

California Forum

SCU CELEBRATES DEDICATION JUBILEE

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WHITTIER -- Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCU), formerly Los Angeles College of Chiropractic (LACC), celebrated a year's worth of accomplishments in March. The theme of the celebration was "Salud - A Toast to Good Health and Quality Health Education."

"We had so much to celebrate," explained SCU President Dr. Reed Phillips. "There were so many people to honor for their dedication to the university, we decided to roll it up into one large party so our entire campus and the community could share in this success."

The day started with a 5K run and walk, plus a health fair, hosted on campus by the associated student body. Proceeds from the activities went to a local charity for brain-injured children.

In the afternoon, administration sponsored the jubilee at the campus Performing Arts Center, where over 200 staff, faculty, students and guests were entertained by a pre-event demonstration of *Tai-Chi* and traditional Chinese music - presented by the university's new College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. Highlights of the hour and a half program included:

- Proclamations of achievement were given to the university for its leadership role in alternative health care education. The proclamations came from: the city of Whittier; Los Angeles County; state of California; and the U.S. Congress.
- The new SCU logo was unveiled by members of the president's Cabinet, Dr. John Beckman, and Dr. Gary Schultz.
- Dr. William Valusek, chairman of the board of regents, was recognized for leading and supporting the transition to a university status.
- The new College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine was dedicated and the associate dean of the program, Wen-Shuo Wu, was honored for his role in its development.
- A new name for the institution's health center system was unveiled, starting with the on-campus facility - University Health Center-Whittier - and the associate dean for preclinical education, Dr. Al Traina, was presented with an award for his efforts on the system's behalf.
- A new facility, the Dr. Edward Chesney Student Center, was dedicated, providing a new home away from home for the university's 600 students. A display of Chesney memorabilia was unveiled by Phillips and the dean of student affairs, Dr. Nathan Church. Two other buildings on campus, the Seabury Learning Resource Center and Morrow Anatomy Lab, were also dedicated following major enhancements.
- "Salud," a statue donated to the institution, was dedicated to the president's wife, Sandi, for her continued efforts on behalf of the university and its constituencies.
- The "President's Award," a new citation recognizing special performance that benefits the

university, were handed out to faculty member Dr. Rocky Comberinati, to student Angela Davidson, and to staff representative Deborah Martin.

- Los Angeles College of Chiropractic's 90th anniversary was acknowledged with a special cake.

Following the program, members of the university's executive team took guests on a tour of the campus, which concluded at the health center. There, in honor of new acupuncture and oriental medicine practices available at the facility, a traditional Chinese lion dance ceremony was conducted to "bring good luck" to the building and its personnel. "We're very pleased with our day of celebration," said Dr. Phillips. "There is so much happening at our institution and the evolution of alternative health care, that we don't take enough time to recognize the success we've achieved and those whose efforts have assisted us in our vision and mission. We hope that everything, from the run and health fair to the jubilee can be repeated annually so we can focus on what continues to make us unique - our people."

Life West's Gala Premiere

HAYWARD -- Nearly 300 people were on hand to attend the "Grand Premiere" for Life Chiropractic College West. The event, with an Academy Awards theme, celebrated the completion of the campus and welcomed its homecoming alumni. The college also expressed its gratitude for its president, Dr. Gerard Clum, for 20 years of service, and those contributing to the new campus.

Among the special guests were Dr. Sid Williams, president and founder of Life University, and his wife, Dr. Nell Williams. They and the other guests, dressed in formal wear, dined while black and white movies played on background screens, and danced to the Starduster Orchestra afterward. Beacons in the sky announced the premiere, complete with a red carpet, overhead marquee and limousine service.

Dr. Clum thanked the attendees for their roles in making the college a success.

"Your kindness, support, fellowship and friendship, over the years, means more to me and Cathy (Dr. Clum's wife) than you'll ever know," he said.

In an after-dinner speech Dr. Williams addressed the guests: "This evening is testament to Dr. Clum's commitment to chiropractic and to his family and friends."

Student Council Election at Life West

Life West recently elected its new student council to serve their spring-thru-fall quarters. The electees are:

- President: Seth Anderson,BA, from Brooklyn Center, Minnesota; former vice president of the student council; corresponding secretary of the Delta Sigma Chi fraternity;
- Vice President: Samantha Longfield,BA, from Seattle, Washington; president of the World Congress Chiropractic Students Club;
- Secretary: Debra Carlson,AS, from Sacramento, California; chiropractic assistant, and member of the Omega Sigma Phi sorority; and
- Treasurer: Michelle Arietta,BS, from Auburn, California; continuing as treasurer of the

council; founder of the school's Omega Sigma Phi Gamma sorority, and member of the Student International Chiropractors Association.

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