

## ACA Urges DCs & Students To Contact Congress On National Health Care Reform

*(The following is a message from the American Chiropractic Association)*

The U.S. Congress is engaged in an effort to enact into law comprehensive national health care reform legislation that will dramatically impact your future as a practicing Doctor of Chiropractic.

It is imperative that you take IMMEDIATE ACTION to help ensure that your interests and those of your patients that need and depend on essential services provided by a Doctor of Chiropractic are fully protected in any final legislation likely to emerge from Congress.

Specifically, we must:

A) Guarantee that essential services delivered by a Doctor of Chiropractic are included as a covered benefit under any national reform plan

B) Ensure that all plans (including Medicare) provide for parity reimbursement for the full scope of chiropractic services allowed under state law

C) Defeat any attempt to impose an MD-referral requirement for patients to obtain access to chiropractic care

Because Congress will soon accelerate consideration of national

reform legislation it is vital we launch and sustain an intensified grassroots lobbying campaign NOW!

This is what you need to do:

1) Contact your Members of Congress (House Member and two U.S. Senators) immediately using ACA's Legislative Action Center. Here you can send the appropriate prepared message to Congress quickly and efficiently.

2) To ensure that we can efficiently harness and sustain a patient-based grassroots campaign over an extended period of time, the ACA is constructing a national database of chiropractic patient e-mail addresses.

This campaign is critical, as it will allow us to send patients and supporters action alerts similar to this one. Go to [ChiroVoice.org](http://ChiroVoice.org) for all of the background details you will need to support this important project that has the potential to dramatically leverage the grassroots power and influence of our profession.

3) Initiate both activities described above and continue them until advised otherwise by the ACA.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact ACA's Department of Government Relations at [gr@acatoday.org](mailto:gr@acatoday.org) or 703-812-0224



*Welcoming the Trimester 1 students and presenting them with their lab coats was a big part of Texas Chiropractic College's Recognition Ceremony, which helped the evening of May 4, 2009 at the Elliott Auditorium. See page 2 for more coverage.*

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...the future in health care.

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## Summer Recognition Ceremony

On Monday, May 4, 2009, Texas Chiropractic College held its third Recognition Ceremony, welcoming the new Tri-1 students and acknowledging the academic achievements of many continuing students.

After a welcome from President Richard G. Brassard, Bill Clements, Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement presented the first award of the evening with the Admissions Scholarship going to Ana Ynfante. Dr. Steve Elliot then recognized the students entering the Moody Health Center, having completed all requirements to be treating members of the community, as well as Red Badge recipient Rheagan Gaskamp. Continuing with the clinic recognitions, Drs. Victor Benavides and Adraine Mosely presented the white coats to the students entering the Campus Clinic.

Drs. Al Adams and John Mrozek then took the stage to recognize the member's of the Spring 2009 Dean's List and Omega Psi (complete lists at end of story).

The Tri-1 students were introduced by Dr. Steve Haslund. The executive officers of the Student Body Association then presented the Tri-1s with lab coats to mark the beginning of the academic journey, a tradition which began last fall. Six members of the class represented their Tri-1 peers by reading the Code of Conduct their classmates worked on during orientation and agreed to uphold during their course of study at TCC. This Code will be read again at the class's commencement ceremony.

Dr. Sandra Hughes concluded the evening by presenting grants and scholarships to seven deserving members of the entering class.

### Spring 2009 Academic Honorees

#### Dean's List

Reid Amedee  
Kerry Bradley  
Barbara Brown  
Jeffrey Clark  
Andrew Chung  
Reg Cully  
Travis Curd  
Daniel Dannug  
Dawn DeMark-Buik  
Elizabeth Evans  
Rheagan Gaskamp  
Kristle Hernandez  
Yvonne Hinojosa  
Casey Ho  
Jeremiah Holzbach  
Lance Iguess  
John Jacobson  
Mitzi Lacey  
Jennifer Lance  
Kurt Martin

#### Emily Meyer

Nora Pacha  
Lisa Patel  
Jeremie Pederson  
Krista Perdue  
Lauren Peterson  
Sherman Rawlins  
Joshua Regan  
Trevor Schoessow  
Magdalena Sevilla  
Sounthara Siharath  
Cristin Vitek  
Aimee Warmath

