

News in Brief

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Department of Homeland Security Wants LBP Prevented

[Dr. John Mayer](#), the Lincoln Endowed Chair in Biomechanical & Chiropractic Research at the University of South Florida, will be able to continue his ground-breaking research on preventing low back injury and illness in firefighters. The latest \$1.3 million FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which includes a 5 percent extramural research grant from the Florida Chiropractic Foundation, is phase three of Dr. Mayer's ongoing FEMA-funded investigation.

Phase 3, a three-year project, will "assess the clinical effectiveness of supervised and web-based exercise interventions performed over 12 months on preventing low back injury and illness in firefighters," according to a Lincoln College Education & Research Fund (LCERF) press release announcing the grant. Results from phase 1 of the project suggest poor back muscular fitness contributes to LBP in the firefighter community; phase 2 results suggest a worksite exercise intervention is safe and effective in improving firefighters' back and core muscular endurance.

The LCERF, the Florida Chiropractic Association and the Florida Chiropractic Foundation helped establish and support / fund the USF endowed chair, which Dr. Mayer has occupied since its inception in 2007.

D'Youville Honors Professor

D'Youville College, the second four-year multidisciplinary college in the U.S. to offer a [DC program](#), recently named its campus chiropractic clinic in honor of the man who helped develop the program and its curriculum: Dr. Paul Hageman, professor of nursing at D'Youville.

"It is a high honor to have my name associated with our state-of-the-art practice clinics, where students get extensive hands-on experience as they complete their internship requirements," he said. "I am grateful to D'Youville for having given me the opportunity to mainstream chiropractic education by developing a Doctor of Chiropractic program."

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