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LACC Alum Completes Residency at U of Colorado

Brad Smith, DC, has completed his six month residency within the Dept. of Orthopedics at the U. of Colorado Health Science Center.

Dr. Brad Smith, an alumnus and clinical resident at the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic (LACC) recently completed his six-month residency within the University of Colorado Health Science Center's (UCHSC) Department of Orthopedics (see the 2/12/96 issue of DC). The UCHSC program is the nation's first accredited medical school to offer rotations to chiropractic residents.

"My daily activities included interaction with university and private practice-based orthopedists, neurologists, radiologists, and their residents," said Dr. Smith of his residency. "Over time, I realized that the majority of the doctors do not harbor dislike of the chiropractic field, they were only uninformed as to what chiropractic education entailed, what manipulation had to offer as a form of treatment, and when to refer patients for chiropractic consult and care. Nevertheless, they were open to being educated in these areas."

Donald Corenman, MD, DC, orthopedic spine surgeon and the head of the University of Colorado hospital's residency rotation program, is a 1978 LACC alumnus. His goal is to establish a state-of-the-art spine center at the university that will feature chiropractic care and every other type of care for neuromusculoskeletal problems.

The rotation at UCHSC was made possible through the development in 1990 of LACC's Clinical Science Residency Program (CSRP), headed by Alfred Traina, DC, FACO. The CSRP involves a full-time, three-year commitment following graduation from chiropractic college, and allows a graduate of the program to sit for the board examinations of the College of Chiropractic Sciences based in Toronto, and the Diplomate of the American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedists (DABCO).

PCCW Students Run in Honolulu Marathon for Leukemia Research

Palmer College of Chiropractic West (PCCW) students Jim Briggs, Christina Callahan, Pam Daniels, and John Young recently went the distance in December to raise money for leukemia research in the Honolulu Marathon. The four PCCW students, all of whom have had friends or family members stricken with some form of cancer, collectively raised \$10,000 in pledge money for the Leukemia Society of America and its "Team in Training" program, an organization established in 1992 to study the disease and organize fundraising events in hope of finding a cure.

Of the 24,000 runners who completed the 26.2 mile course, more than 2,000 made a personal commitment to collect \$2,500 in pledges as part of the "Team in Training" effort, which collectively raised over \$1 million.

Besides raising money through pledges, each of the "Team in Training" participants was running

for a special "honoree" with leukemia. PCCW student Jim Briggs ran for Merle, a nine-year-old boy who has been going to Stanford Children's Hospital every other day for the past few months for chemotherapy treatment. "They're the real heroes, they're the ones for whom life and just living becomes a daily battle," said Jim Briggs. "We as individuals, and together as health care professionals, wish to help in the battle to beat this disease, which each year is the cause of death among more than 56,000 people, young and old."

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