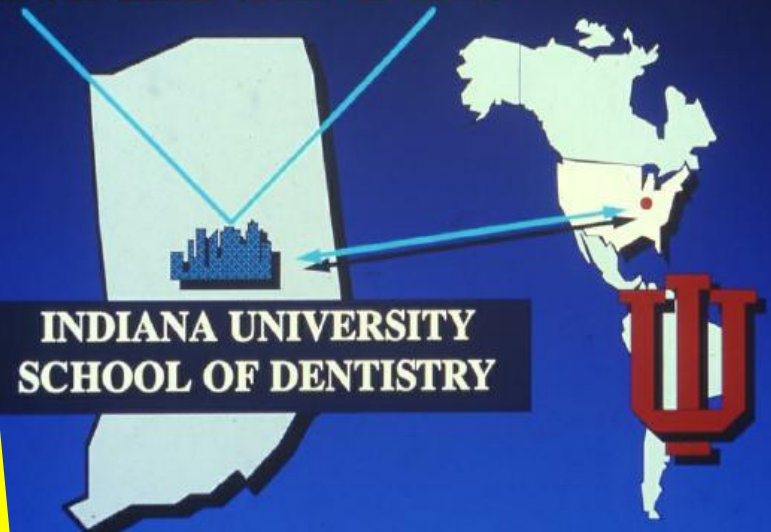




# INDIANAPOLIS



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY**



# *Program*

*Intro: Dr Bruce Matis, Faculty*

*Scott Thompson 4<sup>th</sup> year student*

*Video: Associate Dean, Admissions*

*Dean of IUSD*

*Student Perspective of Life at IUSD*

*Faculty Perspective on Admissions*

*Questions and Hopefully Answers*

# Highway to Dentistry



# My Perspective of the Dental Experience

- BYU-Idaho



- Boise State



# Extracurricular Activities



# Cost of Living

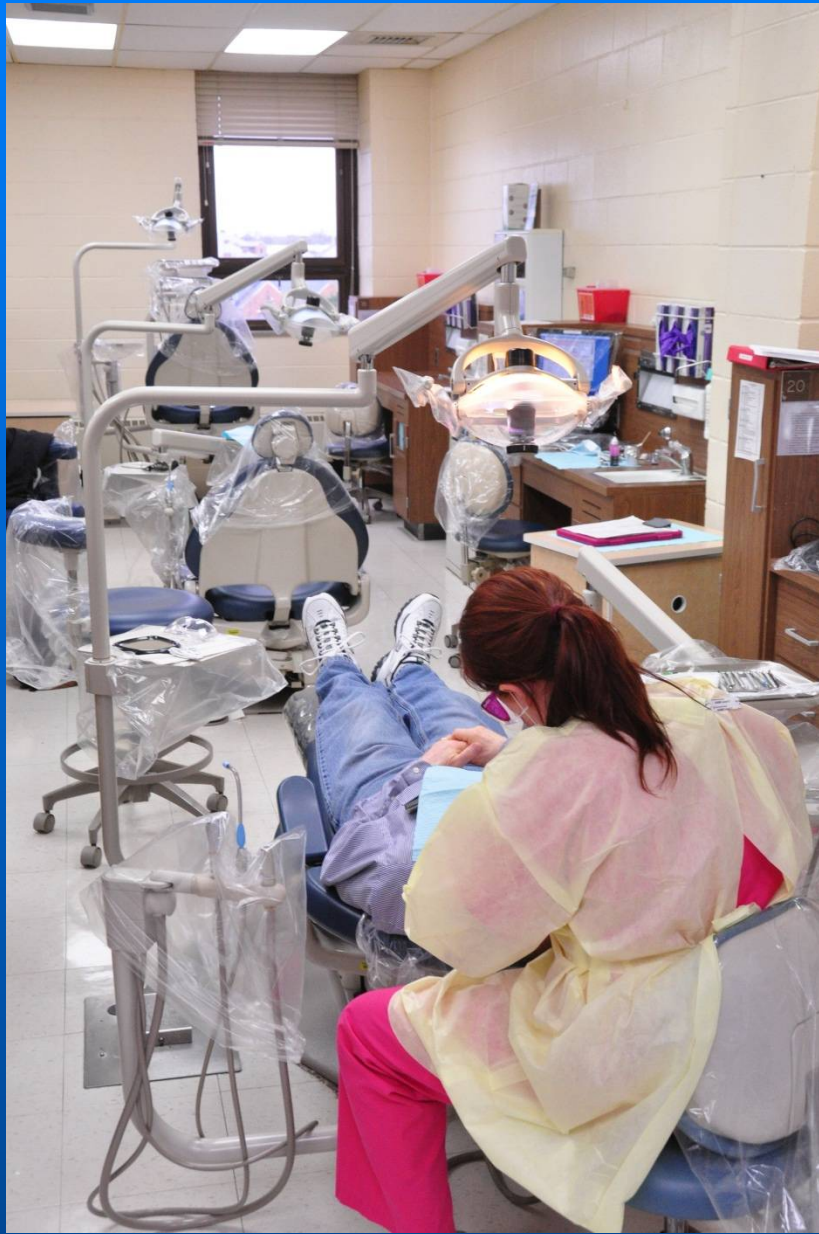
100=national average  
Cost of Living  
Indexes

