

## News in Brief

Editorial Staff

### Logan College Receives \$700,000 Research Grant From Standard Process

Following its initial grant announcement at the Association of Chiropractic Colleges / Research Agenda Conference (ACC-RAC) in March, Standard Process received 13 grant proposals, which it narrowed to seven and requested full proposals. Emerging as the recipient of the robust, \$700,000 grant is Logan College of Chiropractic / University Programs. Logan Director of Clinical Research, Cheryl Hawk, DC, PhD, leads the Logan research team that will conduct a two-year, randomized, placebo-controlled trial to assess the short- and long-term effects of chiropractic care, alone and in combination with nutritional supplements, in supporting ligament resiliency.

"Chiropractors are routinely called upon to help support the health of joints and muscles," said Dr. Hawk. "My team is excited to begin a trial that will help us better understand the use of chiropractic care and nutrition in cases of severe ligament stress."

"The level of quality of proposals was very high," said David Barnes, PhD, director of research and development for Standard Process, in awarding the grant to Logan College. "We [are] excited about the research capacity of the chiropractic profession and this is our way of supporting it."

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### First Graduates of National's Florida Chiropractic Program

December 2012 saw three members of the inaugural class at National University of Health Sciences' Florida campus graduate with their Doctor of Chiropractic degrees. Ten trimesters after joining National-Florida to pursue their dream of becoming a chiropractor, Dex Alvaraez, Margaux Allen and Guy Reshamwala walked the commencement aisle. The remaining nine students from the inaugural class, who chose flex tracks with time off between trimesters, are set to graduate this year.

"I'm very proud that they so graciously prepared the road for others," said Dr. Joseph Stiefel, dean of the College of Professional Studies at NUHS-Florida, as the three prepared to graduate. "They 'adapted and conquered' in the way that I would expect a NUHS grad to do. They are going to be great doctors!"

In [June 2008](#), National University of Health Sciences announced it would offer the Doctor of Chiropractic degree program in Florida via a partnership agreement with St. Petersburg College (SPC). The college maintains a unique alliance with numerous educational institutions including NUHS, allowing students in Florida to complete various postgraduate degree programs at SPC campuses throughout Pinellas County, Fla.

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### Parker Appoints Board Chair

The Parker University Board of Trustees has elected Wright Lassiter, EdD, DCE, as its new board chair for a two-year term. Dr. Lassiter previously served as treasurer and has been a board

member at Parker since 2007.

"With my experience in education and the recent hiring of a new president for Parker University, Dr. Brian J. McAulay, the institution now has the leadership in place to offer allied health degrees to students with a strong desire to work within health care," said Dr. Lassiter. "The demand for qualified professions to fill these roles within health care is great and Parker is at the cutting edge of health care education."

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## Erratum

In our first issue of the year, we featured the Chiropractic Summit's [latest article](#) on Medicare documentation, which focused on the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS). While the information in the article was factual, we erroneously listed the author, Susan McClelland, as an attorney, which she is not. Our apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

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