



TCC Welcomes New Board Members *Blue, Minors Join Board of Regents in October*

At the recent Texas Chiropractic College annual Board of Regents retreat and workshop, Dr. Monte Blue and Dr. Steve Minors were named as the newest members of the Board.

Dr. Blue retired last spring after 37 years of distinguished service to San Jacinto College, including a 25 year term as the president of the college's Central Campus. He helped to guide the college through tremendous growth over the years as the student population increased from 7,000 on a single campus to more than 25,000 on three campuses and seven extension centers.

During his tenure, Dr. Blue provided oversight on major construction and renovation projects valued at nearly \$40 million. He additionally aided San Jac Central in attracting more than \$25 million in gifts, grants, donations and contracts, while establishing major affiliations with compa-

nies such as General Motors, Ford, Toyota, Honda, Chrysler and BMW.

Dr. Blue is also an active member in the community. He has served as past president of the LaPorte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce, the Southmore Medical Center, and the LaPorte Rotary, and has served on the boards of the San Jacinto YMCA and Economic Alliance Houston Port Region.

Dr. Blue earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from North Texas State University. He holds a doctorate of education from the University of Houston.

Dr. Minors is a 1996 graduate of TCC and served a previous stint on the Board from 1999-2002. He stepped down from his Board position when he was named to the Texas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, a position he held from 2003-2008.

During his previous term on the TCC Board, Dr. Minors was the Chairman of the Committee for Institutional Advancement as well as a member of the Nominating Committee. As a member of the Board of Examiners, he was the Chairman of the Rules Committee.

Dr. Minors spent four years on the TWCC's Medical Quality Review Panel Executive Committee (2002-06) and is a former member of the TWCC Medical Advisory Committee.

He maintains a private practice in Austin, Texas. Dr. Minors holds a certificate of Mechanical Diagnostic Therapy and is a candidate for DACRB. Prior to his matriculation at TCC, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1985, then spent three years at the University of Houston in the post-baccalaureate science program.

Seeking Nominations for Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Each fall, Texas Chiropractic College has the opportunity to recognize a number of its students for their leadership, scholastic, and community achievements by submitting nominations to the Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. There is no initiation cost or membership fee

to the nominated student. In addition, the H. Pettus Randall, III Scholarships, worth \$1000 each, have been established and will be awarded to ten 2009 WHO'S WHO students. The scholarships will be awarded based on a random selection in May 2009.

Members of the faculty, administra-

tion, staff and student body are asked to submit their nominations to the Office of Student Affairs by November 7, 2008. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

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IMPORTANT: PROCEDURES FOR FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Final exams will be held Friday, December 12 – Thursday, December 18th. The final exam schedule is now available in the registrar's office. Mixed schedule students need to carefully look over the final exam schedule to see if they have two exams scheduled at the same time. If there are any exam overlaps, the mixed schedule students must advise the registrar's office by noon on Friday, December 5th.

Due to scheduling alterations caused by Hurricane Ike, makeup opportunities for overlapping final exams will be held each afternoon of finals week from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in L-203. If you have an overlapping final, you will be expected to take the makeup exam that same day at 2:00 p.m. It is especially important this trimester that you give the registrar's office ample advance notice of an overlap so that a makeup exam is available for you during the makeup period.

Failure to take your makeup exams during the times offered will result in receiving an incomplete grade which may delay receipt of your financial aid funds for the SP-09 trimester.

NBCE Part IV Familiarization Video

GREELEY, Colo.— Chiropractic students who are preparing to take the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Part IV Examination may now access a video designed to familiarize them with the structure and content of the exam. The video is available on the NBCE Web site at www.nbce.org.

Part IV uses what is called an objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) format. In an OSCE exam, examinees undergo a series of mock patient encounters and perform procedures that would commonly be required on the job as a chiropractor. Examiners then evaluate their performance against a standard established by experts in the field. Every aspect of the exam is standardized, so that the only variable is the examinee's performance.

The NBCE Part IV Examination consists of three practical content areas: x-ray diagnosis and interpretation, case management, and technique demonstration of skill. Each section of the exam is broken into stations where examinees might be asked to demonstrate practical skills such as evaluating x-rays or taking case histories. The video describes what examinees may expect at a test site and includes details such as how to complete answer sheets and how to move between stations.

National Drug-Free Work Week

October 20-26, 2008 is National Drug-Free Work Week, and all members of TCC community are encouraged to participate. The purpose of Drug-Free Work Week is to highlight that being drug free is key to workplace safety and health and to encourage workers with alcohol and drug problems to seek help.

