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Dr. Rick Chaeff Receives Lifesaving Award

Rick Chaeff, DC, is a two-career man. He has the distinction of maintaining a private practice and working as a police officer in San Jose.

On November 2, Dr. Chaeff was honored with the prestigious William Poelle award by San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer in a ceremony recognizing the heroic efforts of police officers who have helped save a person's life. Receiving the Poelle honor involves a special nomination and selection process.

Dr. Chaeff has been a member of the Palmer West faculty since 1990, where he teaches emergency procedures. He also manages to find the time (we're not quite sure how) to care for poor villagers in Mexico with the "Flying Doctors."

LACC student Rob Engel.

Rob Engel Named Student Chairman of CCA

Rob Engel, a 10th term student at Los Angeles College of Chiropractic (LACC), has been appointed as statewide student chairman for the California Chiropractic Association (CCA). This is a new position in the CCA, in fact, the first student position within the association. Mr. Engel will act as the liaison between students and the CCA through chapter presidents at the chiropractic colleges throughout the state. Four out of the five schools in California are active in the CCA.

Mr. Engel, you may recall, was also selected "Student of the Year" at the American Chiropractic Association's annual convention in July: the first time the ACA has given a student award.

LCCW Public Clinic Named Best for Second Year in Regional Poll

The readership of the east Bay Area's Hayward Daily Review, for the second year running, named the public clinic operated by Life Chiropractic College West (LCCW) the best chiropractic office in the newspaper's circulation area. The nonprofit clinic won "The 1993 Best from the Valley to the Bay" award for the chiropractic category in a poll that asked readers to identify the area's best in shopping, services, and entertainment.

In addition, Life West alumna Claudia Zdral, DC, class of '83, was voted a "1993 Best" award in the chiropractor category by readers from the Alameda Times-Star and Oakland Tribune newspapers.

The competition was a promotion by the Alameda Newspaper Group, publisher of the Daily Review and four other newspapers serving Alameda County from the San Ramon Valley to the San Francisco Bay. Ballots were run in the newspapers in early September. Dean of Clinics George Casey, DC, was presented the "1993 Best" certificate on October 25 at the Alameda Newspaper Group's banquet honoring the winners in all categories. The top vote-winners were published in the October 26 supplement to the five publications.

Dr. Kaibel Addresses Palmer West Students on Health Care Reform

Dr. Jerilynn Kaibel, the sole chiropractor appointed by the president to the Health Professions Review Group, visited PCCW recently to address the college community and discuss the prospect of nationalized health care, and the impact of such a program will have on the chiropractic profession. Dr. Kaibel provided insight and analysis of President Clinton's health care reform proposal, and also delved into specifics when explaining how a managed health care system would affect the practicing doctor of chiropractic.

College Highlights

Life College of Chiropractic West

"Alumnus of the Year"

Oakland chiropractor Godfrey Nunoo, active in community andprofessional organizations, has been named "1993 Alumnus of the Year" by the Life West Alumni Association. Dr. Nunoo, a 1986 LCCW graduate, received the award during the college's 1993 homecoming dinner on October 23rd. The award is presented to alumni for their personal and professional accomplishments, and for their dedication to the community, the chiropractic profession, and their alma mater.

Dr. Nunoo is vice president of communication for the CCA, and immediate past president of the Alameda County Chiropractic Society, where he served as president for two terms and vice president for one term. He is also active in numerous community organizations, including the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Association, the American Red Cross, and the Kiwanis Club of Oakland, and serves as a volunteer for the Oakland Mayor Summer Jobs Program. He also serves on the board of directors for Continental Resource Institute, a humanitarian relief nonprofit organization.

A native of Accra, Ghana, West Africa, Dr. Nunoo is a member of the on-call staff in the radiology department at Kaiser Hospital in Hayward, and in the radiology department at ReadiCare Industrial Medical Clinics.

Palmer College of Chiropractic West

Three PCCW Students Receive Scholarships

Palmer West students T.J. Osborne, Joel Kinch, and Janet Rosenfeld were all honored at the college's recent homecoming. PCCW Associated Student Government President T.J. Osborne, named "Student of the Year" by the CCF, and ASG Athletic Director Joel Kinch received the first two scholarships from the Peggy Sherman Endowment Fund. Janet Rosenfeld, president of the Gonstead Club, was presented with the first Palmer West British Columbia Alumni Association scholarship.

Faculty Members Contribute to Sports Injuries Book

Dr. Thomas Souza, Palmer College of Chiropractic West (PCCW) clinical professor and chair of the Diagnosis department, is editor and contributor to the recently published Sports Injuries of the Shoulder: Conservative Management. The 642-page textbook and clinical reference also features contributions by PCCW faculty members Drs. Joan Davis and Edward Feinberg.