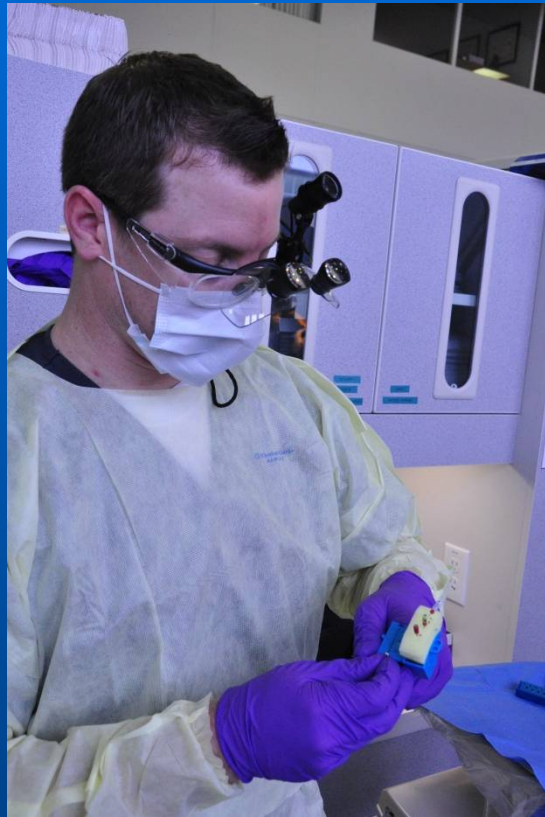
	Indianapolis	Salt Lake City
Overall	91	103
Food	96	96
Housing	70	131
Utilities	111	74
Transportation	96	96
Health	102	96
Miscellaneous	96	94

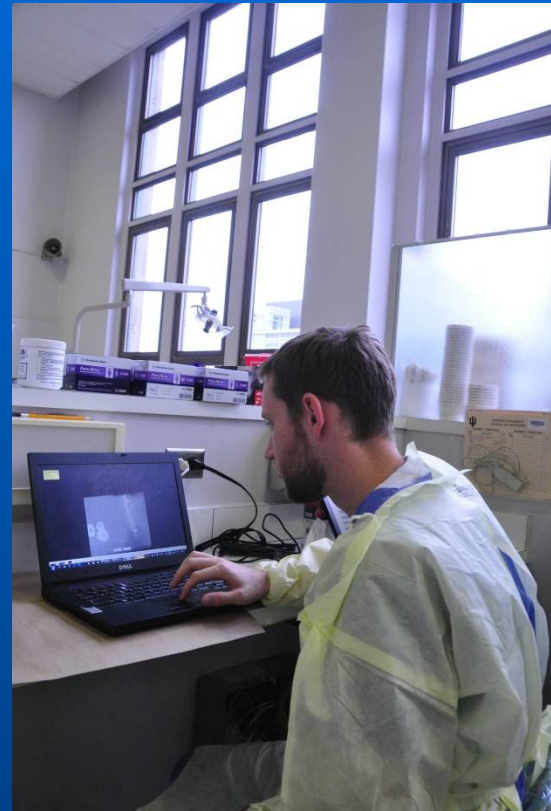
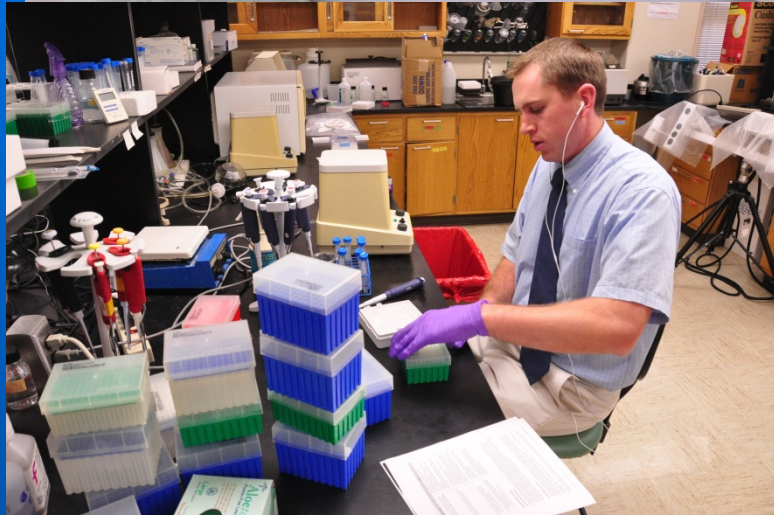