Drug-Free Work Week is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor in coordination with members of its Drug-Free Workplace Alliance. This cooperative program, which represents both employer/contractor associations and labor unions, aims to improve safety and health through drug-free workplace programs. It focuses on the construction industry because research indicates that it has higher than average rates of worker alcohol and drug abuse* a serious concern given that it also tops the list of industries with the highest rates of workplace accidents and injuries. But because drug-free workplace programs benefit all workplaces, employers and employees in all industries, not just construction, are encouraged to take part in Drug-Free Work Week.

The Texas Chiropractic College Board of Regents recently held its annual board retreat and planning meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, and I wanted to bring you up to date on a few items and introduce you to our two newest board members.

First, a word of welcome to Dr. Monte Blue, who just retired from Pasadena's San Jacinto College after a distinguished career there that spanned 37 years, the last 25 as president. Dr. Blue was elected as a Regent and brings with him a vast background of distinguished accomplishment in higher education. He has a long list of publications and presentations; raised over \$25 million in grants and donations for various college causes and served in various professional associations. He chaired the Southeast Economic Development Council, and served on the boards of Economic Alliance, Deer Park Educational Foundation, Southmore Medical Center, Deer Park Hospital, Pasadena Rotary Club, LaPorte/Bayshore Chamber of Commerce and many more. He holds several honors and recognition as well.

I also want to welcome back to the board Dr. Steve Minors of Austin. Dr. Minors is a TCC graduate, and was a regent until his appointment to the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, which necessitated his resignation from our board. Now that



his term has expired, he is again available to serve TCC and we are pleased to have him back. Dr. Minors has always been an example of the best and brightest graduates of TCC. We are proud of him and we know he will do great things as a board member.

After welcoming our new Regents, we got right to work.

The board received reports from all College departments, reviewed the new Web site and reviewed the status of the strategic planning process. Dr. Ken Lindner, former TCC Vice President and Provost, facilitated the first day's board planning session. His presentations were very well received and went a long way in orienting the board and new members regarding their role and duties. With Dr. Lindner's guidance, the board is well poised to lead the College in the integral issues that we face today and

President's Message

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in the near future.

I was pleased as Cabinet members presented the action items of our strategic planning process. The hard work that so many faculty, administrators, students, alumni and board members put forth at our two sessions at NASA was well received and appreciated by the board. We are on a sure course to improve all aspects of College operations, and I am encouraged as I consider our efforts to make TCC the finest chiropractic college in the U.S.

Best Regards,

Richard G. Brassard, DC
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Back Page Submissions

Story suggestions, calendar events, other suggestions and feedback for the Back Page are always welcome! Please contact Patty Barnes at 281-998-6023 or pbarnes@txchiro.edu.

Around Campus...

Early Halloween Fun On Tap This Week

• The TCC annual pumpkin carving /decorating contest is coming up next week. The deadline to submit entries is at 3 PM on Thursday, October 23. All entries will be on display in the lobby of the Harris Building and then at the Talent Show / SBA Halloween Party, which will take place on Friday, October 24. The winning team will take away a \$100 lunch prize. This contest is open to all students, faculty and staff. Good luck.

• Friday, October 24 is the Annual SACA Talent Show and SBA Halloween Party. Those student wanting to perform need to sign up with one of the SACA Officers, Cassie Bullock, Kirra Randolph, Josh Elliott or Ashley Gros. First prize is a portable adjusting table, second prize is from the Nolan Ryan Foundation and door prizes will be given. Entry fee to the SACA Talent Show is \$5.00.

TCC Career Day on Nov. 1

A reminder to the campus community that Career Day, sponsored by the Office of Admissions, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. TCC will host numerous prospective students who are seeking to learn more about the chiropractic profession as a whole, as well as what makes TCC the best choice for their education. Please help make these guests feel welcome on campus and in the profession. For more information, please contact the Office of Admissions.

TCC Blood Drive on Nov. 5

In conjunction with the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Blood Bank, TCC is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Russell Auditorium. Appreciation gifts and refreshments will be provided for donors. A photo ID is required for all potential donors. For more information, please contact Tammy McAdams at 281-998-6062 or stop by the Office of Student Services.

Congratulations to the new officers for the Ambassadors

The Ambassadors recently elected their officers for 2008-09.

President Lizzy Evans

Vice President for Internal Affairs Aimee Warmath

Vice President for External Affairs Cindy Harden

Secretary David Blocksom

Treasurer Ashley Gros

Interview Chairman Betsy Robinson

Calendar Reminders

Reminders for upcoming events:

- SACA Jambalaya, Nov. 5
- Chili Cookoff, Nov. 15
- Registration for Continuing Students, Nov. 17-20
- Christmas Party, Dec. 5
- Final Exams, Dec. 12-19