



Graduation Announcements

From the Financial Aid Office

This is an important note to those students who will be graduating in December.

If you will be graduating in December, even a possibility, you will need to do the Exit Counseling that is required by the Department of Education. We have sent notices to each student who could graduate in December with the instructions on how to do this. As of 11/30/08, only 13 students have completed Exit Counseling online. If you have not received this information, we urge you to contact the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible. We sent this information via your TCC e-mail account, twice. If you have not checked this, please do so now.

In order for the Financial Aid Office to sign your Clearance Paper, you must have completed the Exit Counseling online. If you have not done this by the day before graduation rehearsal, we will not be able to sign your paper or have loan information and repayment options for you. We will pull a report on the 11th and those who have completed the counseling will have their packages ready for them on the 12th.

Please do the Exit Counseling sometime before the 12th. Rehearsal is the 12th.

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Notes For Graduates

Graduation Photos

Formal graduation photos will be taken prior to graduation rehearsal on Friday, Dec. 12. The photographer arrives and sets up in the lobby outside of the Elliott Auditorium at approximately 8 a.m. on that day. Photos will also be taken during commencement when you receive your diploma. You will receive information later regarding photo packages and ordering from the photographer.

Graduation Rehearsal /TCC Clearance

Graduation rehearsal will be in the Elliott Auditorium on Friday, Dec. 12 at approximately 9 a.m. After rehearsal, you will proceed to the Russell Auditorium to complete your clearance from TCC. *You must complete the financial aid exit counseling online in order to be cleared by that department.*

Return of Cap and Gown/Diploma Pickup

You will be able to return your cap and gown after the graduation ceremony. If you bring your graduation regalia, the two completed clearance forms (intern clearance and TCC clearance) and all of your requirements have been met, you will receive your diploma at that time. Carolyn Shuffle from the Registrar's Office will be located in the lobby of the Russell Building by the cafeteria. *A reception will be provided for the graduates and their guests in the cafeteria following the ceremony.* So come by for some cookies, brownies and punch and return your regalia to Carolyn in the lobby. Or you can return your cap and gown on

Monday, Dec. 15 when you come by the Registrar's Office to pick up your diploma. *All graduation regalia must be returned to the Registrar's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15.*

Clearance Forms/Release of Diploma

Your intern clearance form and TCC clearance form must be received by the registrar's office before your diploma can be released. If you would like to pick up your diploma immediately after graduation, you must bring your TCC and intern clearance forms with you and turn them in with your cap and gown after the ceremony. You may also come by the registrar's office in the week following graduation to pick up your diploma, bringing your clearance forms at that time.

Commencement Saturday at 10 a.m.

Reminder to the Texas Chiropractic College community that the Fall 2008 Commencement will be held Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Elliott Auditorium. The processional begins promptly at 10 a.m.

President Richard G. Brassard, DC and the TCC Board of Regents are pleased to welcome Dr. Clay McDonald as the presenter for this term's commencement address. Dr. McDonald is the Assistant Chancellor / Vice Chancellor for Strategic Development at Palmer College of Chiropractic. In addition to his work at Palmer, he is also the Vice President of the Council on Chiropractic Education Board.

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TCC's Boots & Spurs Gala Set For Feb. 5, 2009

Texas Chiropractic College is thrilled to welcome back country music star Mark Chesnutt as the featured entertainment at its 18th Annual Boots & Spurs Gala to be held on Thursday, February 5, 2009, at the Westin Oaks Hotel, which is connected to the Galleria Shopping Center in "uptown" Houston.

Table sponsorships are available for \$2,500 or \$1,250 (includes premium seating and dinner for 10), and individual tickets are available for \$100 each. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a one hour social, followed by a three-course meal at 7 p.m. The program, which includes a live auction, concludes as Mark Chestnutt and his band take the stage to perform.

With Chestnutt as the headliner, the 2008 Boots & Spurs Gala was sold out for the first time in history with a record 470 people in attendance.

Loved by fans all over the world, Mark Chesnutt has been singing his brand of country music almost all of his life. Son of Bob Chesnutt, a singer, record collector and major fan of classic country music, Mark got his start in the honky-tonks of Beaumont, TX. In 1989, he was signed to MCA Nashville. With the release of his first single "Too Cold At Home," Mark established himself as one of country's most authentic and talented vocalists.

Proceeds from the Gala help provide scholarships for deserving and disadvantaged students, and to help defray the rising cost of providing a quality Doctor of Chiropractic degree program to tomorrow's health care leaders.

Tickets are currently available at www.txchiro.edu or by calling Nikki Hurley at the TCC Office of Institutional Advancement at 281-998-6060.

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.

Editor's Note: With the passing of May Claire Brassard, Dr. Brassard's mother, this past weekend, the Back Page would like to take a moment to honor her memory.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of May Claire Brassard, age 89, of Beaumont, Texas. She peacefully left this life on December 7, 2008.

May was born on August 15, 1919 in Manchester, New Hampshire to Arthur and Corine Wurtele, one of four children. Only 4 foot 11 inches tall and perfectly petite, she seemed absolutely tiny in stature. What May lacked in height and size, however, she certainly made up for in heart, personality and integrity.

She married Dr. Gerald Maurice Brassard on September 27, 1941 in Manchester, New Hampshire and they shared more than 50 years together. His work in the Chiropractic profession took them and their family to Beaumont, Texas and later to Washington, D.C

Upon opening a chiropractic practice in Beaumont, Texas in 1949, May became her husband's office receptionist for three years to help establish the practice. She then worked with a local company to further assist the family. May later was named Office Manager and worked for the same company for 21 years.

