

California Forum

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LACC Inaugurates Legislative Day

Representative Dana Rohrabacher (left) and Senator Orrin Hatch participated in LACC's inaugural Legislative Day.

Senator Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT) and Representative Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) spoke before hundreds of faculty, staff and students at the campus of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic to inaugurate the school's first "Legislative Day." The topic of the discussion was the future of health care legislation in the 105th Congress.

The two statesmen urged the audience to get involved politically. Sen. Hatch issued a blunt warning: "If chiropractors don't get involved, you'll be swept aside because you're a small group." The senator detailed what he meant by involvement: "That doesn't just mean making donations, but ... getting involved in the campaigns of people you think are honest and decent."

The Legislative Day was held to get students thinking about their future in health care, and to heighten their awareness of the political factors that impact the chiropractic profession.

Palmer West Clinics Help Special Olympians Pass Physical Exam Requirement

A new program offered by Palmer Chiropractic Clinics West is making it much easier for nearly 1,000 South Bay athletes to compete in the 13 sporting events sponsored annually by the Santa Clara County Special Olympics. The clinics are working with the local Special Olympics chapter to provide their athletes with a low-cost and convenient method to satisfy the organization's requirement that athletes receive a physical exam once every three years.

"Having a resource like this for our athletes is a dream, and I'm confident it will help boost the number of athletes competing in our events," said Kara Capaldo, Special Olympics training coordinator. "Every year, approximately 25% of our athletes are due for a physical exam. This program will make it significantly easier for the athletes to fulfill the physical exam requirement, because of the reduced rate, the availability of three locations and the distinguished reputation of Palmer College West as one of the leaders in chiropractic care."

"We decided to take our son to the Palmer clinics because it was very convenient," said Daniel Falconer, whose son James finished first in the 50-meter dash at the recent Special Olympics Track and Field event. "I was very satisfied with the thoroughness and quality of care my son received."

The program benefits the clinicians also, as they gain from the experience of working with the Special

Olympics athletes.

"Our students also benefit from the educational experience of working with a more diverse group of patients during their internship in the clinics," observed Dr. Dominick Scuderi, director of the Palmer West Clinic in Santa Clara.

Cleveland L.A. Student ICA Chapter -- "Most Dynamic"

Cleveland Chiropractic College of Los Angeles' student chapter of the International Chiropractors Association won the award for the "Most Dynamic Student ICA Chapter" at the National ICA Conference May 16-19 in San Francisco, California.

Mike Dorausch, the president of CCCLA's Student International Chiropractors Association (SICA), attributes the award to the hard work and dedication put in by SICA officers and members. Says Dorausch, "I was completely floored. I was very surprised. We were all pretty excited."

Adds Diane Marcel, CCCLA's coordinator of alumni services, "They really showed their school spirit and unity when they won the award. It was really amazing to see how excited they were. We are definitely proud of them."

With more than 180 members, the SICA is one of the most popular student organizations on campus.

Life West Elects Student Council

President -- Nina Robinson, a freshman from San Francisco, has a BS in mechanical engineering from Cal. Poly. State University in San Luis Obispo. She has served as her class representative on the student council the past three quarters.

Vice President -- Michael Weiskopf, a junior, completed his college prerequisites at Camden County Community College in Blackwood, New Jersey. He is president of the Delta Sigma Chi fraternity, and is a member of the Student International Chiropractors Assoc.

Secretary -- Tiffanee Zelmon, a sophomore from Walnut Creek, Calif., graduated cum laude from Cal. State University at Hayward with a BS in biology. She has a 4.0 gpa at Life West, and has served as a student council class representative the past four quarters. Tiffanee has been a competitive artistic roller skater for more than 20 years.

Treasurer -- Puna Ruiz, a freshman from Sacramento, Calif., has an AS degree in math and engineering from Cosumnes River College.

He has earned many scholarships and has been on the Dean's List every quarter at Life West.

Student council officers serve a three-quarter term.

