

Palmer President Announces Resignation

DR. KERN TO TEACH FULL-TIME AT PALMER

Editorial Staff

On April 15, Donald Kern, DC, announced that he is stepping down as president of Palmer College of Chiropractic to return to the Palmer faculty in a full-time teaching capacity.

In announcing his resignation, Dr. Kern cited a desire to pursue the rewards of direct contact with students in a classroom setting. After a one year sabbatical, Dr. Kern said he would "return refreshed and ready to tackle the challenges of preparing students for success in the health care environment of the 21st century."

Dr. Kern, 58, of Bettendorf, Ohio, graduated from Palmer College in 1958. He joined the Palmer Clinic staff in 1960 and was named to the faculty two years later. He has been an administrator in various capacities for 30 years and has served as president of the Davenport chiropractic college since 1988. He has been a faculty member during much of that time and is currently a part-time instructor.

Michael Crawford, chancellor of the Palmer Chiropractic University System, said Dr. Kern's resignation will become effective June 30, 1994. A search for both an interim president and a permanent replacement will begin immediately. "Because this position is critical to the future of Palmer College and in many ways the entire profession, the search process will be both vigorous and methodical, and may take as much as a year or more," Mr. Crawford said. Mr. Crawford anticipates that both the interim and permanent positions will be filled by doctors of chiropractic.

During the Kern presidency, the college's endowment fund has gone from \$1.5 million to \$15 million, and student enrollment has increased from 1,350 to a current enrollment of 1,950 full-time students.

Palmer College, the first college of chiropractic, was founded in 1897 in Davenport by D.D. Palmer and has since graduated more than 30,000 chiropractors. In 1991, the college became part of the Palmer Chiropractic University System.

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