Her greatest joy was being a homemaker supporting her husband and raising their two sons, Richard and Raymond. Her favorite things to do were cooking wonderful meals for her family, relatives and friends, knitting, crocheting, macramé, fishing and traveling. She also had a deep love for all animals. Wherever she would go, May could be spotted taking time out for an animal.

In support of her husband's profession, May became very involved in state and national chiropractic associations. She was President of the Texas Chiropractic Women's Auxiliary and is the



only person, nationally, to have ever been elected as the American Chiropractic Auxiliary President for four terms. She received highest honors from both Chiropractic Associations, including the Texas Chiropractic "Woman of the Year" and Kennedy Award.

May was also deeply involved with civic organizations including the American Legion Auxiliary, Kiwanitas (Ladies of Kiwanis), BPOE Elks Auxiliary and Cub Scouts. In addition, she was a long-time member of St. Anne's and St. Jude's Thaddeus Catholic Churches.

For many years, May was very active in political activities and was proud to attend the Presidential Inaugurations of Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. May and Gerald relocated to Washington, D.C. for almost 10 years while her husband worked as Executive Vice President of the American Chiropractic Association.

In later years, May and her husband enjoyed doting on grandchildren and pets, traveling to every state and province in the United States and Canada, participating in round and square dancing and enjoying life to its fullest.

May is survived by her two sons Dr. Richard G. Brassard, President of Texas Chiropractic College, and Beaumont Attorney Raymond Brassard and wife Janice; six grandchildren, Michelle

In Memorium

**May Claire Brassard
1919-2008**

Golden Kirk, DeNae Brassard Lee, Tracy Brassard Holst, Brenden Brassard, Bryan Brassard and Britten Brassard; four great grandchildren, Kristopher Guidry, Randi Golden, Taylor Golden and Kailani Golden; and two great-great grandchildren, Trevin Guidry and Kamrion Guidry. May was also survived by her two sisters, Edna Landry and Marcel and husband Wally Mason and brother Edgar and wife Blanche Wurtele.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband Dr. Gerald Maurice Brassard.

A Christian Vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 11 at Broussard's Mortuary at 2000 McFaddin in Beaumont.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 12 at St. Jude Thaddeus Church, 6825 Gladys Avenue, Beaumont, Texas 77706.

Pallbearers will be Brenden Brassard, Britten Brassard, Bryan Brassard, Gregg Lee, Bob Jardine and Walter Kirk, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations, if desired may be made to Texas Chiropractic College, 5912 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, Texas 77505.

May's influence and spirit will live on in the hearts of those whom she loved and those who loved her.

Around Campus...

Recognition / White Coat Ceremony

Texas Chiropractic College invites its faculty, staff and students to attend a Recognition/White Coat Ceremony to be held January 5, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Elliott Auditorium. The ceremony will celebrate TCC students who have earned academic excellence in addition to other honors. The white coat ceremony will acknowledge those students entering trimesters 1 and 7, and badge pinning for interns who have earned Red / Blue Badge honors and students entering trimester eight. A reception will follow the event in Haslund Hall located in the Russell Education Center. This ceremony debuted in Fall 2008. Please help welcome the new class of TCC students and celebrate the achievements of the continuing students.

Student Reminders About Boards...

Pre boards are after Thanksgiving. Students with mixed schedules need to talk to Dr. Foster in the Assessment Center to see if they are able to take the exam. Applications for national boards are now being accepted at www.NBCE.org. NBCE Written Examinations are scheduled for March 13-15, 2009. The application deadline is Jan. 6, 2009. Late registration ends on Jan. 20. The NBCE Part IV Examination is set for May 15-17, 2009. The application deadline for Part IV is Feb. 10, 2009.

Internal Giving Campaign

The Office of Institutional Advancement is currently focusing on the Internal Campaign for Texas Chiropractic College. The goal of the Internal Campaign is to achieve 100% participation from faculty and staff in our fundraising efforts. We are continually asking alumni, foundations, corporate sponsors and community businesses to give to our annual fund. When these potential donors ask what kind of giving we have on campus, we must be able to tell them that 100% of faculty and staff give back to the College.

The amount you give is not as important as your participation. Faculty and staff are asked to give at a level that is comfortable for them to the annual fund. Attractive TCC gifts are given to donors at various levels. Please help us in our efforts to reach the goal of 100% participation by August 31, 2009. Act now and receive your year-end tax deduction for 2008. Thank you in advance for your participation and for helping make a difference at TCC. If you have any questions, please contact, Debbie Salisbury, Director of Development at 281-998-6085 or dsalisbury@txchiro.edu

TCC Honors Outstanding Campus Leaders

The 2009 Edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges will include the names of 38 students from Texas Chiropractic College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. These honorees join an elite group of students from more than 2,000 institutions of higher education in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Who's Who Among Students is based on a student's academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in activities, and potential for continued success. Students honored this year should come by the Office of Student Affairs to pick up their certificate and have photograph taken for the yearbook.

Students named from TCC are:

Reid Amedee	Daniel Dannug	Jeremiah Holzbach	Lisa Patel	Braxton Turnage
Esaias Baca	Kiva Davis	Tim Johnson	Jeremie Pederson	William Wall
Chase Banks	Dawn Demark - Buik	Jeremy Liesvel	Lauren Peterson	Aimee Warmath
David Blocksom	Mathew Ellender	Viridiana Leyva	Kirra Randolph	Ben Weber
Alyssa Bradley	Joshua Elliott	Abigail Maxa	Betsy Robinson	Veronica Wilkins
Tellis Broussard	Lizzy Evans	Valentina McClellan	Heidi Shelton	Shellie Winzer
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