



## Chiropractic Summit Members Team for Free Medicare Webinar

In the continuing effort to aid chiropractors in better working with Medicare, the four organizations comprising the Chiropractic Summit Steering Committee (ACC, COCSA, ACA and ICA) have cooperated in the development of a new, free training webinar. This training webinar will provide doctors of chiropractic with tools and information for improving Medicare documentation in their individual practices.

This comprehensive online education program was developed by recognized Medicare expert Susan

McClelland, BS, CCA, FICC (hc), in partnership with the ACA, and is endorsed by ICA, COCSA and ACC. This two-hour program is available 24/7 and may be completed either during a single session or in paced segments at the doctor's convenience.

With Medicare representing a model followed by much of the insurance industry, the ability to appropriately and correctly manage patient documentation for Medicare is a critical aspect to an individual's practice.

As such, Texas Chiropractic College is proud to participate in getting the word out about this free training opportunity, and strongly encourages all members of the chiropractic profession to make the time to participate in this webinar. It's extremely convenient, it's free, and it will help DC's better serve their patients and manage their practice.

To learn more about the Proper Medicare Documentation online education program, please visit [www.acatoday.org/online](http://www.acatoday.org/online).

## Changes to the Curriculum

The TCC administration is pleased to announce two improvements to the curriculum.

1) Senior Adult Health, a TR-5 course taught by Dr. Farrar, will now have an additional hour of lab experience. There will be a low student: instructor ratio, requiring two lab sections for SU-09.

2) A new course, Soft Tissue Mobilization, is being added to the TR-7 schedule. The course will be taught by Dr. Lee and will consist of two lab hours of hands-on application. This course will be a graduation requirement for all students at the level of TR-7 and lower as of the SU-09 trimester. The course has a co-requisite of enrollment in Clinic I.



Salutatorian Cassie Stinson and Valedictorian Braxton Turnage led their classmates into the Elliott Auditorium for Spring 2009 Commencement on April 4, 2009. See more photos from commencement on page 2.

### Back Page Hiatus

The Backpage will be on hiatus until the start of the summer trimester. Suggestions and feedback for the Back Page are always welcome! Please contact Patty Barnes at 281-998-6023 or [pbarnes@txchiro.edu](mailto:pbarnes@txchiro.edu).

### Scholarship Alert

The Sylvia Ashworth Scholarship is an annual \$1000 chiropractic scholarship for single mothers, established to assist with tuition and childcare. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2009. Please see Nikki in Institutional Advancement for more information.

# THE B A C K P A G E

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Guest speaker at the Spring 2009 Commencement was Dr. Claire Johnson, seen right with Dr. Richard G. Brassard and Mr. Johnny Blau, Chairman of the TCC Board of Regents.



*This week, the Backpage presents Dr. Brassard's comments to the Spring 2009 graduating class on April 4, 2009.*

Good morning, graduates, and to all of your families and friends gathered here for this special occasion. Over 40 years ago, when I was seated in a place very much like this, I had hopes and dreams of what my life would be like as a Doctor of Chiropractic. My Dad was a chiropractor; so, I already had a pretty good idea. Bottom line, though – it was up to me to make my dreams a reality – just as it is up to each one of you to do the same.

You graduates have such a wonderful life ahead of you. With your knowledge and skills, you will vastly improve the lives of thousands of patients over the course of your careers. No doubt you'll work hard and put in long hours getting established. There will be moments of despair as well as times of extreme happiness. Today – take with you the knowledge that it will all be worth it. There will be patients that no one else could help – but you will. There will also be grateful mothers and fathers and spouses. When you improve the health of just one person, it affects the whole family. You may have seen this already in your clinical experience. It's a fantastic feeling.

Your hard work will result in a growing practice, and your income will grow along with it. I don't think that any of you are naïve enough to think this will happen overnight. Let me suggest the following that should become almost a daily mantra in your life. Believe in yourself. Believe in your abilities. Believe in your success. It will happen.

You must also get involved in your community and stay active in your state chiropractic association and the American Chiropractic Association. They need your support as they work to protect and expand your rights as doctors. This is also true of the college's Alumni



# President's Message

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Association. Many of our alumni have volunteered their time giving seminars on campus, attending graduations and other TCC-sponsored events in support of you and your futures. I ask that you consider doing the same when you walk out of this building as an alumnus.

