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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY DR. ROBERT JANOWSKI

Greetings fellow First District Dental Society Members. As we proceed with 2024, Spring is here! Time for many of you to polish up your golf clubs and get out on the links. As for me, I'm looking forward to taking my bicycle off the indoor trainer and getting it ready for those 100 mile Saturday rides.

As most of you already know, our final meeting for the Spring, "Dinner with the Dean" was reshceduled for Septmeber 5, 2024. Due to an unforseen scheduling conflict, IUSD Dean Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch could not make the April meeting. It will be exciting to have the Dean start off our meeting schedule for the Fall. We did have very informative presentations to start this year with Kay Maddox on OSHA, (even though it was via Zoom due to Kay recovering from hip surgery in January), followed by Dr. Kelly Jastremski on Dental Partnership Organizations in February and in March which turned out to be our final meeting for the Spring. Dentsply/Sirona Team presented on "Modern Digital Dentistry Workflow".



Licenses were renewed on March 1, 2024, so even though the FDDS CE meetings are completed for the Spring, now is the perfect time to get a jump on CE credits for the next license renewal on March 1, 2026. The IDA conference was held in beautiful Southern Indiana at French Lick, on May 16-18.

That should wrap things up for the Spring FDDS session. Hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Summer and looking forward to seeing everyone in the Fall when we resume in September 2024.

)r. Robert Janowski

Respectfully,

# Trustee Report: First District Election Results 2024

During the first two weeks of January, our Executive Director, Meagan Mitchell, organized our First District election and sent it out to the entire district for voting through Google. After the election, the votes were tallied, and the following are the results. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for this very important election. Thank you to all who were elected for volunteering your time to serve the First District to keep it running smoothly.



- Immediate Past-President: Robert Janowski
- · President: Robert Shumate
- President-Elect: Luke Kuesch
- · Vice President: Alesia Brown
- Secretary: Meagan Mitchell (ED)
- Treasurer: Sarah Buedel
- In Town Executive Council: Logan Wedding and Adam Lottes (hold over)
- Out of Town Executive Council: Kassidy Wolfe and Adam Guth (hold over)
- Trustee: Patrick Tromley (3rd year of 3-year term)
- Delegates: Mark Sitzman, John Greif, Austin Hixenbaugh, Sarah Buedel, and Mary Miles
- Alternate Delegates: Mike Wolf, Crunchy Wells, Kassidy Wolfe, Alesia Brown, Aditi Jindal, Peter Wulff, and Luke Kuesch

\*\*The above officers, council members, delegates and alternate delegates will take office from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025



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# Trustee Report: First District Award Winners 2024

Each year the First District nominates candidates for Speciatly Awards for the Indiana Dental Association. Even if the candidate does not become the recipient of the award on the IDA level, that person is still honored the following year at the First District's Award Ceremony. It is awesome to be able to honor the following people who volunteer their time and efforts for the First District and the community. Often these efforts are unspoken and go unnoticed.

This year's recipients, that were honored at the Evansville Country Club on February 8, 2024, are:

# Component Society Honor Dentist- Michael V. Ellis, DDS

Mike practiced dentistry in Holland, IN for 27 years. Mike graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1971. Mike is a member of the American Dental Association, the Indiana Dental Association, the First District Dental Society and is a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry. Mike served the Navy from Early commission in 1967 while in dental school and 2 years active duty (1971-73). He served 33 years as an Active Reservist, retiring in 2006. Mike recently retired from dentistry in 2019 after suffering a severe stroke. The First District would like to honor Dr. Mike Ellis as our Component Society Honor Dentist.

### Rising Star Award- Sarah Buedel, DDS, MSD

Sarah has practiced as an orthodontist in the Evansville area since 2020. She graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 2018. She received her Master of Science in Dentistry with a Certificate of Orthodontics from Indiana University in 2020. Sarah is a member of the American Dental Association, the Indiana Dental Associatin and the First District Dental Society, as well as the American Association of Orthodontists and the American Board of Orthodontics. Sarah is on the Executive Council of the FIrst District Dental Society and will serve as the Treasurer next year. She has served as a delegate for the Indiana Dental Association for the last 2 years. Sarah has quickly become a promising leader in our dental community. Congratulation Sarah on receiving this award!