#### Omega Psi

Reid Amedee  
Esaias Baca  
Paul Barreiro  
Juan Bazan  
David Blocksom  
Kerry Bradley

#### Barbara Brown

Nova Chauvin  
Jeffrey Clark  
Reg Cully  
Travis Curd  
Daniel Dannug  
Dawn DeMark-Buik  
Elizabeth Evans  
Andrea Graves  
Ashley Gros  
Rebecca Hall  
Jacinda Harden  
Kristle Hernandez  
Jeremiah Holzbach  
Lance Iguess  
John Jacobson  
Hyungsoo Kim  
Joseph Klotz  
Cory LaPoint  
Jennifer Lance  
Asdrubal Lopez

#### Sean MacKenzie

Abigail Maxa  
Emily Meyer  
Jeremie Pederson  
Lauren Peterson  
Michael Ponce  
Sherman Rawlins  
Joshua Regan  
Lance Richardson  
Magdalena Sevilla  
Sounthara Siharath  
David Simmons  
Nicole Sletten  
Cassie Stinson  
Paul Theriot  
Lucas Tower  
Cam Hong Truong  
Braxton Turnage  
Cristin Vitek  
Aimee Warmath

### Professional Creed/Code of Conduct Graduating Class of December 2012

As the incoming class of 2009, we pledge to work, educate, and communicate as a team with respect, accountability, and professionalism.

As students we pledge to honor the teachings, history, and traditions of TCC by dedicating our lives to the practice, promotion, and advancement of the chiropractic field.

We vow to treat our patients and colleagues with compassion, honesty, integrity and respect.

We promise to responsibly serve our patients and communities by recognizing the scope of our own personal capabilities and committing ourselves to life-long learning and development.

As professionals, we will actively pursue a multidisciplinary, inter-professional approach to promote the highest quality of life for our patients.

Now that everyone has gotten their feet back under them with the start of the new term, I'd like to again welcome everyone back for the summer trimester.

The first four months of 2009 were busy ones on our campus as the QEP Steering Committee finalized our proposed quality enhancement plan. Their hard work paid off at the end of February when the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (our accrediting body) accepted our QEP without recommendation. This was a marvelous accomplishment as only 12 percent of colleges and universities going through the accreditation process have their plans passed without recommendations.

With the groundwork laid, the QEP Administrative Committee was formed for the implementation of the plan. I am excited about the start of our pilot program this summer and look forward to hearing the feedback on the progress in these four courses. I remind everyone again that the QEP is a living document, not something set in stone.

The committee will continue to evaluate the proposed curriculum changes as we proceed through the implementation process. Feedback is a vital part of the evaluation process, and I encourage participants to contact the committee with questions, suggestions or concerns. Members of the committee are: Drs. Adams, Benavides, Denby, Foster, Mrozek, Talmage, and Weiss and our student representative, Jeff Clark.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Sandra Hughes and her hard-working staff in the office of admissions. The diligence the admissions staff has shown in redeveloping recruiting strategies last summer and implementing those changes last fall are already paying dividends. This summer we welcomed 33 new students to the Texas Chiropractic College family, the largest entering class



# President's Message

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for a summer term since 2003.

To ensure the continued success of the admissions office, and thereby the continued success of TCC, I encourage all members of our community to aid Dr. Hughes and her staff at every turn. Admissions is hosting an Open House this Friday afternoon and then the bi-annual Career Day will be held on June 6. Please contact the admissions office and find out how you can help with these and other on-going programs.

The greatest way to "sell" prospective students on the TCC experience is for faculty, students and alumni to share their own tales. Whether it's being a part of on-campus events, such as Open Houses and Career Day, or meeting with admissions counselors and prospective students out on the road, members of the TCC family communicating their own experiences is an invaluable tool in the recruiting process.

Finally this week, I would like to remind everyone that both the U.S. and Texas legislatures are in session right now. There are a number of bills being considered at both the state and national levels which could have adverse effects on the chiropractic profession.

At the state level, one bill of concern is SB1314, which places decisions on acupuncture scope of practice and necessary training for all health care

providers in Texas under the Medical Board. This bill has already passed the Senate, and earlier this month was sent to the House and assigned to the Public Health Committee.

There are also several bills at the state level which are beneficial to our profession, including three which are aimed at curbing the abuses which have occurred in marketing to automobile accident victims through purchased police reports.

