

News in Brief

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Name Change for Western States

[Western States Chiropractic College](#) is now the University of Western States, a move that, according to the university in a March release, "creates the opportunity to offer new programs of study, additional advanced degrees, and expanded research opportunities" while continuing to offer its flagship program in chiropractic and certificate program in massage therapy. The name change is effective immediately, with Web pages, signs and other university materials being updated to reflect the new name and logo within the next several months.

"Chiropractic and massage therapy represent only a portion of integrated health care career choices available to students today," said Dr. Joseph Brimhall, university president. "By expanding upon those programs, offering additional courses of study, and transitioning to university status, the University of Western States becomes a more diversified and well-rounded health care institution."

Palmer Students Donate *En Masse* to Foundation

[Palmer College of Chiropractic](#) students jumped into action following a pledge promise by Retired Brigadier General and Foundation for Chiropractic Progress spokesperson Becky Halstead, who told Palmer students at a March visit that she would double her monthly contribution to the FCP if at least 100 students would support the foundation by month's end. As of April 5, 112 Palmer students had signed up following Gen. Halstead's lead.

"The students are leading by example," said [Gen. Halstead](#). "Their personal, monthly commitment is about much more than financial support. This step by so many students sends a clear message to all students, faculty and DCs nationwide - get engaged, be dedicated, and be committed to the profession you have chosen."

"Over the past few months, we have been promoting the Foundation throughout campus; informing as many as we could on the importance of supporting the foundation and investing in their own futures," said Anna Walden, a foundation student representative and 7th trimester student at Palmer. "General Halstead's presentation was the icing on the cake; creating an extra push that motivated students and allowed us to reach our goals."

Minnesota Doctors, Students Meet With State Legislators

In another encouraging display of student activism, students from [Northwestern Health Sciences University](#) (NHSU) joined chiropractors from the Minnesota Chiropractic Association (MCA) for the annual "MCA Day at the Capitol" in mid-March. The association and university coordinated the legislative event to raise awareness of legislative issues affecting chiropractic, acupuncture and Oriental medicine, and massage therapy, all of which are part of the Northwestern curriculum.

"We had a fantastic turnout," said Dr. Charles Sawyer, senior vice president at Northwestern and organizer of the event. "To have that mass presence taking our message to the lawmakers is very important."

"It's good to see how the process works," added Rebecca Rodne, who is enrolled in Northwestern's chiropractic degree program. "I will be able to take the experience back to my home state of North Dakota when I graduate and start a practice."

NUHS Gets "Good Neighbor Award" From Hometown

[National University of Health Sciences](#) was honored recently by the Village of Lombard, home to the NUHS campus since 1963, with the "Good Neighbor Award." The university received the award as recognition for donating its campus and providing volunteers last September for a disaster drill. The campus served as a test site for disaster readiness following a mock tornado. NUHS students and faculty took part in the event, some playing injury victims, and several campus buildings scheduled for demolition were used to test emergency teams' ability to appropriately respond to storm and fire scenarios.

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