Lives One Smile at a Time: Dr. Leila Alter and the Mission of Dental Lifeline Network- Indiana"

Dental Lifeline Network's Indiana Donated Dental Service (DDS) program for over 34 years has been serving seniors, people with disabilities, and medically fragile individuals, who would otherwise not receive care, with the support of the Indiana Dental Association. Volunteer dentists are asked to donate treatment for one patient a year, in their own offices. Volunteer dental labs also donate services, so dentists do not pay for lab work. Learn how easy DLN make it to give back to the community and change lives through the generosity of dental professionals. Presented by Dr. Leila Alter, DDS, Indiana Board President of DLN.

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Registration for Charitable Dentistry CE (includes event and dinner)

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Thank You for an Incredible Year

A message from our outgoing President

What a year it has been! Even as the days grow longer, it still seems that there isn't enough time to get everything done that needs to get done. I've been avoiding writing this message as it means the end of my term serving as your president, but it has been an honor.

I would like to give special thanks to all the speakers that made our events so successful throughout the year! We had a great round of presentations, and I hope that you all found the topics helpful and interesting. Thank you for your attendance, and for those that suggested topics we thank you for those suggestions!

I would also like to give a special thanks for Dr. Patrick Tromley our Trustee and our Executive Director Meagan Mitchell, without whom I would have floundered like a fish out of water! The work that you both put in to organize this group cannot be praised enough. I quite literally could not have done this work without you, so thank you very much!

I am excited to welcome Dr. Luke Keusch of Jasper as the President of the First District Dental Society for the 2025-2026 year. He is already hard at work developing a lineup of speakers, and you'll not find better learning opportunities anywhere in the Tri-State.

It has been a pleasure and an honor serving you all for the past year as the President of the First District Dental Society. I hope that you all enjoy a fabulous summer, and look forward to seeing you in the fall!

-Robert



"It has been a pleasure and an honor serving you all this past year."

FDDS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

DR. DYLAN NESTY



- **Hometown:**

I was born and raised in Brazil, IN and attended Northview High School

- **Where did you attend undergrad?**

I attended Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN. I received a Bachelor of Science degree while majoring in Biology.

- **Where did you attend dental school/speciality?**

I attended Indiana University School of Dentistry for dental school from 2018-2022. I then completed my residency training at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, IN from 2022-2024, serving as chief resident from 2023-2024.

- **What year did you graduate?**

I graduated from dental school in May 2022. After graduation I stayed in Indianapolis for my residency program. I graduated residency in July 2024.

- **If you weren't a dentist, what would you be doing?**

I would love to be a professional golfer! I play in a few leagues every week and every chance I can get. I enjoy the challenge and competition while spending time with friends.

- **If you were scheduled to be executed tomorrow, what would you eat for your last meal?**

My last meal would be St. Elmo's shrimp cocktail to start, followed by a bone-in filet (medium rare) with herb butter and mushrooms, a twice baked potato, Caesar salad, and tiramisu for dessert.

- **What is your favorite vacation spot?**

My favorite vacation spot is Gulf Shores, Alabama. My family has been traveling there ever since I was born and I have many great memories of the Gulf. I am also a huge Alabama fan (Roll Tide!) so overall the state is special to me.

- **What are your hobbies?**

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, cooking/grilling, golfing, playing pickleball, and trying new coffee shops.

- **Do you have a spouse or significant other?**

I am married to my beautiful wife, Kaitlin Nesty. Kaitlin is an optometrist in the Evansville/Newburgh area, working with a large MD/OD practice. We met each other while attending Indiana State and have been inseparable ever since. I am lucky to enjoy life with her and make memories along the way.

- **Do you have children or pets?**

We have a 5-year-old Vizsla named Murphy, and a 7-year-old cat named Coco. Murphy is a bird dog and loves all things outdoors, pup cups, and chasing his bright orange ball. We currently do not have any kids but hope to extend our family in the future.

Meet Your New Executive Council

The First District Dental Society is pleased to introduce the Executive Council elected this past February. These dedicated professionals will officially begin their term on July 1, bringing with them a strong commitment to leadership, collaboration, and the advancement of our profession.

As they prepare to step into their roles, the incoming council is focused on building community, supporting our members, and continuing the important work of those who served before them.

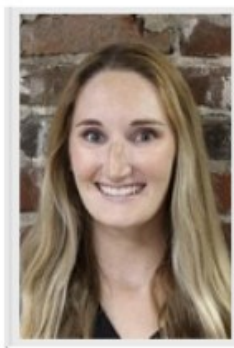
We look forward to a great year ahead under their guidance and invite all members to connect, engage, and help shape the future of the Society.



