

Dr. Dennis Marchiori Named New Chancellor of Palmer College

Following perhaps the most expansive search for a chiropractic college leader in the history of the profession, the [Palmer College of Chiropractic](#) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the unanimous selection of Dennis Marchiori, DC, PhD, DACBR, as chancellor of Palmer College. His appointment will take effect Dec. 15, 2009.

Dr. Marchiori was approved by the board of trustees at its Oct. 30, 2009, meeting in Daytona Beach Shores, Fla. He was recommended to the full board after a comprehensive interview process led by a board-appointed, seven-member ad hoc Succession Planning and Search Committee. The committee was assisted by [Diversified Search](#), a Philadelphia-based executive search firm, and a five-member search advisory group consisting of notable chiropractic, higher-education and community leaders.

"I'm very pleased with the process we followed to identify who we all believe is the most qualified person to lead Palmer College," said Mr. Ken Koupal, chair of the committee. "Diversified Search, the Committee and everyone involved worked as a true team to recruit and examine a strong pool of 27 internal and external candidates. In the end, we all recognized that the best candidate, Dr. Marchiori, was right here at Palmer."

"From the outset, our goal was to be thorough and committed to finding the right candidate to lead this institution," said Trevor Ireland, DC, chairman of the Palmer Board of Trustees. "We will never lose sight of our responsibility for doing what is best for Palmer College and we're confident that, under Dr. Marchiori's proven leadership, we will continue to uphold that responsibility."

Passing the Baton

In assuming the chancellor role, Dr. Marchiori will succeed Mr. William Wilke, a respected Quad-City area businessman and a member of the Palmer Board since 1998. In December 2008, [following the departure of Chancellor Larry Patten](#), the board asked Mr. Wilke to serve until a complete and thorough search could be conducted.

"While we are excited about the future of Palmer College under Dr. Marchiori's leadership, I want to express the Board's sincere gratitude to Mr. Wilke for his service during the past year," said Dr. Ireland. "His guidance and management expertise played a key role in so many of our accomplishments."

"For more than a century, Palmer College has been leading the chiropractic profession and contributing to the communities surrounding our campuses," said Dr. Marchiori. "I am honored to continue the successes of the past, including recent regional accreditation and growing extramural research grants, as we advance the College through its next phase of accomplishments. We have energized students and a dedicated team of staff, faculty and administrators to promote our educational mission. Palmer College is an exceptional organization and well-positioned for future success. I'm truly honored to have been selected chancellor."

A Palmer Product

A native of western Pennsylvania, Dr. Marchiori completed his prerequisite work at [Penn State University](#) before earning his Bachelor of Science at Regents College in Albany, N.Y. He graduated with his doctor of chiropractic degree from Palmer College's Davenport Campus in 1990 and went on to earn his Master of Science degree in anatomy at Palmer in 1992. In 1995, he completed a three-year residency in radiology at Palmer College leading to diplomate status with the [American Chiropractic Board of Radiology](#).

Dr. Marchiori received his doctorate in policy, planning and leadership from the University of Iowa in 2005. He has had faculty appointments in the Research, and Diagnosis and Radiology departments. His administrative tenure includes the roles of department chair, dean, vice president of academic affairs for the Davenport Campus, and vice chancellor for academics for the Palmer College system. In addition to his teaching and administrative service, he has published numerous scientific articles and two editions of a comprehensive textbook in radiology, titled *Clinical Imaging*.

"With nearly 20 years invested with Palmer College, Dr. Marchiori has proven himself as a leader in chiropractic and higher education," said Dr. Ireland. "There is a great sense of pride in watching someone like him live the American Dream, advancing through the administrative levels and excelling with each new chapter."

Dr. Marchiori lives in Bettendorf, Iowa, with his wife, Cheryl, and four children: Isabella, Sophia, Tony and Olivia. An investiture ceremony is being planned for early next year.

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