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Virginia DCs Visit Russia

Drs. David Block and Donald Liebell of Chesapeake, Virginia joined a delegation of chiropractors visiting Russia March 14-24.

The group, led by Michael Kale, DC, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, educated Russian MDs about upper cervical specific chiropractic technique, and how DCs adjust patients.

Drs. Block and Liebell, both graduates of NYCC, are members of the Hampton Roads Chiropractic Association of Virginia.

West Virginia DC Elected VP of World Sports Med. Hall of Fame

Dr. Bruce Holbrook of Alum Creek, West Virginia has been elected executive vice president of the World Sports Medicine Hall of Fame. Dr. Holbrook has served as an international team physician.

He is a member of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), National AAU Sports, Medicine, and Jujitsu committees, the USA Jujitsu team, and the World Council of Jujitsu Organizations. Over the past year he has been named to Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World.

News from New York College of Chiropractic

Phillip Santiago, DC, Visits NYCC, Gives Spring Commencement

NYCC Graduates 38

Phillip Santiago, DC, the official chiropractor of the U.S. Olympic medical and training staff team at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, lectured at NYCC in March and gave the commencement address at the college's April 18th graduation ceremony.

In his March lecture, sponsored by NYCC's student chapter of the New York State Chiropractic Association, Dr. Santiago described his journey to the Olympics (see "Olympic Games Inspire Optimal Athletic Care" in the Dec. 4, 1992 issue of DC). He started the application process with the U.S. Olympic Committee in 1986 and was invited to the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center in 1990. "When I got there, I found out that all the other medical staff had full orientations. When I asked to get an orientation, I was told, 'We really don't know what chiropractors do.'"

Through patience, and gradual education of other medical professionals, Santiago was able to demonstrate the importance of chiropractic as an integral part of the sports medical team.

Dr. Santiago also spoke about the athletes he met in Barcelona -- Kim Zmeskal, Carl Lewis, and Charles Barkley -- just a few of the hundreds of competitors he treated with chiropractic care. He told the audience that the path for chiropractic to take a bigger part in worldwide sporting events and to gain a broader acceptance is to have patience and work from within the system. "The thing is not to step on toes, be more complimentary, work together; we end up winning a lot more."

At the April 18th NYCC commencement ceremony at the college's athletic center in Seneca Falls, Dr. Santiago called on the graduates "not to forsake our philosophy" as they seek inclusion within the health care team as it "leads to cooperative interdisciplinary exchanges, intellectually, clinically, and by mutual research."

A second generation DC, Dr. Santiago graduated from NYCC in 1978. He is currently the director of the department of sports medicine of the postgraduate division at NYCC. Aside from serving on the USOC medical staff at the XXV Olympiad in Barcelona, Dr. Santiago is on the board of directors of the education committee for the U.S. Olympic Sports Medicine Society. He has served as licensing/examination chair for the New Jersey Board of Chiropractic Examiners and is a past president of the American Board of Chiropractic Sports Physicians. He also is an active member and past education commission chair for the International Federation of Sports Chiropractic.

Graduation Day

NYCC President Dr. Kenneth Padgett, and members of the Board of Trustees and administration officiated the graduation ceremonies of 38 students. Conferring the degrees was Dr. Domenic Firriolo, vice president of academic affairs.

Awards of academic excellence were given to class valedictorian William Ward (graduated summa cum laude), and salutatorian Christopher Marchese (magna cum laude). Also graduating magna cum laude were Gustave Ferreri, and Leonard Piscioti. Cum laude graduates included: James Bottari, Thomas DiFusco, Suzanne Fink, and Thomas McCloughan.

The Frank Dean Memorial award was presented to Robert McCarthy for his loyalty in representing the college and for developing programs to ensure the college's growth. Jeffrey Scott received the Lorraine Welch Memorial award for his leadership skills and assistance to his peers in their educational growth, and the Ernest Napolitano Memorial award was presented to Scott Rowlands and William Ward for their outstanding ability to articulate the chiropractic concept before peer and lay groups. The B.J. Palmer Memorial award was presented to Scott Tuminelli. This award goes to a member of the graduating class who has had a minimum of one article published in a professional journal or magazine.

