

News in Brief

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Participating Facilities in NHSC Loan Repayment Program Announced

In February 2005, the *Federal Register* published details of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) chiropractic student loan repayment program. The program, part of an appropriations bill signed into law by President Bush on Dec. 8, 2004, will accept up to 40 doctors of chiropractic, and will allocate up to \$2 million in loan repayment contracts to qualified participants.

While the *Federal Register* notice included information on eligibility criteria and ways to apply for entry into the loan repayment program, it did not include contact information for participating institutions. Thanks to the efforts of the American Chiropractic Association, a list of more than 1,000 facilities eligible to hire doctors of chiropractic under the program is now available.

To access the list of eligible facilities, go to www.acatoday.com/government/nhsc/NHSC_Facilities.pdf. For more information on the NHSC student loan repayment program, visit <http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov> or call (800) 638-0824.

Note: We've published several articles concerning the NHSC program this year. See "Congress to Direct \$2 Million to Expand Chiropractic Student Loan Program" (Jan. 29, 2005 issue) and "Details of Student Loan Repayment Program Now Available (April 23, 2005). Both articles are available online at www.chiroweb.com/archives.

ACA President Named to DoD Chiropractic Advisory Committee

Dr. Donald J. Krippendorf, president of the American Chiropractic Association, has been appointed to serve on the Department of Defense Chiropractic Health Care Benefits Advisory Committee. He is the fifth ACA member to be appointed to the committee, joining Drs. Ronald Evans, Peter Ferguson, George Goodman and Rick McMichael.

"I am honored to be named to this committee," said Dr. Krippendorf. "As a U.S. Navy veteran and concerned citizen, I want to see America's military have access to the best health care available, including chiropractic care."

The advisory committee provides recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and the U.S. Congress regarding the implementation of chiropractic care for active-duty members of the armed services. Active-duty personnel can currently receive chiropractic care at more than 40 military health facilities nationwide.

For background on the DoD Chiropractic Advisory Committee, please read "Dept. of Defense Chiropractic Advisory Committee Restored," accessible online at www.chiroweb.com/archives/23/01/08.html.

WSCA Honors Chiropractor of the Year at Annual Meeting

The Washington State Chiropractic Association (WSCA) has named David Butters, DC, its Chiropractor of the Year. Dr. Butters received the honor at the WSCA's annual meeting in February 2005.

Dr. Butters is a 1973 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic. In previous years, he received the association's Pioneer Award in recognition of his leadership and dedication to the chiropractic profession. He has also received the Freedom Award from the Washington Chiropractic Trust, a political action committee that works to serve the profession's interests in Washington state. He currently operates a busy practice in Seattle, and also serves on the board of directors of both the WSCA and the Brain Injury Association of Washington.

In addition to the Chiropractor of the Year Award, the following awards were handed out at the 2005 WSCA meeting:

- President's Gavel Award - Garry Baldwin, DC (also the recipient of an honorary WSCA Chiropractor of the Year award)
- Pioneer Award - Clay Bartness, DC
- Outstanding Service Award - Leslie White, DC
- President's Award - Robert Mootz, DC
- Distinguished Service Award - David Gilbertson, DC; Jerry Weider, DC; Jay Goodwin, DC; William Pratt, DC
- Volunteer of the Year Award - Donald W. Olson, DC; David Bourree, DC; Francis Corbin, DC; Doug Long, DC; Heather Bergfors, DC; Kenneth Shotwell, DC; William O'Donnell, DC

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