### Leadership Award- Michal C. Wolf, DDS

Mike has practiced general dentistry in Evansville for over 23 years. Mike is a member of the American Dental Association, the Indiana Dental Association, the First District Dental Society. Mike is a past president of the First District

Dental Society. Mike has served in the Indiana Dental Association House of

Delegates as a delegate/alternate delegate for several years. Mike was a tremendous leader in the role of President for the First District. Mike was extremely organized and was not the least bit hesitant when piecing together his continuing education series during his presidential year. Congratulations Mike for receiving this well-deserved honor!



## IDA Maynard K. Hine Award- Robin Lannert, RDH

Robin graduated from Indiana State University of Evansville in 1983 with an Associate of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene. Robin has practiced dental hygiene in the Evansville area for over 40 years. Robin received the Maynard K. Hine Award at the Midwest Dental Assembly last May. We are now honoring Robin on the First District level as our award winner. Robin has served the indigent care population in our community at the Evansville Christian Health Clinic and has volunteered her time as a dental hygienist on missions in Belize, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, and Myanmar. Congratulations Robin for going above and beyond in the field of dentistry. You have definitely earned this award.



# Gish Community Dental Health Award- Alesia Brown, DMD

Alesia graduated from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 1998. She has practiced general dentistry in Poseyville, IN for over 25 years. In addition to running a general dental practice, she also has a dental sleep medicine practice. Alesia is member of the American Dental Association, the Indiana Dental Association, the First District Dental Society, and the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. Alesia began volunteering at Impact Christian Health Ministry very early on in her career, volunteering many hours toward the cause. She has volunteered in every "Dental Blitz" that we have had in our area. Alesia is very deserving of this Community Dental Health Award. Congratulation Alesia!



## Special Services Award- Jacqueline Wiggins

Jackie began her career as a dental assistant working in Poseyville, IN in 1968 with Drs. Robert and James Hammelman and now in that same practice with Dr. Alesia Brown, in total over 56 years. She has worked right alongside of Dr. Brown volunteering as dental assistant at Impact Ministries and Evansville Christian Health Ministries for the last 22+ years. Congratulations, Jackie, on a long successful career in dentistry and for this Special Services Award.



## President's Award- Crunchy Wells, DMD

Dr. Crunchy Wells had a lot of obstacles in her road as she served as President of the First District Dental Society. Just as her presidency began, her son, Rieser, suffered a head injury from an ATV accident. Crunchy somehow persevered through that tragedy and provided us with her leadership. Crunchy organized and carried out a unique and wide range of continuing education for our district. Crunchy, thank you for your time and leadership in serving in the role of President this past year!

It is awesome to be able to honor the following people who volunteer their time and efforts for the First District and the community.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patrick A. Tromley DDS

First District Trustee





The Young Dentists
Committee attended an
Evansville Thunderbolts
Hockey Match sponsored
by Old National Bank on
March 1, 2024. It was a great
evening to gather with
colleagues and their
families.



The Delegation representing the First District Dental Society at the Midwest Dental Assembly on May 17-19





# FIRST DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024-2025





# **September 19, 2024**

"Dinner with the Dean: IU School of Dentistry" (2 CEs)
Presented by Dr. Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch



# October 4, 2024

"Oral Pathology Symposium" (6 CEs)
Presented by: Dr. Angela Ritchie and Dr. Juan Yepes



# November 14, 2024

Topic TBA (2 CEs)
Dr. Peter Wulff



# **January 24, 2025**

"OSHA and Ethics Symposium"
Presented by: Kay Maddox and Jay Dziwlik



# February 14, 2025

"Valentines Day Steak Dinner"

# Congratulations to Dr. Kassidy Wolfe

Congratulations to Dr.
Kassidy Wolfe for receiving the Raymond Maddox Legacy Award given in appreciation to a new dentist showing excellence in advocacy for oral health. Kassidy was also awarded a plaque for graduating from the IDA's AIR (Acceptance, Inclusion and Respect) Program for leadership. We are so proud of Dr. Wolfe!





