News in Brief

By Editorial Staff

National, Georgetown Medical Center Announce Affiliation

National University of Health Sciences and Georgetown University Medical Center have announced a partnership that will help students seeking advanced degrees in health care learn about the benefits of each school’s academic programs and provide preferential seating and advanced standing when appropriate.

According to Aviad Haramati, the co-director of Georgetown’s one-year graduate program in complementary and alternative medicine, the affiliation with National is intended to "break down the silos that hold the disciplines apart and create relationships between the disciplines and the educational institutions that prepare the nation’s future health care providers."

"The Georgetown program would also be ideal for our students and applicants who have interests primarily in CAM research and public policy, but who may not have a concurrent desire in learning how to provide direct care to patients, which is always a component of our professional degree programs," said Dr. James Winterstein, National president.

Dr. Winterstein also said that National will "recommend the Georgetown program to qualified undergraduate students and graduate program applicants who are committed to developing a career in integrative medicine, but who may yet remain uncertain about which medical specialty they would like to enter."

Palmer Expands Services to U.S. Military Personnel

During National Military Appreciation Month (May), Palmer College of Chiropractic announced two new services for active-duty military personnel and veterans of the U.S. armed forces: an official affiliation with the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program; and a cooperative relationship with the Community Based Warrior in Transition Unit-Illinois (CBWTU-IL). The service enhancements add to Palmer’s current lineup of services provided to members of the armed forces: free chiropractic care to active-duty military personnel and their families, including those in the National Guard
or Reserves. Veterans classified by the Department of Veterans Affairs as 20 percent disabled or more due to injuries incurred during military service can also receive complimentary chiropractic care. Free services provided to military personnel include chiropractic examinations, adjustments, X-rays and rehabilitative services.

Through its affiliation with the Yellow Ribbon program, U.S. veterans enrolled or considering enrolling at Palmer are eligible to have their entire tuition paid for one year. Qualifying veterans can apply to the Yellow Ribbon program at any of Palmer’s three campuses on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Aug. 1, 2011. Veterans receiving the benefit will have tuition costs covered for one year beginning with the fall 2011 term.

The Community Based Warrior in Transition Unit-Illinois provides command and control and medical case management for Army soldiers injured or ill as the result of military service. The unit operates across an eight-state area encompassing Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Palmer clinicians and interns will assist in the provision of care by performing range-of-motion evaluations at the Palmer clinics in Davenport and Moline, Iowa. According to a press release from the college, results "will be used by CBWTU-IL medical personnel and other Army and governmental agencies to support the wounded warriors with transitional benefits assistance, employment and re-employment, state level benefits, and reintegration into the fighting force."

**IBCE Funds Research Awards**

The International Board of Chiropractic Examiners (IBCE) funded $10,000 in research awards presented at the recent World Federation of Chiropractic Biennial Congress in Rio de Janeiro, and sponsored the event’s keynote speaker, Dr. Scott Haldeman; five regional poster awards; and a first- and second-prize poster award. Awards funded by the IBCE and presented during the congress included the following:

**Asian Region Poster Award:** "Effects of Manipulative Therapy on the Expressions of NADP-Diaphorase and Nitric Oxide Synthase in the Spinal Motor Neurons After Right Knee Joint Immobilization in the Guinea Pig," by HanSunk Jung, JooHyun Ham, SoonJeong Jeong, and JooHan Kang, all from HanSeo University; and MinSun Lee of SunMoon University.
Pacific Region Poster Award: "An Approach Using Fast-Rate Stimulation to Investigate Changes in Cerebellar Processing," by Heidi Haavik, New Zealand College of Chiropractic; and Bernadette Murphy, University of Ontario Institute of Technology.


North American Region Poster Award: "Differential Tissue Strain Estimation Across Strata of Tissues Under Intrinsic Motion," by John Triano, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College; Helene Langevin, University of Vermont; and Elisa Konofagou, Columbia University.

European Region Poster Award: "Back Function Preoperatively, 3 Months and 1 Year After Spondylodesis in Patients With Degenerative or Isthmic Spondylolisthesis," by Marko Neva and Sami Tarananen, Tampere University Hospital, Finland; Lissa Pekkanen, Jyväskylä Central Hospital, Finland; and Arja Haekkinen, University of Jyväskylä, Finland.

First-Prize Poster Award: "Assessing the Association Between Measures of Quality and Integration and Patients’ Participation in Inter-Professional Patient-Centered Collaborative Care," by Silvano Mior, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College; and Rhonda Cockerill, David Cassidy, Jan Barnsley, and Pierre Cote of the University of Toronto.

Second-Prize Poster Award: "Complementary and Alternative Medicine for the Treatment of Pain in Fibromyalgia: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials," by Lauren Terhorst and Michael Schneider, University of Pittsburgh; Lee Goozdich; and Kevin Kim and Carol Stilley, University of Pittsburgh.

Northwestern Faculty Member Named DC of the Year by MCA

The Minnesota Chiropractic Association has named Dr. Charles Sawyer its Chiropractor of the Year. Dr. Sawyer, Northwestern Health Sciences University’s senior vice president, received the award at the MCA’s annual convention in late May. According to the MCA, the award is bestowed upon individuals who are "dedicated to programs, projects and issues that have been influential in helping position the chiropractic
profession in the community and health care arena."

"It is nice that the MCA values the efforts here at the university," said Dr. Sawyer. "It is confirmation of the importance of our partnership. I would consider it an acknowledgment of collective efforts. I was representing many others as well."

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**NBCE Honors Dr. Ken Padgett**

The National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) presented the Paul M. Tullio Award for Distinguished Service to Dr. Kenneth Padgett at the board’s recent annual business meeting and delegates luncheon. Dr. Padgett is a former president of the American Chiropractic Association, the Association of Chiropractic Colleges and the Association for Chiropractic History, and former president and chancellor of New York Chiropractic College. According to the NBCE, his election as an at-large director in 2001 "represented the first time the NBCE board voted to bring the experience of a chiropractic college past president to its leadership."

"My years of service to this profession arises out my love for it," said Dr. Padgett in accepting the award, adding, "I really enjoyed my time at the NBCE and was glad I could contribute."

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**Texas Chiropractic College Announces First Director of Alumni Affairs**

Gabrielle Greenwade, executive assistant to the president at Texas Chiropractic College and a member of the TCC staff for more than 20 years, is the new director of alumni affairs at the college. TCC President Dr. Richard Brassard made the announcement in May.

"Gabrielle is the perfect person to take on this new position," said Dr. Brassard. "She already has great working relationships with many of our alumni through her work in my office, with our Board of Trustees and assisting with our annual homecoming convention. She has already been reaching out to our alumni and I'm delighted to hear the positive responses so far."

Greenwade’s new responsibilities include building relationships with alumni; developing working relationships between the alumni office and student affairs; and coordinating alumni affairs with ongoing admissions initiatives.