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Parker Homecoming Boasts Record-Breaking Attendance

Parker College of Chiropractic graduates from 38 states, Canada, and as far away as Korea, gathered for the college's three-day homecoming, which proved to be the biggest license renewal symposium ever held in the state of Texas. Nearly 500 Parker alumni attended the homecoming, with an equally record-breaking attendance for the annual awards banquet.

Parker alumni winners for 1996 were Dr. Rose Lepien, for superior performance as president of the Alumni Association; Dr. Curtis Adams, for highest donations to the college; Dr. Ben Kemker, as the outstanding alumnus; Dr. Phyllis Books, voted the outstanding international alumna; Dr. Fabrizio Mancini, for most referrals; and Dr. John Garza, for most service to chiropractic. Dr. James Sigafosse was the keynote speaker.

The homecoming's license renewal symposium offered doctors several complete, credited programs to choose from, including a contact reflex program with Dr. Richard Versendaal; the orthopedic diplomate program with Dr. Richard Ackerman, and many other instructors including Dr. James W. Parker, founder of Parker College; Rodney Phelps, JD, DC; Mark Anderson, on applied clinical nutrition; Dr. Richard Shick; Dr. Ken Murkowski; Dr. Deborah Pate; Dr. Fred Ulan; Dr. Lester Bryman; Dr. Frederick Carrick; Dr. Michael Hall; and Drs. Jeff Rockwell and Kristin Hurtgen instructed in myofascial therapy and x-ray procedures for chiropractic assistants.

First Diplomates in Pediatrics

Graduation day for the first diplomates in pediatrics of the ICA Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics.

Thirty DCs received the profession's first postgraduate board certified credentials in pediatrics at the annual conference of the ICA's Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics, Sept. 27-29 in Chicago.

The diplomate in pediatrics is offered through Palmer College. To be eligible to sit for the certification exam of the ICA Council, candidates must attend 360 hours of instruction, and pass the examinations of the co-sponsoring college (Palmer).

The doctors received their diplomas from Dr. Gerard Clum, an ICA Board member and president of Life Chiropractic College-West.

The ICA Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics also conferred the status of Fellows to Dr. Maxine McMullen (Iowa); Dr. Peter Fysh (Calif. by way of Australia); and Dr. Joan Fallon (New York).

TCC Researchers Present Paper during APHA Meeting

During the 124th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA), researchers from Texas Chiropractic College (TCC) were invited to present a paper during the radiological health section's poster session. This was the first chiropractic presentation during a nonchiropractic section session. The abstract paper, "Morbidity and Mortality Associated with Spinal Manipulations Performed at a Chiropractic Health Center," was presented with two other abstracts for that section. The research for the paper was performed by former TCC student Dr. Brad Caulfield, who in June 1995 was one of the two students to be awarded the first Elliott-Lindner Research Scholarship at TCC. His faculty mentors were Dr. Lawrence Wyatt, dean of clinics; Dr. Susan Grigby, director of research; and Dr. Kevin Pringle, an attending physician within the College Health Center.

Operating since 1872, APHA serves as the oldest and largest organization of public health professionals in the world, representing more than 32,000 members from more than 77 occupations of public health.

NYCC Recognizes Columbia College Grads on 50th Anniversary

New York Chiropractic College (NYCC) recently marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of one of its three affiliate colleges, the Columbia College of Chiropractic (CCC) in Baltimore, Maryland. The two other affiliates were the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic in Manhattan and the Brooklyn-based Atlantic States Chiropractic Institute. CCC was actually a branch of the Columbia Institute, as both were founded by Dr. Frank E. Dean, and some of the best known faculty of the "Baltimore School" included Dr. Egon Leffman, Dr. Arthur Kretzschmar, and Dr. William Adolph.

Dr. Adolph, who was dean of CCC and taught physiology, recalls: "The school was started because New York had no licensure. However, we were only open for eight years, mostly because we were never recognized by the Maryland State Board. I think that was partly politics and partly Dr. Dean's personality -- he refused to compromise on anything."

In 1954, CCC was merged with the Columbia Institute. "Most of our students finished their studies in New York, some went to other colleges," said Dr. Adolph. "I still think we did a pretty good job of educating chiropractors."

DOD to Award over \$500 Million to Small Business for R & D

The Department of Defense (DOD) has announced that it will award \$520 million in research and development contracts to small technology companies in fiscal year 1997. Solicitations for DOD's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program are currently open and will close January 8, 1997. Additionally DOD's Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program will award \$36 million in R & D contracts to small technology companies working cooperatively with research institutions such as universities and federally-funded R & D centers. The STTR solicitation opened December 1, 1996 and closes April 2, 1997. For more information, please call (703) 205-1596.

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