# Dinner with the Dean

FEATURING DR. CAROL ANNE MURDOCH-KINCH (Dean of IU School of Dentistry)

THURSDAY, September 5, 2024 Venue 812, 1401 N. Boeke Rd, Evansville, IN

2 CE HOURS / 6:00-8:00 PM / CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 5:30 PM



# Course Description & Objectives

## What's New at Indiana University's School of Dentistry?

## Join us for an evening the includes up-to-date info on:

- The school's latest accreditation
- · Construction update on the old parts of the dental school building
- · Future plans for the dental clinic in the Stone Center here in Evansville

# About the Speaker

Dr. Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch previously served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Dr. Walter H. Swartz, Professor of Integrated Special Care Dentistry at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry (U-M SOD). She was also a clinical professor in the school's department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Hospital Dentistry.

Dr. Murdoch-Kinch's work at U-M SOD included multidisciplinary clinical research in oncology; a hospital-based oral medicine referral practice, where dental and medical residents cotreated patients with oral manifestations of skin diseases; and educational research on curriculum, dental school climate, and engaged learning.

Dr. Murdoch-Kinch is no stranger to IUSD, having received a clinical certificate in Dental Diagnostic Sciences involved clinical research on gene expression of Crouzon Syndrome in families.

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Staff Name(s):			
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Registration (includes dinner & event)  FDDS Member Dentist - \$69		QTY:	AMOUNT DUE:
FDDS Member Staff & Young Dentists - \$69			* <u>A \$20 late fee</u> will be applied to
Non-Member - \$69			reservations not received within a hours of meeting time.*

# FDDS Member Spotlight: Dr. Logan Wedding

Name: Dr. Logan Wedding

### Practice Location:

Gill Wedding Orthodontics

is located off of the Lloyd Expressway at 7244 E Virginia Street Evansville, IN 47715.

### Hometown:

I was born in Evansville, Indiana and raised in Henderson, KY. I attended Reitz Memorial High school and am very excited to be back in the community.

### Where did you attend undergrad:

I attended the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY. I received a bachelor of science degree while majoring in Kinesiology.

### Where did you attend dental school/Specialty:

I attended the University of Louisville School of Dentistry for dental school (2017-2021) and Residency (2021-2023).

### What year did you graduate:

I graduated from dental school in May of 2021. After gradation I stayed in Louisville for my residency program. I graduated from residency in June of 2023.

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

If I weren't a dentist, I would love to be a professional golfer. I will be the first to admit that I am not the best at the sport, but I enjoy the beautiful courses and spending time with friends.

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

My last meal would have to be a ribeye steak (medium), a baked potato, and macaroni and cheese. I would love a slice of cheese cake for dessert if time allowed.

### What is your favorite vacation spot?

The most memorable vacation I have been on was a 2-week cruise on the Mediterranean Sea. My family and I were able to visit several locations around Europe. The areas of Italy, France, and Spain we traveled to were unforgettable.

## What are your hobbies?

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, golfing, trying new restaurants, and traveling.

### Do you have a spouse or significant other?

I am married to my beautiful wife, Gracie (Lachowecki) Wedding. We met each other while attending Reitz Memorial High School and have been best friends ever since. She is a wonderful person and I am blessed to get to enjoy life with her.

### Do you have children or pets?

We have a 2-year-old mini golden doodle name Stella. Over the past 2 years she has also developed the nickname Beans. She keeps us very entertained. We currently do not have kids, but hope to extend our family in the future.

# IN MEMORY OF DR. W. K. **MANCHETTE**

family.

He graduated from an Evansville to enroll at the was immediately Evansville for the 1942 fall he semester before his semester in college, Dr. camp Hospital in Naples, Italy. He North Korean captives. was eventually moved up to In 1945. engineer. to promoted him become

Dr. W.K. Manchette, 100, of a dentist- what had ultimately Evansville, Indiana passed been his lifelong ambition. away Thursday, April 11, 2024 Three years later, on June 6, at his home surrounded by his 1948, he married the love of his life. Helen Dr. Manchette was born in Manchette. The two would go Poseyville, Indiana on July 14, on to be married for 75 years. 1923 to the late Ralph and Dr. Manchette graduated from Rose (Appman) Manchette. St. Louis University in 1950 as 2017 oral surgeon. Stewartsville High School in graduating, he was promoted 1942. Immediately following to Captain and sent to Busan, his graduation, Dr. Manchette South Korea to serve in the walked from Stewartsville to Korean War. Dr. Manchette put in University of Evansville. He command of the Fifth Army attended the University of 2nd Logistical Hospital. When was appointed being commanding officer, drafted into the United States Manchette's medical unit was Army for World War II. Due to attached to a prisoner of war that held 1,500 Manchette was pulled from prisoners. He was responsible developed a toothache. the ranks and became a for treating and performing surgical assistant in the Fifth emergency dental work on all in a sack and put them Evacuation Army personnel as well as on

