

Indiana University School of Dentistry

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The only dental school in Indiana, **Indiana University School of Dentistry** (IUSD), is located on the IUPUI campus in downtown Indianapolis.

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History

Under the leadership of Dean John N. Williams since June 2010, the school is located at the center of Indiana, and in the heart of Indianapolis. It is part of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), one of eight campuses in the IU system. IUPUI is a fast-growing campus situated just a few blocks from Monument Circle in downtown "Indy".

IUPUI shares its location on the near west side of the city with the Indiana University Medical Center. Many of the dental school's faculty members have established strong collaborative ties with physicians and other scientists in the medical center facilities, which are just across the street from the school.

During the 2010-11 academic year, 693 students pursued seven types of degree and/or certificate programs in dental assisting, dental hygiene, dentistry, and graduate dentistry. In addition, three other IU campuses (in Gary, South Bend, and Fort Wayne) offer certificates and degrees in allied dental programs.

Alumni

The IU dental school has more than 11,000 living alumni. They are pursuing careers throughout the United States and in more than 30 other countries. The IU Alumni Association counts dentistry among its most supportive groups. IU grads have been named to prestigious leadership posts in organized dentistry and in dental education throughout the world. For example, alumna Carol I. Turner (DDS'75) was appointed chief of the U.S. Navy Dental Corps in 2003, becoming the first woman to hold the Navy's top position in dentistry; Ronald Zentz (DDS'85) is senior director of the American Dental Association's Council on Scientific Affairs; and Stephen Ralls (M'81 Periodontics) is executive director of the American College of Dentists.

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Motto	Always Striving for Simply the Best
Established	1879 as the Indiana Dental College, acquired by Indiana University in 1925
Type	public coeducational
Endowment	UNKNOWN
Dean	Dr. John N. Williams Jr.
Students	655 Students in all disciplines
Location	Indianapolis, IN, USA
Campus	urban: 512 acres (2.07 km²)
Website	www.iusd.iupui.edu (http://www.iusd.iupui.edu)

Cheating episode

In May 2007, the Indiana University School of Dentistry disciplined 46 dental students for cheating, according to the *Indianapolis Star*.^[1] The *Star* initially reported that nine students were dismissed, 16 were suspended for periods ranging from three to twenty-four months and 21 students received letters of reprimand.^[1] However, all of the dismissals were reversed and most of the suspensions decreased after the student appeals were finalized.

The incident “involved the unauthorized acquisition, sharing and use of passwords to enter electronically locked image files meant only for examinations,” according to a memo written by Dean Lawrence Goldblatt, which the Indianapolis Star obtained.^[1] Dr. Goldblatt's memorandum states that the scandal involved the school's second-year class, the dental class of 2009.^[1] The alleged violation involved the unauthorized acquisition, sharing, and use of passwords to enter electronically locked image files that were intended only for examinations.^[1] The memorandum states that the investigation took approximately two months to complete.^[1] According to Dr. Goldblatt, all “[s]tudents receiving any of the sanctions. . . have the right to appeal the decision to the School of Dentistry Faculty Council Executive Committee. . . within five working days of their official notice of the sanction.”^[1]

Twenty-three students challenged the disciplinary determinations made by the Faculty Council at its May 4, 2007 meeting. During the appeal process, the school reversed each and every dismissal. Hence, no students will be dismissed as a result of this scandal. The following are the final sanctions imposed against the class: 24 students suspended ranging from three months to twenty-four months. An additional 18 students received letters of reprimand.

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