

COACH'S CORNER

October 2017

Well, well, well..... the new GREATEST CLASS IN THE HISTORY of the WVU School of Dentistry has arrived! I have been very negligent in introducing you to them. The new class is 50 strong and represents 7 states in our GREAT NATION. If this OLD COACH is still around when they graduate in 2021, I will have been on the faculty for 49 years. I WONDER if I can make 50.

DENTAL CLASS of 2021



DEDICATION OF THE CRET CENTER

SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 marked a MILESTONE in the history of our school as we saw the dedication of the new CRET CENTER (CENTER for RESEARCH and EDUCATION in TECHNOLOGY) which I am sure is new to most of you out in there ALUMNI LAND. We are only the third school to have been blessed with this incredible INNOVATION CENTER.

The center is named in honor of our longtime dean, Dr. W. Robert Biddington. Members of the BIDDINGTON family were honored at the dedication.



In Honor of Dr. Biddington

It's difficult for me to explain in this short Coach's Corner all that the CRET CENTER will mean to our school but most of the equipment, facilities, and materials used are from INDUSTRY and our students, beginning next month, will have a regular rotation through the clinic. Dr. Lauren Yura has been recently named as DIRECTOR and you will hear MUCH MORE about LAUREN and the CRET CENTER in future Coach's Corners.



PICTURED: (left to right) Dr. Ed Rossomando founder of CRET, Mia Cassell, Operations manager of CRET, Dean Thomas Borgia, Dr. Lauren Yura Director of the CRET Innovation Center at WVU, Donna Haid Director of Clinical Education and Patient Care at WVU, and Don Hobbs, Chairman and CEO of CRET

Dr. Black and Heidi Denos



PICTURED: Dr. Dave Black, (Class of '71) member of the Leadership Council, Heidi Denos, representative from the dental corporation ADEC and CRET.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 21st also jaw the INAUGURAL meeting of the WVU School of Dentistry LEADERSHIP COUNCIL whose task it to assist the dean in taking the NUMBER 1 DENTAL SCHOOL IN THE WORLD to even greater heights. Twenty-five council members who have been leaders in EDUCATION, ORGANIZED DENTISTRY and DENTAL HYGIENE, and INDUSTRY have bonded together to make THINGS BETTER for all citizens in our great MOUNTAIN STATE.



FOOTBALL TAILGATES ARE BACK

After a two year hiatus because of construction at WVU HOSPITAL, the WVU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY and ALUMNI ASSOCIATION will again be sponsoring FOOTBALL TAILGATES for the November 4th game against IOWA STATE and the November 18th game against TEXAS. The TAILGATES will start 3 hours before kickoff at the ERICKSON ALUMNI CENTER, and EVERYONE connected or ever wanted to be connected to the WVU School of Dentistry is invited. If you are planning on being at these games PLEASE STOP BY and meet the students, faculty, and alums, and JOIN IN cheering on the MOUNTAINEERS.



HISTORY OF THE WVU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

We all have GOALS in LIFE, and one of my most recent goals is to write a HISTORY OF THE WVU SCHOOL of DENTISTRY and HISTORY of the WEST VIRGINIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION. As most of you know from previous Coach's Corners, I LOVE PICTURES and besides being HOPEFULLY INFORMATIVE, it will also be a PICTORIAL history of this GREAT SCHOOL and DENTAL ORGANIZATION which has been so IMPORTANT in my life.

I thought I would at least whet your appetite with a picture of the FIRST CLASS as it arrived in 1957
FOUNDING DEAN, J. Ben Robinson.



If you have any questions about future events at the school or comments, please don't hesitate to give me a call at my office (304-293-4301) or e-mail me at rwanker@hsc.wvu.edu.

Look forward to seeing you at many MOUNTAINEER PROGRAMS and ACTIVITIES, and as always GOD BLESS YOU ALL and **LET'S GOOOOOOOOOOOOO MOUNTAINEERS.**

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