Nationally, one of the goals of President Obama's administration is health care reform. As this broad issue begins to move up the list and gain the attention of policy makers, it is essential that chiropractors have a voice in the direction any proposed legislation may take.

With these issues in mind, I again encourage the members of the TCC community to join the ACA and the TCA, and support both organizations as they act as your voice during these legislative sessions and fight to protect your rights as a health care professional.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard G. Brassard, D.C." in a cursive script.

Richard G. Brassard, DC  
President  
Texas Chiropractic College

# Around Campus...

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## Pre-Board Qualifying Exams

Testing dates have been scheduled for the TCC Pre-Board Qualifying Exams. If you are planning on taking Part I, II or III of the National Boards this September, make note of the test weeks. A representative will meet with individual classes this trimester to discuss details of this process as well as specific days and times. Also, dates for the TCC faculty conducted board reviews have been scheduled as well. These reviews will be scheduled outside of class hours this summer. Details will follow. Any question can be directed to Dr. Steve Foster, Director of Assessment.

<i>NBCE Examination</i>	<i>NBCE Application Deadline</i>	<i>NBCE Application Cutoff (late fee applies)</i>	<i>Pre-Board Examination Dates</i>	<i>TCC Board Review Dates</i>
September 11-13, 2009	7/7/09	7/21/09	6/15-19/09	7/20-31/09
March 19-21, 2010	1/12/10	1/26/10	1/5-8/10	2/15-26/10
September 10-12, 2010	7/6/10	7/20/10	6/21-25/10	7/19-30/10

## Attention Tri 1-6 Students needing CPR Certification

Need your CPR Certification? There is a Homecoming special being made available just for current TCC Tri 1-6 students. A CPR certification class will be held on Saturday, July 18 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the Ivy Room during TCC's annual Homecoming and License Renewal. Students are required to have this certification prior to advancing to the Campus Health Center. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will receive a CPR card from the American Red Cross. The cost for the course is \$25, with the price including a ticket to the Beach Party being held during the evening of Thursday, July 16. For more information and to register for the course, please contact the Office of Postgraduate Studies at 281-487-5656 or stop by the office on the second floor of the Harris Building.

## Upcoming Blood Drive - May 19

TCC is coordinating with the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Blood Bank to sponsor a blood drive on campus on Tuesday, May 19 from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. at the Russell Auditorium. T-shirts and refreshments will be available for all donors. Please stop by the Harris Building to sign up soon! A photo ID is required at the time of the donation. For more information about this event, please contact Tammy McAdams at 281-998-6062. To learn more about donating blood, please contact the M.D. Anderson Blood Bank at 713-792-7777 or online at [www.mdanderson.org/bloodbank](http://www.mdanderson.org/bloodbank). A few minutes of your time

## Strawberry Festival This Weekend

For everyone who has volunteered to help at the Strawberry Festival, please see Debbie Salisbury in Institutional Advancement to pick up your badge and sign up for a volunteer shift ASAP.

## Internal Campaign

The Office of Institutional Advancement is currently focusing on the Internal Campaign for TCC. The goal of the Internal Campaign is to achieve 100% participation from faculty and staff. It is important for the college to have 100% participation. We are continually asking alumni, foundations, corporate sponsors & community businesses to give to our annual fund. When we are asked what kind of giving we have on campus, we want to be able to tell them 100% of faculty & staff gives back to the college. The amount you give is not as important as your participation. We are asking all faculty and staff to give to this campaign, even if it's only \$1. If you wish to give more, there are TCC gifts that you will be awarded. Please help us in our efforts to reach the goal of 100% participation by August 31, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact, Debbie Salisbury, Director of Development at 281-998-6085 or [dsalisbury@txchiro.edu](mailto:dsalisbury@txchiro.edu).

## TCC Pageant on the Horizon

The Texas Chiropractic College Spring Pageant is rapidly approaching: June 19-20. It will be held at the Elliott Auditorium on the TCC campus. Registration is still open to ages 6 months and up, with both male and female competitions. All participants will receive a trophy, and the winner of the "18 Year & Older" category will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to any accredited college. For more information, please contact Debbie Salisbury, TCC Director of Development at 281-998-6085 or [dsalisbury@txchiro.edu](mailto:dsalisbury@txchiro.edu).