

News In Brief

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Parker College Opens Standard Process Student Activity Center

Parker College of Chiropractic recently opened the Standard Process Student Activity Center, a state-of-the-art two-story facility that features workout and weight-training equipment, a gymnasium, locker rooms and a student lounge - all intended to "help to maintain the health and wellness philosophy that Parker College promotes [and] assist in producing positive lifestyle choices and a healthy environment."

According to college officials, the gymnasium can be converted to an auditorium that will seat approximately 1,200 people for assemblies, graduation ceremonies and special programs.

"We are so grateful for the generosity of Standard Process and for providing such a wonderful place for our future doctors of chiropractic to implement a health and wellness lifestyle," said Dr. Fabrizio Mancini, president of Parker College. "It is such an inspiration to see a company that is dedicated to promoting a holistic approach to health care and is giving to others that have that common goal."

All Three Palmer Campuses Earn Regional Accreditation

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) recently notified Palmer College of Chiropractic that all three Palmer campuses- the main campus in Davenport, Iowa, Palmer West in San Jose, Calif., and Palmer Florida in Port Orange - have received regional accreditation for the next 10 years. The Davenport and Florida campuses were reaccredited, while the West campus received first-time accreditation from the NCA.

"This is an important milestone for Palmer College of Chiropractic," said Dr. Clay McDonald, vice chancellor for strategic development at Palmer. "It is confirmation that all three of Palmer's campuses meet or exceed the standards of the NCA, which is the largest regional accrediting body in the United States. This regional accreditation is in addition to the long-standing accreditation of Palmer's Doctor of Chiropractic program on all three campuses by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE)."

According to Palmer, the specific advantages of regional accreditation is that it allows for the creation of 3 + 1 agreements (transfer of credit agreements with undergraduate institutions) and generally makes it easier for students to transfer credits. This is significant for students who already have their doctor of chiropractic degree and are interested in pursuing an advanced degree.

"In order to receive the full 10-year accreditation from the NCA, Palmer College needed to produce a Self- Study Report, which was a detailed analysis of Palmer College spanning the last 10 years," added Jeannette Danner, senior director of accreditation and licensure at Palmer. "The nearly 100 staff and faculty members from all three campuses who were involved in developing the Self-Study

Report learned a tremendous amount about Palmer College, and were able to contribute to a final document that was very well received by the NCA. It was an incredible opportunity for many people at Palmer to learn more about their institution, and the end result was a thorough, thoughtful examination of Palmer's successes and challenges over the last 10 years."

Palmer's next accreditation evaluation by the Higher Learning Commission of the NCA will be in 2018-2019.

Life University Shows Spirit of Giving Over the Holidays

The Georgia Tennis Foundation, a nonprofit organization serving (no pun intended) Georgia youth with community tennis programs, is in a much better position to do so after receiving a \$50,000 donation from Life University in December. The university is an active supporter of the Atlanta Slam, an annual event in which celebrities play tennis matches to raise money for the GTF and its programs.

In addition to the \$50,000 donation to GTF, in November Life hosted the 4th annual Share Your Health event at the university's outpatient campus clinic, a food donation drive that yielded more than 600 pounds of non-perishable food. MUST Ministries in Marietta, Ga., used the donated food to feed hundreds of needy families in Cobb and Cherokee counties over the holidays. More than 2,000 pounds of food have been donated since 2006, the first year of the annual two-day food drive.

Helping COCSA Continue Serving State Associations

The Congress of Chiropractic State Associations (COCSA) received a \$23,000 donation from Foot Levelers last December to "support the COCSA mission, which is 'to provide an open, nonpartisan forum for the promotion and advancement of the chiropractic profession through service to member state associations.'"

"Without the kindness and generosity of sponsors it would be nearly impossible for volunteer organizations, like the Congress of Chiropractic State Associations, to provide the vital services to our member states and to fill the COCSA mission," said Dr. Jeff Fedorko, president of COCSA. "It is with great appreciation that we accept [this] financial gift from Foot Levelers."

A Moment of Silence for Dr. William J. Kotheimer

Editor's Note: We recently received an e-mail from Dr. William P. Kotheimer, son of Dr. William J. Kotheimer, with a request that we share the following words about his father's life with our readership - something we are more than happy to do when editorial space permits.

Dr. William J. Kotheimer of Youngstown, Ohio, passed away Nov. 23, 2009, at the age of 84. A chiropractic technique developer and author, Dr. Kotheimer was truly gifted at his craft, and his office was always full of patients who felt they could only be adjusted well by him. He discovered certain critical relationships between specific vertebrae of the cervical spine and pelvic and cranial regions, and developed methods of subluxation listing as well as other innovations.

Dr. Kotheimer also wrote two books, authored numerous articles, and taught seminars. He was a very sincere and dedicated man, and a chiropractic genius. He is so greatly missed by his wife, family, former patients, friends and church. Two sons are chiropractors in Ohio and a

granddaughter as well in Atlanta.

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