

News in Brief

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Two Chiropractors to Participate in White House Conference on Aging

Ritch Miller, DC, of Omaha, Neb., and Steven Weiniger, DC, of Conyers, Ga., will participate in the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. Representing the chiropractic profession, Drs. Miller and Weiniger are among approximately 1,200 delegates chosen nationwide. The delegates will discuss issues associated with aging, and help mold ideas and plans for the future needs of America's senior population.

The conference, held only once a decade, focuses on shaping aging policies in the U.S. for the next 10 years and beyond. Dr. Donald J. Krippendorf, ACA president, said, "We are pleased to have Drs. Miller and Weiniger represent the ACA - and the entire chiropractic profession - during the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. Their unique expertise, knowledge and perspective will be invaluable as the delegation shapes future policies for all Americans."

Previous White House Conferences on Aging have contributed to many vital programs committed to protecting the health and welfare of aging Americans, including Medicare and Medicaid, the Older Americans Act, and Social Security Reforms. The 2005 conference is scheduled to be held in December in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Cheryl Hawk: FCER's 2005 Researcher of the Year

Cheryl Hawk, DC, PhD, has been chosen as the 2005 Researcher of the Year by the board of trustees of the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER). Dr. Hawk was honored at a ceremony in June, during the 8th Biennial World Federation of Chiropractic Congress in Sydney, Australia. The FCER presents this award to the individual who has made outstanding strides in research for the chiropractic profession during the previous 12 months.

A graduate of National College of Chiropractic, Dr. Hawk went on to earn her MS and PhD degrees at the University of Iowa. She has held research and faculty positions at Palmer College of Chiropractic, the Consortial Center for Chiropractic Research, and the Parker Research Institute, and currently serves as dean of research at Southern California Health Sciences University. Her experience as a researcher has led to her publication in numerous peer-reviewed journals, including the *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics*, the *Journal of the Neuromusculoskeletal System*, and *Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine*, among others.

One of the few doctors of chiropractic to successfully obtain federal grant funding, her research efforts in support of chiropractic also earned her the American Chiropractic Association (ACA) Researcher of the Year for 2002.

The FCER's director of research, Anthony L. Rosner, PhD, commented that Dr. Hawk's numerous awards "underscore her painstaking, reflective, and deeply committed approach to both teaching and research."

New Dean of Life University Announced

Robert M. Scott, DC, MEd, PhD(c), was recently appointed dean of Life University, a step that will "not only help elevate Life's chiropractic college, but also energize and focus our entire academic program," said Life University President Guy F. Riekeman, DC.

Life's provost, Dr. Brian McAulay, to whom Dr. Scott will report, added that the new dean "is a seasoned and highly credentialed academician. He also brings a breadth of experience that will be extremely helpful. From the chiropractic perspective, he has a scientist's discipline but also a philosopher's vision."

Looking forward to the challenges of his new position, Dr. Scott said he is delighted to be "part of a dynamic management team that has a clear vision for what the institution can become. Life University is very serious about increasing in academic rigor and quality instruction. I'm impressed with the unity of purpose of the Board of Trustees and throughout the ranks. The College of Chiropractic has so many capable teachers; there is a real commitment to research and a spirit of willingness to advance the College and the profession in the philosophy, science and art. The other colleges of the university also are destined to grow around a unified vision. I'm grateful for this opportunity to play a significant role in Life's development."

Dr. Scott previously served as dean of the college of chiropractic at Northwestern Health Sciences University (2002-2005); he earned his doctor of chiropractic degree at Northwestern, graduating in 1992.

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