I know that you are all anxious for your turn to receive your hood and be officially recognized for the work and sacrifice that you and your families have made over the past few years. I congratulate you and hope to see you often in the years ahead.

I would now like to tell you a little about Dr. Claire Johnson, who will deliver the commencement address.

Dr. Johnson is a professor at National University of Health Sciences and is the Editor in Chief for the Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics, Journal of Chiropractic Medicine, and Journal of Chiropractic Humanities. She was also the previous co-editor of the Journal of Sports Chiropractic and Rehabilitation and the Chiropractic Research Review, and continues to serve on the editorial review boards, and as a peer reviewer, for numerous other journals.

For the past ten years, Dr. Johnson has additionally served as the Peer Review Chair for the scientific papers for the Association of Chiropractic

Colleges Educational conference, a conference that has recently combined with the Research Agenda Conference. Not only does she edit and review journal articles, Dr. Johnson is herself the author of quite a number of scholarly articles which have been published in peer reviewed journals in the topics of educational, clinical, and historical research.

Dr. Johnson received her undergraduate degree from the University of California San Diego, with a focus in the subjects of biology and psychology in 1987. After earning her doctorate of chiropractic degree at the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic in 1991, she continued her clinical education by completing a diplomate in sports chiropractic. She went on to receive her master's degree in education in 2000 from University of Southern California, through the Keck School of Medicine and Rossier School of Education. The focus of her master's project was the creation and implementation of evidence-based practice skills throughout a chiropractic curriculum, which included practical applications and appreciation for the scientific literature.

And not one to rest on her laurels, Dr. Johnson is now pursuing a PhD in Public Health with a focus in epidemiology.

# Around Campus...

## Summer 2009 Class Schedules Available in the Registrar's Office

Trimesters 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 have multiple lab sections. Students enrolled in those trimesters will need to come by the registrar's office to select their lab preference. Lab sections will be assigned on a "first come/first serve" basis based upon when you filled out your SU-09 registration form.

## 2nd Annual Community Garage Sale

Come be a part of the 2nd Annual Community Garage Sale, sponsored by SABCA. The event will be held in TCC's Russell Auditorium on Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., and is open to entire community. Cost is \$15 per table and the deadline to reserve your space is May 11. Please contact Andrea Graves (andrea\_graves0619@yahoo.com) or Lee Lister (leartis.lister@gmail.com) for more information

## Strawberry Festival is Berry Near...

(by Debbie Salisbury, Director of Development) The Strawberry Festival is berry near and student, staff & faculty volunteers are once again needed to work ticket gates, drink booths and souvenir booths. This event is going to be held May 15, 16 & 17 at the Pasadena Convention Center and Rodeo Grounds. To all students who volunteer, Dr. Martha Friesen, Dr. Hugo Espinosa, Dr. Isis Zaki and Dr. Ezzat Mikhail will be offering extra credit to their students who volunteer. Please come by the Office of Institutional Advancement before April 15th to get on the volunteer list. Each volunteer will get a name badge that is good for all 3 days to the festival and will get you free food at the volunteer committee. Come join the fun and help make a difference at Texas Chiropractic College. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Debbie Salisbury, Director of Development at 281-998-6085 or dsalisbury@txchiro.edu

## Share Your Favorite Recipe

Texas Chiropractic College will be publishing its very own, TCC family cookbook on August 31, 2009. We would like for all of the TCC alumni & their families to send in their favorite shared recipe and be a part of this commemorative cookbook. Please contact Debbie Salisbury, Director of Development at 281-998-6085, or email dsalisbury@txchiro.edu, or just stop by the office to pick up a recipe submission form. Recipes are due by May 1, 2009. The cookbook will be available for \$10 with ordering information to come.

## 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 because of our non-profit status. 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 at least \$1.00 to the annual fund. 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.

## Study Break

The Backpage wishes everyone the best of luck on finals and offers the following puzzle as a short break from your studies.

### monkeying around

**Sets**  
Stop your line after completing each set, then skip to the next set and start your line again.

- 1 thru 6
- 7 thru 10
- 11 thru 26
- ◇ 27 thru 36
- ▲ 37 thru 51
- 52 thru 66
- 67 thru 82
- ◇ 83 thru 105

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