

News in Brief

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Parker Homecoming Features Statue Unveiling, Awards

On June 12, Parker College held its 25th annual homecoming celebration at the Dallas campus, honoring past and present supporters - beginning with its founder, Dr. James W. Parker. "One of Dr. Parker's last wishes was to have a statue of him placed in Parker College when the time was right," said Dr. Fabrizio Mancini, Parker College president. "Now the students that never knew him can still get a sense of who our founder was, and his spirit will live on." Dr. Mancini said he felt relieved and at peace now that he had fulfilled Dr. Parker's last wish.

Also during the homecoming event, Dr. Mancini and Dennis Harris, president of the alumni association, presented six awards to Parker alumni and supporters. Recipients included: 1991 graduate Dr. Stephen Thaxton, who received the Alumni of the Year Award; 1989 graduate Dr. Scott Wofford, who received the Chiropractor of the Year Award; Dr. Juan Sanchez of Mexico, who received the International Achievement Award; Dr. Richard Yennie, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award; Alan Chad Smith, who received the Young Alumni of the Year Award; and Rose Lepien, chair of the board of trustees, who received the Founder's Award.

In other Parker College news, on June 13, the day after homecoming, chiropractic intern Neil Gardner was inducted into the University of Michigan's Men's Track and Field Hall of Fame. During the ceremony, Gardner shared his accomplishments with the university's athletes.

"Emphasis was placed on the mindset and determination that I had, which led to success both academically and athletically," Gardner stated. "I further explained to them that these achievements afforded me the opportunity to study to become a Doctor of Chiropractic at Parker College of Chiropractic."

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Parker College of Chiropractic for affording me the opportunity to visit the University of Michigan," Gardner said in closing, grateful to have been able to "impart the critically needed message concerning chiropractic and to encourage persons to consider chiropractic as a profession."

Nine Named to Sherman Academy of Chiropractic Philosophers

The first nine graduates of the Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic Academy of Chiropractic Philosophers (ACP) program were inducted into the academy during the college's annual homecoming program. Inductees included Joseph J. Donofrio, DC, Brian R. Dooley, DC, John Hart, DC, MHS, Karen Hayhurst, RM, Jason Lubbe, DC, Brian D. Pulver, DC, Mitzi Schwartzbauer, DC, Gary W. Trout, DC, and Terry J. Van Dervort, DC.

"What I liked most about the ACP program was the opportunity to share ideas, and it is these ideas that will propel the profession forward," said ACP inductee and Sherman graduate, Dr. Brian Dooley.

"I urge everyone to be a part of the movement to get the message of chiropractic to the public. The best way to do that is to have a strong philosophical basis - and for that, you will need the Academy of Chiropractic Philosophers."

Fellow inductee Dr. Karen Hayhurst agreed. "The Academy enabled me to harness my passion for the foundational philosophy of chiropractic," she said. "The program offered a variety of ways to explore the many facets of chiropractic and helped me become more confident in speaking and writing about the integral philosophy of chiropractic."

Chiropractic Aces the Sybase Classic

Members of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) who participated in the Sybase Classic in late May went to Lou Lorenzo, DC, to keep them at their competitive best, with many of the golfers praising his work.

Rookie Kristy McPherson, who suffered from rib pain in her left shoulder, went to Dr. Lorenzo during the event, held at the Upper Montclair Country Club in Clifton, New Jersey. After Lorenzo did his work, McPherson aced the par-3, 147-yard eighth hole during her first round of competition - the first hole-in-one of her career. "Kristy came and found me after her hole-in-one and we celebrated together. We jumped for joy," Dr. Lorenzo said.

Many of the LPGA golfers that Lorenzo attended to, including Amy Hung, Patricia Meunier-Lebouc, Eva Dahlhoff, Meredith Ward, Nina Reis and Kelli Kuehne, had nothing but positive reviews. "I want to leave here in the best position possible," said Kuehne, a native of Texas. "I need constant maintenance. I'm a big advocate of chiropractic care. I've had good experiences with those I've worked with."

Dr. Lorenzo has owned Family Chiropractic Center in New Jersey for 27 years and is a member of the Association of New Jersey Chiropractors. "A lot of people don't like their jobs, but I love what I do," he said. "I love serving the public."

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Hulkamania, Meet Chiromania

In May, the Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum (PWHF) celebrated its sixth annual induction weekend in Amsterdam, New York. At the induction gala, William Darnell, DC, received the Senator Hugh Farley Award for his wrestling achievements and significant contributions to society.

Darnell's professional wrestling career took him to various locations, including Canada, Mexico, Cuba and throughout the U.S. In the mid-1950s, he and Bill Melby were National Wrestling Alliance World Tag Team Champions. Once he realized his body would not endure the wear and tear of the wrestling world forever, Darnell decided to take on the world of chiropractic. In 1957, he enrolled in the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, ultimately receiving his doctor of chiropractic degree from Indiana's Lincoln College of Chiropractic in 1961. He has been treating patients for more than 45 years.

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