1952, Dr. serve directly behind the returned to Evansville to open each and went to the front lines in Yugoslavia. Six his own dental practice. He dentist. He removed the months later, the military sent would go on to practice tooth. I asked him what I Dr. Manchette to Kansas State dentistry and serve as the owed; he told me a become an patriarch for All in the Family Dr. Dental for an astounding 69 Manchette was one semester years, retiring at the age of 96. away from graduating as an At the time, Dr. Manchette has engineer when the military surpassed the Guinness Book dentistry, Dr. Manchette 2nd of World Records oldest served Lieutenant and relocated him practicing dentist- a 94 year capacities within the to St. Louis University to old man from Jerusalem. Dr. dental community. He Manchette was featured in the was a past president of



"40 under Upon edition of Incisal Edge, a nationally distributed dental magazine, as the "1 of 90", recognizing him as America's oldest practicing dentist. In the featured article, Manchette details when first became Dr. interested in dentistry as a farm boy during the Depression. He said, "When I was 8 or 9, I My mother put two hens mν bicvcle handelbars. I sold the Manchette chickens for 50 cents dollar. I thought, "This might be better than staying on the farm." During his various the Indiana Dental Association (IDA), and was also the editor of Hoosier Dentist, a newsletter for dentists within the IDA. In addition, Dr. Manchette served as president of the Vanderburgh County Dental Society from 1978-1979, and president of the Indiana Academy of General Dentistry (IAGD) from 1984-1985. He was a member of Omicron Kappa Epsilon's Honorary Dental Society Eta Eta Chapter, a lifetime member of Delta Sigma Delta, and a Fellow of the International College of Dentists. Dr. Manchette receieved numerous awards and recognitions during his time as a dentist as well. He was recognized by the IAGD as Dentist of the Year in 1990, and by the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) for "Outstanding Reporting of the Clinical Content of Indiana AGD Continuing Education Activities."

Outside of work, Dr. Manchette was a true Christian. He had a deep unwavering faith in God. He loved and enjoyed attending Eagle's View Church. Dr. Manchette was also an avid hunter. He enjoyed traveling to Colorado to hunt elk and mule deer. Additionally, he like to hunt morel mushrooms, go fising and

gardening. Dr. Manchette grew numerous vegetable and fruit trees at his home. In April of 2016, he was able to go on Honor Flight EVV 4. Most importatnly, Dr. Manchette loved his family and was always there for them. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather and greatgrandfather. Dr. Manchette was always supportive of his children and grandchildren's endeavors. He was a genuine man that possessed a calming, loving, and patient presence. Manchette will be deeply missed by all of those who knew him, but those who had the pleasure of knowing him will always remember the blessing he was to their lives.

Dr. Manchette is survied by his loving wife, Helen (Daub) Manchette of Evansville, IN; daughter, Sherry Pyle (Mike) of Evansville, IN; son, Steven Manchette (Beth) of Evansville, IN; grandchildren, Chris Pyle (Suzanne) of Evansivlle, IN, Corrie Nixon (Frank) of Evansivlle, IN, Jake Manchette of Tallahassee, FL and Seth Pyle of Evansville, IN; great-grandchildren, James, Ruth, and David Pyle and Franky and Mila Nixon, all of Evansville, IN; and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. Manchette was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Paul, Frank, Harold, and Mac Manchette; and sister, Lurleen "Sis" Krohn.



### A Smile That Saved a Heart:

The Story of a Veteran's Journey To A Healthier Life Through Your Volunteerism

At a recent dental blitz, our team met a man named Ian, whose story lingers with us still—a reminder of the profound impact the Evansville Christian Health Clinic, and our volunteers, can have.

