

NBCE Hosts 7th Annual Student Leadership Forum

The seventh annual student leadership forum was held at the [National Board of Chiropractic Examiners'](#) headquarters on Jan. 22, 2010, with 15 student leaders in attendance as well as NBCE President Dr. Vernon Temple.

Dr. Temple welcomed the students to Greeley, Colo., emphasizing the importance of standardized testing in chiropractic. Prior to the establishment of the NBCE, each state had its own examination process. This led to random exam development and administration procedures, and often-unreliable results. Moreover, these individual exams proved to be costly for each doctor who chose to be licensed in more than one state.

Dr. Temple told attendees: "The ultimate benefit to you is that the NBCE exams are psychometrically sound, which means the exams meet the criteria set forth by national and international testing experts for being reliable assessments of your knowledge and readiness to practice. It also means that you have unprecedented inter-jurisdictional mobility to practice in the U.S. For the general public it means that they can trust a licensed doctor to have a standard base of knowledge."

[Dr. Temple](#) also spoke about the important role of student leaders in building unity and transparency within the chiropractic profession. "We believe that the chiropractic profession will grow and strengthen when and if we all focus on uniting our profession, transparent motivation, developing ethical character, and producing sustained and superior results," he said.

The students were introduced to the foundations of testing including the chiropractic practice analysis and the Delphi study; written exam development process and the importance of test committees; the design, development and scoring process for the Part IV practical exam; international activities; examinee services, security, exam administration, and test accommodations.

Dr. Daniel Saint-Germain, president of the [Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards](#) (FCLB) and an NBCE director, and Ms. Donna M. Liewer, FCLB executive director, also presented a short overview of the federation, including the role of the FCLB in gathering and sharing of information, resources and statistics on the profession and other information.

Other attendees of the leadership forum included:

Student American Chiropractic Association (SACA) Officers:

- Therese Finan (Cleveland Chiropractic College - Kansas City), national chair
- Eric Roseen (Western States Chiropractic College), national vice chair
- Kelly Golob (Southern California University of Health Sciences), national legislative chair
- Casey Bullock (Texas Chiropractic College), national vice legislative chair

American Black Chiropractic Association (ABCA) Representatives:

- Anthony Witherspoon (Sherman College of Chiropractic), national student representative
- Kiofa Clark (Sherman College of Chiropractic), eastern region student representative
- Khaleed Samuels (Cleveland Chiropractic College - Los Angeles), western region student representative
- Leartis Lister (Texas Chiropractic College), southern region student representative

Student International Chiropractors Association (SICA) Representatives:

- Julian K. Wetterlin (Life University, College of Chiropractic), congress vice chair
- Kyle Klim (Life Chiropractic College West), congress legislative liaison
- Christie Kwon (Life University, College of Chiropractic), congress campus liaison

World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS) Representatives:

- Erin Spindler (Parker College of Chiropractic), chair
- Stanton Hom (Southern California University of Health Sciences), vice chair
- Lance Cohen (Cleveland Chiropractic College - Los Angeles), regional representative Washington, D.C.
- Sarah Hatherly (Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College), regional representative, North America West and Mexico

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