# *Why Dentistry?*

*Family Life*

*Good Income*

*Good Status*

*People Friendly*

*(continued)*

*Health Promotion  
Service Outreach  
Time Control (Own Boss)  
Creative (Science and Art)  
Interesting/Challenging*

# *Why Dentistry?*

*One of the ten most trusted and ethical professions in the United States.*

*Dentists enjoy unusual loyalty among their patients.*



## *Another Advantage*

*Dentistry is not generally subject to the effects of managed care and reductions in federal funding that have affected other health care professions*

# *Dentistry*

<i>Total Dentists in US (2008)</i>	<i>181,774</i>
<i>Dentists/Population Ratio</i>	<i>1/1763</i>
<i>Previous highest number</i>	<i>6,000/year</i>
<i>Present number graduating</i>	<i>4,800</i>
<i>Present number retiring</i>	<i>5,800</i>

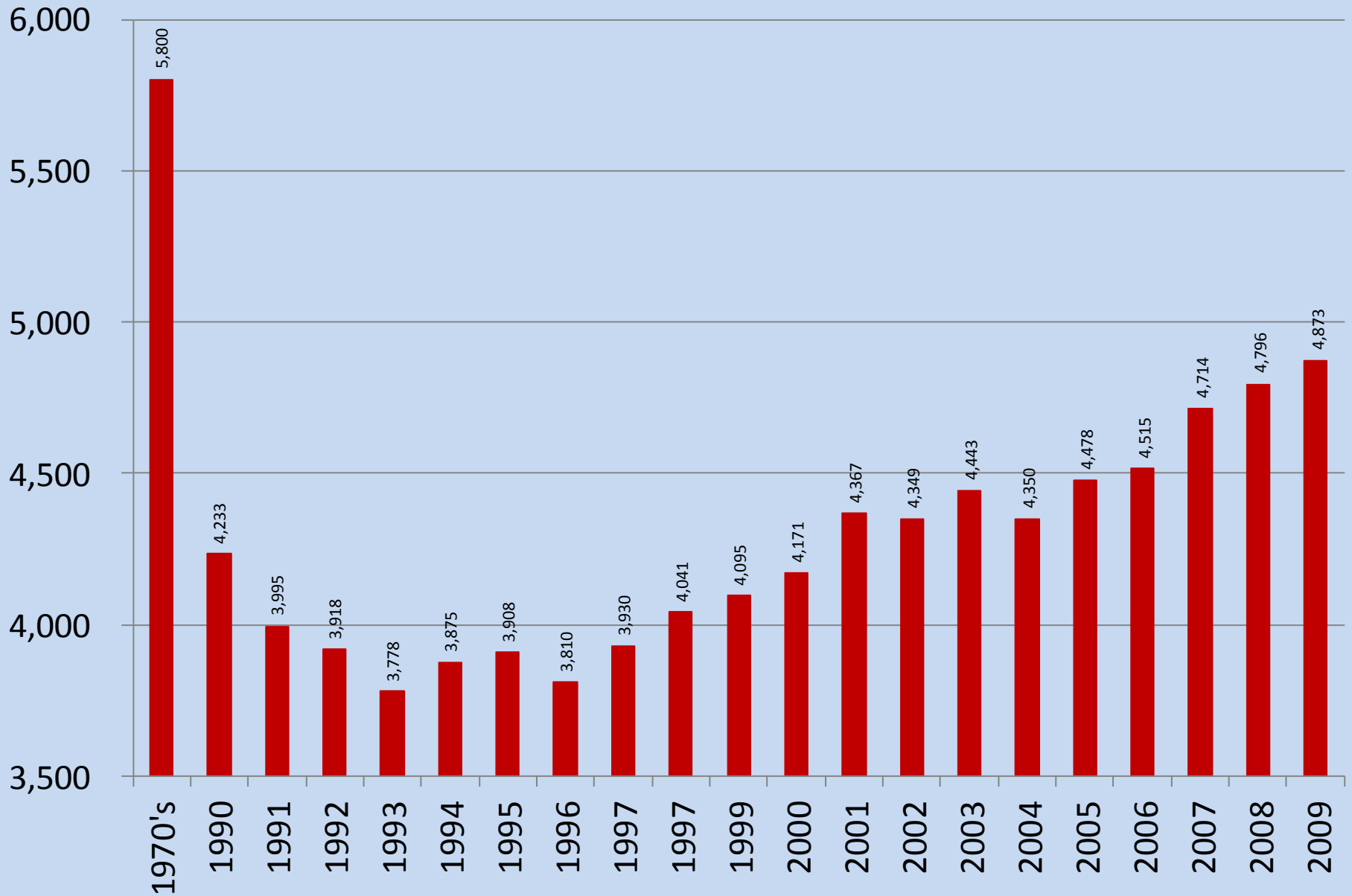
# *Dentistry*

*Eight new start-up dental schools  
Programs for foreign dentists expanding*

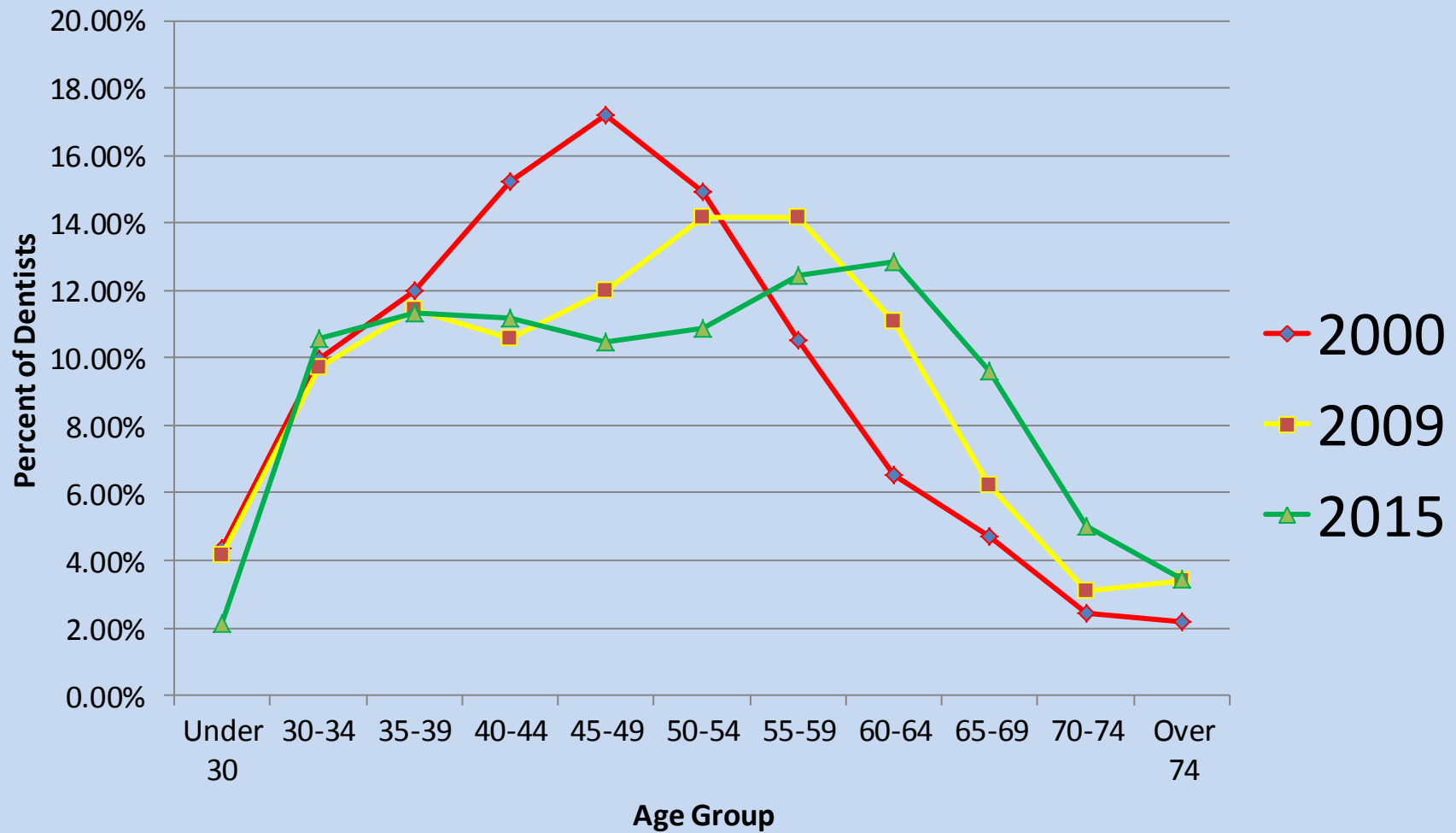
*One of those is Roseman College of Dental  
Medicine, located in South Jordan, UT*

