

College News

LIFE WEST

Dynamic Chiropractic Staff

LCCW Graduates 72, Honors Mark Victor Hansen

Mark Victor Hansen, an internationally known motivational speaker and a strong supporter of the chiropractic profession, received an honorary doctor of chiropractic humanities degree from Life Chiropractic College West (LCCW) during its December 11 commencement ceremonies. LCCW President Dr. Gerard Clum presented Mr. Hansen with his degree, and conferred doctor of chiropractic degrees upon 72 new graduates at the winter ceremony.

Mark Hansen hails from Newport Beach, California. His most recent book, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, is reportedly fast approaching a spot on the New York Times best seller list.

The commencement speaker was 1967 Palmer College graduate Brian Long, DC of Tacoma, Washington, whose son Douglas received his degree during the ceremony. "The 1990s will be the recognition of a health care system run amok," said Dr. Long in his speech. "We are told we have a health care crisis. I believe we have a disease care crisis."

Top academic honors in the summer quarter class went to valedictorian Kevin Miller and salutatorian Gerald Desmarais. Fall quarter honorees were valedictorian Christopher Dawson and salutatorian Jaineen Bloss. The Clinic Excellence Citation, honoring students for their outstanding work at Life West's public clinic, was presented to Yael Weiss of Israel, and Hari Simran Singh Khalsa of Phoenix, Arizona.

Life West Instructors are Published in JMPT

"The reliability of patient positioning for evaluating static radiologic parameters of the human pelvis," co-authored by Dr. Gregory Plaugher, Adam Hendricks, Dr. Richard Doble Jr., Dr. Vincent Hoffart, and Life West instructors Drs. Trent Bachman and H. Jason Araghi, was published in the October 1993 *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics*.

The article attempted to determine the reproducibility of patient positioning on pelvic x-rays. Using 37 chiropractic college students as subjects, the researchers repeated pelvic radiologic examinations on half the group after one hour, and repeated evaluations of the other half after 18 days. In both groups, the researchers found no statistically significant differences between the markings on the first radiograph when compared with the second.

A case study, "Chiropractic management of a hypertensive patient," also published in JMPT, was authored by Drs. Plaugher and Bachman. In the study, a 38-year-old man suffering from hypertension,

drug-related side effects, and lower back pain began receiving chiropractic adjustments concurrent with his medical care. During the course of chiropractic care, the patient's need for hypertensive medication was reduced. The patient's MD gradually withdrew the medication after two months.

Dr. Bachman, a 1982 Palmer West graduate, has been in clinical practice since 1983 and a member of the Life West faculty since 1986. Dr. Araghi is a 1987 graduate of Palmer West. Both are research associates at the Gonstead Clinical Studies Society.

Los Angeles College of Chiropractic

Thirteen Awarded Scholarships

Nine students have been awarded Betty and Herman Mindlin Scholarships. Through a bequest from the estate of Betty and Herman Mindlin, LACC has established an endowed scholarship program for students with financial need. These scholarships are awarded to commend significant achievement, and to inspire continued dedication to the goals and ideals of the chiropractic profession.

In the Mindlin awards category of Special Recognition, Dennis Cope was awarded \$1,000; Ursula Funderburk, \$800; and Kamer Ozdemir, \$500. In the category of Student Service, Rob Engel was awarded \$1,000; Melissa Ward, \$800; and Dionne McClain, \$500. In the category of Academic Honors, Heidi Geier was awarded \$1,000; Erica Kim, \$800; and Adam Story, \$500.

The total number of Mindlin awards given depends on the interest earned on the endowment. Successful recipients are eligible to renew grants on an annual basis.

Sharon Smith, a seventh term student, was the recipient of the Gonstead Chiropractic Educational Trust Scholarship. The award includes the cost of tuition, fees, and textbooks, and an additional \$700 for living expenses for the period of one academic year. This scholarship is awarded on a rotating basis to chiropractic colleges throughout the US.

Three students have been awarded Follett Scholarships: Kevin Morgan, Thomas Lamar, and Michelle Johnson. These awards are made available by the Follett College Stores Corporation which operates the bookstore at LACC. Follett donated \$500 this year to the program. Recipients must be at least in their second term, with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

Cleveland College of Chiropractic, Los Angeles

CCCLA Bids Farewell to Administrator Dr. Edith Haynes

Approximately 600 students, staff, faculty, administrators, clinicians, and patients from CCLA recently gathered to say goodbye to long-time college administrator Dr. Edith Haynes. Dr. Haynes is moving to Oklahoma where she plans to do independent consulting.

Dr. Haynes began working at CCCLA in 1977, following her graduation from CCKC and taking the job of administrative assistant there. Dr. Haynes served as CCCLA's director of admissions, director of

postgraduate education, director of development/alumni affairs and, most recently, assistant to the president.

"CCCLA will not forget the capable, caring assistance she has provided to Dr. Carl S. Cleveland Jr., and to me, as well as the entire faculty, staff, and student body," said Dr. Carl S. Cleveland III, president of the Cleveland colleges. "Our best wishes for success go with Dr. Haynes, and the entire college community thanks her for her dedication to this college and this great profession. Both are better for her having been a part of them."

Cleveland Represented at National Chiropractic Mobilization Conference

Cleveland President Dr. Carl S. Cleveland III, joined chiropractic dignitaries from more than 45 states at the ACA's National Chiropractic Mobilization Conference in Dallas, Texas, where the ACA outlined its national campaign for chiropractic inclusion. Representatives learned how individual states fit into the national strategy to secure a full and fair place for chiropractic in the proposed health care reform.

CCCLA Hosts Clinic Administrators

CCCLA hosted the semi-annual meeting of the Council of Clinic Administrators of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges (ACC), November 4-6.

Eleven chiropractic colleges across the country sent clinic administrators for business meetings on managed care, computers in clinic management, and patient education/clinical education.

Dr. Michael Birozy, CCCLA clinic director, served as host for the meeting. The delegates were officially welcomed by Chancellor Dr. Carl Cleveland Jr. CCCLA.

CCA President Bradley Sullivan, DC

CCA President Speaks at Fall Commencement

Fall '93 commencement at CCCLA was held December 11 at the Glendale United Church. The graduation speaker was Dr. Bradley J. Sullivan, a 1983 graduate of CCCLA and president of the California Chiropractic Association (CCA).

Class valedictorian was Vincent James Saporito of Los Angeles.

Dr. Carl S. Cleveland III hosted a luncheon and video program for the graduates and their guests on November 11 at the Delancey Street Foundation in Los Angeles.

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