Distinguished Service awards for college representation and institutional advancement went to: Joseph Alaimo, James Bottari, Athena Farrell, Brian Meacham, Cathleen Murphy, Scott Rowlands, Nancy Tarlow, and William Ward. Leonard Ancone was honored with NYCC's Syracuse Clinic award and Rosemarie Bou was presented with the Levittown Clinic award. The Chiropractic Technique award was given to William Ward. And finally, the NYCC officers and board of directors chose Ellen Aronoff and Rosemarie Bou as the recipients of the Alumni award for their definitive leadership during their student careers.

NYCC President Dr. Kenneth Padgett and Dr. Humphrey Tonkin, president of the University of Hartford, sign the pre-chiropractic program agreement.

University of Hartford and NYCC Sign Joint Agreement

NYCC and the University of Hartford, Connecticut have established a joint program leading to a bachelor of science degree in health science from the U of H and a DC degree from NYCC. The seven-year, double-major is seen as a substantial savings in time and money.

The University of Hartford joins 22 other colleges and universities offering a pre-chiropractic program for students hoping to fulfill science prerequisites for admission to NYCC. Additionally, the U of H has a combined program with the New England College of Optometry. Students intending to matriculate at NYCC will receive priority consideration in the admission selection process.

Third Health Center Site Chosen

At the Feb. 27th NYCC Board of Trustees meeting, the college the choice for a new site of a third chiropractic health center was announced. Buffalo, New York, will join Syracuse and Levittown as a site for a public center that will assist NYCC in servicing health care needs, educating the public to the benefits of chiropractic care, and giving NYCC interns an opportunity to gain practical experience under the direct supervision of practicing doctors of chiropractic.

"I am pleased to have our new health center in Buffalo," said Dr. Alan R. Friedman, dean of clinics. "We are all looking forward to yet another successful endeavor in bringing chiropractic health care to the public, and are looking forward to serving the people of Buffalo."

NYCC Closes Fall Admissions for 1993

Due to the tremendous increase in qualified candidates applying for admission at NYCC, the college's Fall 1993 class has been closed since mid-February.

The incoming September is 150 students, the maximum accepted by the college, chosen from 507 applicants, the maximum number of applications per trimester. Some applicants are placed on a waiting list, while others are offered the opportunity to reapply at a later date. The January 1994 class will be limited to 125 students, and is expected to be closed to applicants by the end of this summer. NYCC will reinstate an entering spring class as of April 1994, which will be limited to only 60 students.

According to Brian Mount, NYCC director of recruitment and admissions, "It is our ultimate goal to take in three smaller classes of 100 in September, January, and April of each year."

Former Winston Cigarette Model Speaks out against Smoking

Dave Goerlitz, formerly a model in Winston cigarette ads, spoke at NYCC against the dangers of cigarette smoking. Mr. Goerlitz smoked three and a half packs a day for 23 years, and suffered a minor stroke which has left him unable to taste food, and with partial paralysis in the left side of his face and upper left leg. He addressed ethics in advertising, and just how the advertising industry uses healthy images to manipulate millions of people to buy physically harmful products. The event was sponsored by the Seneca County Health Department and the Tobacco Action Coalition of the Finger Lakes.

In Calif. It's Beach Volleyball -- in N.Y. It's Snow Volleyball

The NYCC team brought home a first place trophy in the snow volleyball competition for the second year in a row at the Winterfest '93 in Cayuga Lake State Park, in Seneca Falls, New York.

Participating teams competed in snow volleyball, softball, and basketball, among other events. Approximately 50 NYCC students formed three teams, two of which were sponsored by student services, and one which was sponsored by SACA.

NYCC Helps Local Fire Dept. Buy a Hovercraft

NYCC students Allison Levine and Andre Farah presented a check to Red Jacket Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Uplinger, pushing the goal over the top to purchase a much-needed hovercraft. Ms. Levine is the president of NYCC's student chapter of the New York State Chiropractic Association, which held the fund raiser for the fire department, and Mr. Farah is a member of the association's executive board. The hovercraft will be used to safely transport the firefighters in their rescue efforts on Cayuga Lake.

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