*Enrollment is 80 students, going to 100.*

## Dental School Graduates 1970's-2009



# Percentage Age Distribution of Professionally Active Dentists in 2000, 2009 and the Projected Distribution in 2015



# *Application*

*61 Dental schools in country*

*APPLY EARLY in June*

*Apply selectively-Special schools*

*State of residence*

*Special reason for applying*

*LOR 2 Profs, 1-Lay or committee*

*Personal statement is very important*

## *Where to Apply*

*All schools have their relative strengths. A dental school ideally suited for one applicant might not be appropriate for another.*

*ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools (2011)*

# *Why IUSD*

*Strong Clinical Program*

*Graduate Programs*

*Plenty of Patients*

*Reasonable Cost of Living*

*Friendly Studentbody*

*Strong LDS Community (40)*



# *How to do it*

*Send application to AADSAS (EARLY)*

*AADSAS notifies school it is accurate*

*We screen and evaluate application*

*We send out invitation for interview*

# *Personal Statement*

*Why you want to go into dentistry*

*What have you done to demonstrate  
interest in dentistry*

*Commitment to helping others*

*Special leadership skills*

*Research experience*

*Overcome hardships or obstacles already*

*Developed cultural awareness*

# *Applications in US*

*Applicant pool* 12,210

*Enrollees* 4,871

*Major not important*

*Biological Sciences* 53%

# *Dental Aptitude Test (DAT)*

*Take after basic Biology and Chemistries*

*Kaplan prepares one for test*

*Most get books/CD Rom but don't take  
course*

*Retake 90 days after previous one*

*Remember scores can go down*

*Do it right the first time*

# *IUSD Interviews*

*Two faculty and one student interviews*

*Time for you to put your best foot forward*

*-Be honest*

*-Be positive/passionate about dentistry*

*-Be knowledgeable about school*

*-Be inquisitive-ask questions on their  
statements*

*Lasts 20 minutes!*

# *Interview Score*

*The interview score represents a holistic appraisal of an applicant (excluding academic background), including life experiences, volunteerism, community involvement, manual dexterity and knowledge of and experience in dentistry.*