Dr. Luke Keusch
President



Dr. Alesia Brown
President-Elect



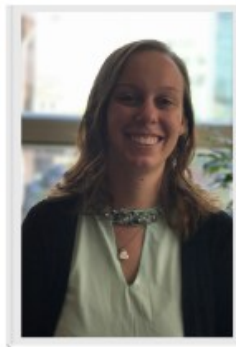
Dr. Kassidy Wolfe
Vice President



Dr. Sarah Buedel
Treasurer



Dr. Patrick Tromley
Trustee



Meagan Mitchell
Secretary/Executive Director

Thank You to Our Outgoing Executive Council

The First District Dental Society extends its heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing Executive Council for their dedicated service and leadership. Your commitment to advancing the dental profession and supporting our members has been invaluable.

Through your guidance, we have navigated challenges, embraced opportunities, and continued to uphold the highest standards in dental care and professional development. We appreciate the time, energy, and passion you brought to every meeting, decision, and initiative.

Thank you for your service—you leave a legacy of excellence and community that will inspire future leaders of the Society.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

FEATURING KAY MADDOX, RN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

THE EVANSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB BALLROOM

2 CE HOURS / 8:30-10:30 AM / CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 8:00 AM
BREAKFAST BUFFET WILL BE SERVED

2 CEs for
Licensing Requirement



Course Description & Objectives

This presentation will guide dental health teams through OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens Standards, Hazardous Chemical Standards and Infection Control. Participants will understand how to use SDS documents, how to create a Worksite Hazard Assessment List and how to manage BBP exposures.

Participants will be able to:

- Review of Universal Precautions and PPE
- Manage Necessary Documents & Recordkeeping
- Implementing a Respiratory Protection Program
- Show Evidence of Safe Disposal Practices

About the Speaker

Kay Maddox is a graduate of Indiana University School of Nursing with 50 years of experience in nursing and adult education. She has lectured to dental organizations and IDA Component Societies on OSHA Compliance and Infection Control for more than thirty-five years. She has also presented at the IDA's annual Midwest Dental Assembly Conference.

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Registration Form for Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA) (2 CEs to meet licensing requirement)

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APPLYING ADVANCE ADHESION KNOWLEDGE

Featuring: Dr. Jose-Luis Ruiz

Friday, February 6, 2026

The Evansville Country Club- Ballroom

7 CE HOURS / 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 7:30

7 Credit Hours!



Applying Advance Adhesion Knowledge to Achieve Esthetic and Predictable Direct Anterior and Posterior Composites Restorations, including Rehabilitation

The goal of a responsible clinician is to provide his or her patients with functional, long lasting, and esthetically pleasing anterior and posterior restorations, in the most conservative and bio-compatible fashion; direct composites can be technique sensitive, difficult, time consuming and often financially unrewarding procedures; this may, in large part, be due to the incorrect use of new materials. Some of the new material require a completely new approach, if we are going to be successful with them. Dr. Ruiz presents a completely new, scientifically based, approach to tooth preparation and restoration of the most widely performed procedures in dentistry direct composites, using supra-gingival principles.

Dr. Ruiz will review the latest knowledge in advance adhesion, techniques, materials, and will review the principles necessary to perform exquisite, predictable and simple, direct anterior and posterior composite restorations, including rehabilitation with direct composite.

Learning Objective

- Describe new preparation techniques which maximize success and minimize complications, using supra-gingival principles
- Describe a predictable and simple technique for placing composite, with ideal marginal seal, managing the effects of polymerization shrinkage
- Identify the different composite resins and bonding systems by category and describe when and how to use them.
- Identify the principle of form, texture, color and the use of stains to perform beautiful composite restorations.
- Fully understand adhesives (bonding systems) and how to be successful with them.
- Describe the different matrix, wedge, and ring system and when to use them.
- Identify the principle of smile design necessary to perform beautiful composite veneers and much more...

About the Speaker

Dr. Ruiz is founder of the "Supra-gingival Minimally Invasive Dentistry" movement, as well as founder and director of the **Los Angeles Institute of Clinical Dentistry**. Former Course Director of numerous CE Courses at the University of Southern California (**USC**). He is an Honorary Clinical Professor at **Warrick University in England** and a member of the editorial board for **Dentistry Today**. He is also an Associate Instructor at Dr. Gordan **Christensen PCC** in Utah & an independent evaluator of dental products for **CR (CRA)**. **Dr. Ruiz has been named as one of the "Leaders in CE 2006-Present" by Dentistry Today.**

Dr. Ruiz is the author of the textbook "Supra-gingival Minimally Invasive Dentistry; A Healthier Approach" published by Wiley-Blackwell and edited by Dr. Ray Bertolotti and has also published **several research papers** as well as many clinical articles on adhesive dentistry, occlusion and esthetic dentistry. He regularly **lectures at all major dental meetings, nationally and internationally.**

Dr. Ruiz has been practicing in the studio district of Los Angeles for over 25 years and enjoys a clientele of many stars and entertainers. His focus os on treating complex Cosmetic, Rehabilitation, and Implant cases.

