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New President at Sherman

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Jon C. Schwartzbauer will become the fourth president of Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic, effective Aug. 13. His appointment, announced by the college's board of trustees in early June, follows a comprehensive search and selection process that yielded numerous candidates.

Dr. Schwartzbauer will replace interim president and founder Thomas Gelardi, DC, who stepped in when Dr. Jerry L. Hardee, the college's third president, retired in July 2005. Dr. Gelardi founded Sherman College in 1973 and served as its first president, leading the college through nearly three decades of growth - including full accreditation by the Council on Chiropractic Education. He retired as president in 1997 and then served as member and chair of the board of directors until 2002.



"We look forward to the great things we will accomplish for Sherman College and for the chiropractic profession under [Dr. Schwartzbauer's] leadership and guidance," said Dr. Cindy Pekofsky, board chair, adding that the board "is extremely grateful for Dr. Gelardi's dedicated service to the college and for his many contributions to the college's successes during his tenure as interim president."

A 1997 Sherman graduate, Dr. Schwartzbauer has served on the faculty of the college since 2002. Most recently, he served as vice president for academic affairs and director of Sherman's Leadership and Practice Management Institute (LPMI). He led the launch and development of LPMI, instituted a leadership and practice-management seminar series for students and faculty, and laid the groundwork for an on-campus student leadership program. Before joining Sherman, Dr. Schwartzbauer ran a successful chiropractic clinic in Mahtomedi, Minn., with his wife, a clinical sciences faculty member at the college.

"I am committed to being a faithful steward of the college's history and working with the college community as we address the opportunities in chiropractic education today," he said. "I look forward to working with our talented and dedicated board, faculty, staff, students, alumni and supporters to strengthen Sherman College and the chiropractic profession."

Dr. Schwartzbauer said that as president, he will focus on increasing student enrollment and fundraising, among other priorities. "I am grateful for the trust the board has placed in me," he said. "I intend to put my heart and soul into Sherman College."

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