Enrolled Married Couples Get a Break

PCCW has announced that the college will now offer a reduction in tuition to married couples when both spouses are simultaneously enrolled as Palmer West students. The reduction will be 50 percent of the tuition of one spouse. Students must be enrolled for a period of six months prior to becoming eligible to receive the reduction benefit. This policy is effective Fall Quarter '93 and is not retroactive. For further details, contact the Palmer West admissions office at (408) 944-6024.

PCCW Hockey Team Skates to Victory in Debut Game

Palmer West's inaugural student hockey team won a 9-2 victory in its opening game in the Pacific Hockey Association, a six-division recreational league, largest in Northern California.

Center John Goldfeldt scored the first goal for Palmer West, while team captain Trent Dean led the team with three goals and three assists. Al Russell, who plays the left wing position, also scored a hat trick. The scoring was completed by goals from Barry Gjerdrum, and Scott McGhie. The goalie team of Brad Pritchard and Brad Kosbar held their opponents scoreless until the third period. The team's 22-game season continues through March of next year.

Cleveland College of Chiropractic Los Angeles

Students Continue Hospital Rotations

Student interns from CCCLA continue to make history by participating in hospital rotations at Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital (CPDH). In addition to this program, CCCLA students, in October, began participating in an extended pathology rotation at Whittier Hospital Medical Center.

"The program is going even better than I expected," said Dr. Michael Birozy, CCCLA clinic director.

"The major benefit of the program is that CCCLA students utilize their skills by interacting with externs from other health care professions. The students learn that they have many things in common with other professions, the most important being the patient. It has turned out to be a great learning experience for the students and for CPDH and Whittier Hospital Medical Center."

CCCLA entered into an agreement in April 1992, and the first hospital rotations for chiropractic students in the state of California began in June 1992. Since then, a total of 44 interns (called externs at the hospital) have participated in the program. Currently, three students are involved in the program. These students observe hospital protocol in the areas of pathology, surgery, and radiology.

CCCLA Student Body Pres. Attends WCCS Conference

Stuart Martin, Cleveland Chiropractic College of Los Angeles (CCCLA) Student Body Association (SBA) president, joined students from 19 other chiropractic colleges at the 14th Annual World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS) conference. The October 4-8 conference in St. Louis, Missouri, was sponsored by Logan College of Chiropractic.

"The WCCS conference was informative for the Student Body Association (SBA)," said Mr. Martin. "The SBA is now able to plan for the future and offer CCCLA students additional options to become more involved."

Guest speakers at the conference included management consultant Dr. David Singer; ICA Vice President Dr. Gary Street; ACA President Dr. John Pammer; radiologist Dr. Terry Yochum; Logan College President Dr. George Goodman; Dr. Beatrice Hagan, past president of Logan; WFC Secretary-General David Chapman-Smith, LLB (hons); and Dr. Elizabeth Parrot.

"Preparations for next year's conference are already in full swing," said Mr. Martin. "The SBA would like to see at least 10 WCCS delegates from CCCLA present. The SBA has inaugurated its own WCCS delegation to achieve a much greater annual presence at this event." The 1994 WCCS conference will be sponsored by Los Angeles College of Chiropractic.

Technical Scholarship Awarded

Debra Nino, a ninth trimester CCCLA student, is the most recent winner of the Dr. Charles E. Gibson Technical Skills Scholarship, presented to the student who scores highest in the Clinic Entrance Examination. Dr. Charles E. Gibson donates money to each accredited chiropractic college to fund a technical skills scholarship which is presented three times a year.

Alumni Board Officers Elected

The CCCLA alumni association elected new officers and board members at a meeting held on campus in September: Courtney Cooke, president; John Wong, vice president; Clarence Green, recording secretary; Edith Haynes, executive secretary; Cergei Klishevich, treasurer; and John Raithel, sergeant-

at-arms. Board members elected were: Drs. Bruce Haggart, Mary Howard, Joseph Raboy, John Shankwiler, and Gerald Shigekawa.

Speaking about the importance of developing relationships between alumni and students, newly elected Alumni Association President Dr. Cooke said, "Students are our future and need the support of alumni. Student involvement is essential for continuity and the future success of any alumni association."

"I congratulate the new officers and board members on their election, and I look forward to working with these key alumni in the future," said CCCLA President Carl S. Cleveland III.

Life College of Chiropractic West

Homecoming at Life West

About 275 alumni, students, faculty, and staff from Life West enjoyed the Festival '93 homecoming event. New officers of the Alumni Association were introduced by outgoing Alumni President Dr. Ross Williams: Dr. Beverly Scott, president; Dr. Bejan Pazdel, vice president; and Dr. Stephen Collins, secretary/treasurer.

Student Places Third in Martial Arts Competition

Saeed Kaykha, a sixth quarter LCCW student, took two third-place awards at the World Championship Kuk Sool Won tournament in Houston, Texas in October. Mr. Kaykha, who has been performing traditional Korean martial arts for five years, took awards in the weapons-handling category. The San Leandro resident hones his skills with three hours of practice each day, six days a week. The rest of his time, of course, is devoted to his chiropractic studies.

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