Ian was there to have two teeth extracted, a procedure daunting to many but we could feel how excited he was to have this done. When his procedure was over, he approached us with a look of relief. "Thank you," he said, his voice earnest, "though thank you is never enough." We assured him that helping was our mission and pleasure. It was then he shared the rest of his story.

Ian hadn't just been battling dental issues; he was also awaiting heart surgery at the VA hospital. A veteran who had served our country with honor, yet found himself without dental coverage. His doctors wouldn't proceed with the heart surgery until the infection in his mouth was addressed—a condition that put not just his health, but his life, on hold.

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, who freely gave their time and skills, we were able to remove the troublesome teeth, clearing the way for lan's much-needed heart surgery. As he left, his story resonated with us: a simple procedure, but a life-changing event.

Our volunteers didn't just remove an infection; they removed an obstacle from a man's journey toward a brighter and healthier future.

As we share this story, let it be a reminder of the impact of volunteer work, the power of community, and the deep gratitude of those we serve. It's not just about dental care; it's about enabling bigger changes and allowing our neighbors to move forward.

# Want To Make A Life Changing Difference?

Are you a dentist or dental professional looking to make a direct impact in your community? We need your skills to help expand our capacity to serve those in need. To join our volunteer team, please contact us at (812) 426-6152 or sign up through our volunteer portal at https://restoringpeople.com/volunteer/.

# FIRST DISTRICT AGD TO SPONSOR FDDS SEMINAR ON ORAL PATHOLOGY

The FDAGD is celebrating 50 years as a component of the AGD! In recognition of this momentous occasion, the FDAGD will sponsor the First District Dental Society Oral Pathology Seminar on October 4, 2024 at no charge to FDAGD Members only; all non-members will pay the usual tuition! This gift is a means of saying, "thank you for your many years of participation in the AGD".

Looking back over the years, many thanks to the authors of the FDAGD Study Club, namely such legends as: Parvin Raibley, Ed Fritz, Bob Shellenberger, Ken Manchette and many, many others too countless to list here. Their efforts allowed the FDAGD to survive in both the good and bad times over these past 50 years. To commemorate their efforts, we thought this discount would be a nice yard marker for our Study Club and its members.

To get your free discount as a FDAGD member, please fill out the registration form enclosed in this issue of the AMALGAMAC and have an active membership card or number available at the registration desk for the meeting. It's as simple as that.

If any questions, please contact:

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# oral pathology symposium

Featuring: Dr. Angela Ritchie, DDS, MS

Friday October 4, 2024

THE EVANSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB BALL ROOM

3 CE HOURS / 8:30-11:30 AM / CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 8:00 AM BREAKFAST/LUNCH WILL BE SERVED



## Course Description & Objectives

## **Differential Diagnoses for Oral Ulcers**

The course is designed to deepen the understanding of the causes, diagnosis and management of oral ulcers. The course will cover a range of topics, including the differentiation between types of ulcers, such as traumatic ulcers, aphthous stomatitis and ulcers caused by systemic diseases. Emphasis will be placed on practical diagnostic techniques, effective treatment plans, and strategies for prevention and patient education.

### **Learning Objectives**

- · Identify and classify various types of oral ulcers
- · Understand and apply diagnostic procedures to determine underlying causes
- · Develop personalized treatment strategies that consider patient-specific factors
- · Educate patients on preventative measures and management of discomfort associated with oral ulcers

## About the Speaker

Angela Ritchie, DDS MS, is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at Indiana University School of Dentistry (IUSD) in the Department of Oral Pathology, Medicine, and Radiology. At IUSD, she also serves as Director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Group biopsy service. She actively participates in the Dental Faculty Practice where she is one of two specialists in the entire state of Indiana providing highly specilized care to patients throughout the Midwest. Dr. Ritchie has authored several peer-reviewed articles for high impact journals including case reports and systematic reviews. She is currently the course director for the pre-graduate dental course in oral and maxillofacial pathology where she has implemented new and innovative teaching strategies, including TopHat, to engage active leaning in the classroom.