Dr. Ruiz has made numerous television appearances highlighting his Esthetic Dental makeovers, including **NBC Channel 4 News, ABC's News, Good Morning America & Vista La, VH1 and Channel 52's Telemundo and 34 Univision.**

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FDDS HONORED WITH 2025 IDPAC DR. RUSSELL L. HEYDE LEGACY COMPONENT AWARD

We are proud to announce that the First District Dental Society has been named the 2025 recipient of the IDPACE Dr. Russell L. Heyde Legacy Component Award, recognizing our outstanding achievements in political advocacy on behalf of the dental profession.

This prestigious honor was presented during the Indiana Dental Association's Midwest Dental Assembly Awards Ceremony held on Thursday, May 15, 2025. The award is given annually by the Indiana Dental Political Action Committee (IDPAC) to a local dental society that demonstrates exceptional commitment to advancing dentistry through advocacy and engagement at the legislative level.

Named in honor Dr. Russell L. Heyde, a passionate advocate for organized dentistry and legislative action, this award reflects the enduring values of leadership, collaboration, and civic responsibility.

The First District's success in earning this recognition is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and unity of our members, who have engaged in grassroots advocacy, supported pro-dentistry legislation, and worked tirelessly to ensure the voice of dental professionals is heard at every level of government.

We share this honor with every member who has participated in legislative outreach, contributed to IDPAC, or taken time to be an informed and active advocate. Your efforts make a difference-- not just for the profession today, but for its future.

Thank you for your commitment, and congratulations to all First District members on this well-deserved recognition!



THANK YOU TO OUR DELEGATES AND TRUSTEE

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our delegates, alternate delegates, and Trustee for proudly representing our region at the Annual Midwest Dental Assembly held in French Lick, Indiana. Your dedication and service are vital to advancing oral health across our state and beyond.

Your thoughtful participation helps shape important decisions impacting the future of dentistry in Indiana. We are grateful for your time, insights, and leadership.



Left to Right: Sarah Buedel, Jacob Rexing, Patrick Tromley, Mark Sitzman, Mary Miles, Mike Wolf, and Luke Keusch



A VISION REALIZED:

USI DENTAL HYGIENE SCHOLARSHIP FUND OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

The Southwestern Indiana Oral Health Foundation is proud to announce the official funding of a scholarship endowment to benefit students in the University of Southern Indiana's Dental Hygiene program. Beginning the 2027-2028 academic year, scholarships will be awarded to eligible students who meet specific criteria set by the Foundation in collaboration with USI.

The scholarship is designed to support second-year Dental Hygiene students who demonstrate financial need, reside within the First District area, and are committed to professional development. Recipients will also attend a continuing education event hosted by FDDS and share how the scholarship has impacted their educational journey and future career in oral health.

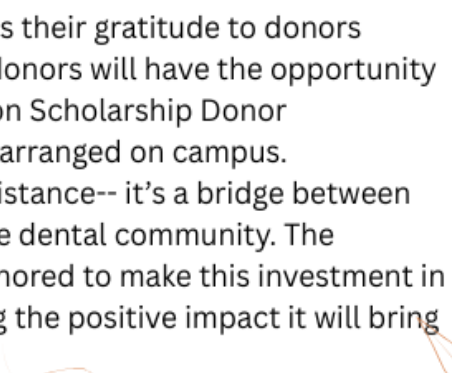
This initiative reflects the Foundation's mission to invest in the next generation of dental professionals, support oral health education in Southwestern Indiana, and strengthen the future of the dental community in our region.

A Lasting Investment in Students

The endowment was created following the USI Foundation's guidelines, which allow for long-term sustainability through investment earnings. With an initial gift of \$12,500, the endowment will provide a perpetual annual scholarship of approximately \$531, supporting students every year. Should additional contributions be made to the fund-- up to \$25,000 or more-- the annual award amount will grow up to \$1,000 per year!

Connecting Donors and Recipients

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The Southwestern Indiana Oral Health Foundation is proud to announce the official funding of a scholarship endowment to benefit students in the University of Southern Indiana's Dental Hygiene program. Beginning this academic year, scholarships will be awarded to eligible students who meet specific criteria set by the Foundation in collaboration with USI.

The scholarship is designed to support second-year Dental Hygiene students who demonstrate financial need, reside within the First District area, and are committed to professional development. Recipients will also attend a continuing education event hosted by FDDS and share how the scholarship has impacted their educational journey and future career in oral health.

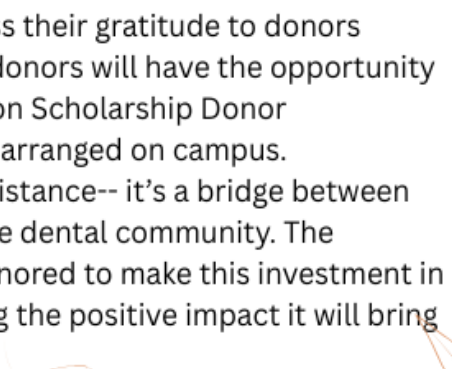
This initiative reflects the Foundation's mission to invest in the next generation of dental professionals, support oral health education in Southwestern Indiana, and strengthen the future of the dental community in our region.

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