*Minimum hours observing: 40*

# *IUSD Interview Scores*

*4- Excellent, Strongly Recommend*

*3- Good, Recommend*

*2- Average, Recommend/Reservations*

*1- Below Average/ Not Recommended*

# *Admissions Committee*

*28 faculty members on committee*

*All students ranked with composite score*

*1) Interview Score*

*2) Science and Cumulative GPA*

*3) DAT, especially RC (Reading) and  
PAT (Perception Aptitude)*

*Student with highest composite score is  
considered first then second etc.*



# *Admissions Process*

*Chairman reads name of applicant  
Someone has to nominate person to  
enter Class of 2017*

*Nomination must be seconded*

*Nomination is open for discussion*

*Vote >50% Yes, student accepted*

*>50% No, student not accepted,  
but name will remain on list*

# *Admissions*

*Most schools notify students on Dec 1*

*Students who are accepted:*

*In state- 4 of 5 who are accepted, accept*

*Out of state- 1 of 4 who are accepted,  
accept*

*Alternates notified until July*

# *Ten Characteristics of a Successful Applicant*

*(Dave Letterman Style)*

- 10. Demonstrates a passion for dentistry*
- 9. Balances multiple priorities*
- 8. Has a meaningful research project*
- 7. Demonstrates leadership in initiative*
- 6. Demonstrates ethical values and  
professional stature*
- 5. Has strong letters of recommendation*

4. *Has familiarity with school and its strengths*
3. *Knows strengths and fit of school*
2. *Demonstrates clear career goals*
1. *Applies early and to more than one school*

*Am Dent Edu Assoc*

# *Applications and Acceptances at IUSD*

<i>Applicants: Total</i>	<i>1667</i>	
<i>In-state</i>	<i>191</i>	<i>Int 128</i>
<i>Out-of-state</i>	<i>1,476</i>	<i>Int 316</i>
<i>Accepted: Total</i>	<i>102</i>	
<i>In-state</i>	<i>72</i>	
<i>Out-of-state</i>	<i>30</i>	
<i>Gender: Females 52; Males 52</i>		

# *Characteristics of entering class at IU in 2010*

*Age: 24 (19-40)*

*Education: 3 y-3; 4 y-6; BA 72%, MS 20%*

*Mean DAT: AA-19 (17-24)*

*PAT-19.3 (16-24)*

*Mean GPA: Total-3.60 (2.62-4.24)*

*Sci-3.55 (2.47-4.24)*

# *Acceptances from Utah Schools (2010)*

<i>Louisville</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>USC</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Creighton</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Tufts</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Midwestern</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Virginia Com</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Temple</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Marquette</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Nevada</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Indiana</i>	<i>3 (40)</i>
<i>Pacific</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Loma Linda</i>	<i>3</i>

# *Financial*

<i>Net income for Gen Dent</i>	<i>\$207,201</i>
<i>Net income for specialists</i>	<i>\$342,270</i>
<i>Cost of attending in-state</i>	<i>\$58,000</i>
<i>Cost of attending out-of-state</i>	<i>\$ 89,000</i>
<i>IU indebtedness/2010 grad</i>	<i>\$219,000</i>

*Cost of living in Indy 20,000/year*  
*Money available, but be careful in loan*



# *Income*

*A dentist's average income is in the highest 5% of U.S. family income, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.*

# *Financial*

*For every \$10,000 you owe, it can be another \$110 in monthly payments.*

*Borrow only the amount you need!*

# *Dental Specialties*

*The majority of the 181,774 practicing dentists today are general practitioners.*

*The remainder (about 20%) are dental specialists who limit their practices to one of the nine ADA recognized dental specialties.*

# *Specialty Training*

*Difficulty to enter depends on program*

*Top 10% Orthodontics, Endodontics,  
Oral Surgery, Pathology*

*Top 30% Prosthodontics, Periodontics  
Pediatric, Radiology, Public Health*

*Helps—Research, work in Department  
Decide after 2<sup>nd</sup> year in school*

# *Military considerations*

- Obligation 1 year service/year sponsored*
- Spouse has to be on board*
- Debt reduced 95%*
- Less stress during training*
- Sure job after graduation*

## *What if I do not get in!*

- Practice interview skills*
- Score most easy to change is DAT*
- Work in a dental office*
- Enroll in Pre-Professional Master of Science Degree in Biology*
  - a 1 year non-thesis program*

*We welcome you to*  
*Indiana University*  
*School of Dentistry*

# Matis Family





*Thank You*

*Question  
and  
Answer Time*