

News In Brief

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CCC-KC Professor Serving in the VA System

Dr. C.O. (Chip) Gowan III, an assistant professor at Cleveland Chiropractic College Kansas City (CCC-KC) and administrator of the Cleveland Chiropractic College Wellness Center at Truman Medical Center Lakewood, has attained an adjunct position with the Kansas City Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The appointment comes following an extension application, interview and review process involving more than 100 applicants.

With the appointment, Dr. Gowan becomes the only doctor of chiropractic on staff at the Kansas City location, and the only DC currently serving the entire Veterans Integrated Service Network region known as VISN-15, which includes eastern Kansas, Missouri and southern Illinois. He will provide chiropractic services to veterans residing in VISN-15, develop policies and procedures to integrate chiropractic care within that region, and work with medical staff on chiropractic and research issues.

The 1995 Cleveland graduate said, "I am honored to be selected for this very prestigious appointment. Only a few chiropractors throughout the country have been chosen to be on staff within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) system. I look forward to advancing the chiropractic profession in this groundbreaking endeavor."

Dr. Gowan's new position requires a 10-hour commitment per week. He maintains his full-time faculty status at CCC-KC.

Northwestern Submits Grant Proposal to NIH

Northwestern Health Sciences University recently submitted a substantial grant proposal to the National Institutes of Health. The proposal, "CAM Research Education Partnership Project," will be a four-year, \$800,000 initiative designed to facilitate the practice of evidence-based health care by complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) practitioners.

According to Dr. Roni Evans, dean of research at Northwestern, evidence-based health care (EBH) has been subject to considerable misunderstanding. "If this is the perception of EBH that is out there, its no surprise that it is being met with some resistance by both allopathic and CAM providers." She emphasized, however, that in reality, there are many different types of evidence, incorporating a broad range of perspectives that should inform clinical decisions.

The goal of the project is to develop and implement a research curriculum to enhance students, faculty members and field practitioners' evidence-based health care and information management skills. Northwestern staff would work in collaboration with a team of educational designers and information management experts from the University of Minnesota, Tufts University in Massachusetts, and the University of Virginia to develop the multi-faceted research program for students, faculty and alumni. The project will be led by Dr. Evans and Mary Jo Kreitzer, PhD,

director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Spirituality and Healing.

The proposal will be reviewed in the spring of 2006, with notification of acceptance or denial made by June 2006. The first year of the project would focus on training and planning; in years two and three, changes in Northwestern's curriculum would be implemented.

LACC Students Bring Compassion, Chiropractic to Bolivia

Eleven interns and a professor from Los Angeles College of Chiropractic at Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCUHS) recently visited Santa Cruz, Bolivia, providing chiropractic care to approximately 3,000 patients.

Dr. Ronald Firestone, an SCUHS graduate now practicing in Bolivia (one of only two DCs in the country), organized the eight-day goodwill expedition. Dr. Firestone hosts interns from chiropractic colleges on an annual basis, helping care for those who would not otherwise receive medical care at all.

According to student Sarah Griffin, "Many of [the people we treated] had not seen a doctor in years and waited up to five hours in the sun to be treated. The experience made me a more patient person. It made me realize that having to wait in our country an hour to see a doctor is a blessing, not a right."

The LACC interns were quite taken by the gratitude shown for their efforts. "This trip was truly life changing," added Phil Dixon, another LACC student who made the trip. "It changes your perceptions of cultures, chiropractic and yourself. There is a world outside of your own."

Logan Alumni Association: 2005-2006 Officers Elected

The Logan Alumni Association recently elected its 2005-2006 officers: Karen Dishauzi, DC, president; Jason Strotheide, DC, first vice president; David Yarasheski, DC, second vice president; Ralph Barrale, DC, treasurer; and David Poe, DC, secretary. Nicholas Gatto, DC, will continue to serve as immediate past president.

Elected to a one-year term on the association board was Larry Hutti, DC, a retired Logan faculty member and a past president of the association. Allen Chamberlain, DC; D. Robert Kuhn, DC, DACBR; and Jeffrey Martin, DC, were elected to serve three-year terms. The Logan faculty re-elected Gary Sanders, PhD, to a one-year term as its representative on the alumni board.

Continuing board members include Alan P. Epstein, DC; Shawn Lavigne, DC; and Glenn Scarpelli, DC. Anthony Calandro, DC, was elected in 2004 to serve a three-year term as alumni representative to the Logan board of trustees. The 2005-2006 advisory committee to the alumni association board includes Heidi Crocker, DC; Ralph Filson, DC; Angela Foster, DC; William Haanen, DC; Brian Snyder, DC; and Aaron Wahl, DC.

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