Make checks out to First District Dental Society & mail to P.O. Box 416, Newburgh, IN 47629 Registration Form for Oral Pathology Symposium (6 CEs to meet licensing requirement) Dentist Name: Staff Name(s): Address: Phone Number: Email Address: Registration (includes breakfast, lunch and events) **AMOUNT** DUE: FDDS Member Dentist - \$225 FDDS Member Staff & Young Dentists - \$205 \*A \$20 late fee will be applied to Non-Member - \$305 reservations not received within 72 hours of meeting time.\* AGD Member- Free

# oral pathology sypmosium

Featuring: Dr. Juan F. Yepes DDS, MD, MPH, MS, Dr. Ph

Friday October 4, 2024

THE EVANSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB BALL ROOM

3 CE HOURS /1:00-4:00 PM Registration on previous page



# **Course Description & Objectives**

# Pediatric Oral Radiology: From Radiation Safety to Lesions and CBCT

The seminar will provide to the attendee the most common radiographic lesions that are presented in infants, children, and adolecscents. The seminar will use case-presentation as the learning and discussion format and will cover the entire spectrum of oral radiology in pediatric dentistry. Topics such as radiation safety, digital radiology, CBCT in pediatric dentistry, radiographic interpretation and common radiographic lesions in children will be covered in this seminar.

## Objectives

After attending this seminar, the participant will be able to:

- Understand the importance of "building" a differntial interpretation in radiology
- Learn the most common radiographic lesions in infants, children and adolescents
- Learn the indications of CBCT within the frame of practicing pediatric dentistry
- Understand the importance of radiation safety in the practice of dentistry with children and adolescents

# **About the Speaker**

Juan F. Yepes DDS, MD, MPH, MS, DrPH is a full professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and the associate dean for graduate education at Indiana University School of Dentistry and an attending at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana, Juan F. is also a clinical professor at the University at Buffalo. Juan F. is a dentist (DDS) and physician (MD) from Javeriana University Bogotá, Colombia. In 1999, Juan F. moved to the USA and attended the University of Iowa and the University of Pennsylvania where he completed a fellowship and residency in Radiology and Oral Medicine respectively in 2002 and 2004. In 2006, Juan F. completed a Master in Public Health (MPH), and in 2011 a Doctoral Degree in Public Health (DrPH) both with emphasis in Epidemiology at the University of Kentucky College of Public Health, In 2008, Juan F. completed a residency program in Dental Public Health at University of Texas, Baylor College of Dentistry. Finally, Juan F. completed a residency program and a master in pediatric dentistry at the University of Kentucky in 2012. Juan F. is board-certified by the American Boards of Pediatric Dentistry, Oral Medicine, and Dental Public Health. He is an active member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Academy of Oral Medicine, American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Indiana Dental Association, and American Dental Association. Juan F. is a fellow in dental surgery from the Royal Colle of Surgeons at Edinburgh. He is a member of the editorial board of Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, and Oral Radiology. Finally, Juan F. is the associate editor of the Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA).

# MEET YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

My Name is Meagan Mitchell and I am the new executive director for the First District Dental Society. I am so excited to begin this new journey and to meet all of you!

A little bit about myself. I graduated from University of Southern Indiana in 2015 as a dental assistant and I began my career at the Oral Surgery Group in 2014 working with a great group of doctors. In 2021, I graduated from USI with my bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Right out of college I began my career in volunteering for our organization, local The Evansville Dental Assistants Society. I was blessed with an amazing group of mentors that pushed me to further my career in volunteer work for various assisting organizations. I was president for EDAS for several years and have served as Vice-President and Secretary for it as well. In 2018 and 2020 I was elected as President for the Dental Indiana Assistants Association and have served as for the Newsletter chair Committee since 2019. In 2018 I was given the opportunity to serve on the board of directors for the Dental Assisting National Board and am on my second of two three-year terms

with them. I was recently elected as secretary-treasurer for DANB and have been so grateful for the opportunity to share my ideas with them to further enhance the career of assistants. dental 1 passionate about the dental assisting career and the value they bring to the dental office. Enough about my career though, I am originally from Pike County, Indiana; a little town called Winslow. I love the outdoors and being with my family. In 2022 I married my best friend Jon, and we recently bought a home in Evansville. We have two cats that are as mischievous as can be, but I would not change a thing. We love to travel and take advantage of opportunities to do so when we can.

I am so incredibly excited and grateful for this opportunity to be your new executive director. If there is anything that is needed, please feel free to email me at: execdirect.fdds@gmail.com

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