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Admissions' Open House Another Success

The Texas Chiropractic College Office of Admissions hosted its third Open House of the year on May 15 and it was another success as 22 prospective students and their guests spent the afternoon on campus.

"I'd like to thank my staff and the Ambassadors for their hard work in continuing to make these Open Houses a success," said Dr. Sandra Hughes, Director of Admissions. "I'd also like to thank the members of the faculty who were able to take some time to meet with our guests: Drs. Tim Lee, Steve Foster, Jeff Weiss and Steve Elliott."

The Admissions Office's semi-annual

Career Day is set for Saturday, June 6 while the next Open House is slated for Friday, July 10.

"I hope even more members of the TCC family will participate in these events," requested Dr. Hughes. "The more, the merrier, and it's a wonderful opportunity to discuss chiropractic with those truly interested in learning more. I especially encourage our current students to participate and share their own experiences with



their future schoolmates."

Anyone interested in volunteering to help at the upcoming events are asked to stop by the admissions office.



TCC Faculty Speak With At-Risk High School Students

On Saturday, May 16, Drs. Victor Benavides and John Ward joined Monique Lewis and Sandra Wilson of the admissions office and TCC alumni Drs. Michael Dow and Chris Freytag in speaking with students at George I. Sanchez Charter School. The opportunity was a part of the Houston Wellness Association's Project GenWellness.

The HWA and its 75 volunteers came out to instruct 275 high school students and 100 of their parents about wellness. Not only were the classroom topics on the students' own personal wellness, but also on the range of careers in the wellness sector available to these students.



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The History of Memorial Day

(article taken from www.history.com)

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.)

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

In Flanders Fields

(written in 1915)

*By: Lieutenant Colonel John
McCrae, MD (1872-1918)*

Canadian Army

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and ' in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

It has certainly been busy around here the past week!

I'd like to congratulate the admissions office for another successful Open House on May 15. Dr. Hughes and her staff continue to do a great job in bringing college and high school students who are considering a career in chiropractic to our campus, where we can truly show them what Texas Chiropractic College is all about.

As I said last week, I strongly encourage all members of the TCC family to be involved with the admissions office's various recruiting efforts. The greatest way to "sell" prospective students on the TCC experience is for faculty, students and alumni to share their own tales.

Also last weekend the admissions office teamed with Drs. Victor Benavides and John Ward to participate in the Houston Wellness Association's Project GenWellness at Sanchez Charter School. In addition to our current staff members, TCC alums Drs. Michael Dow and Chris Freytag also joined in to discuss the chiropractic profession and TCC with at-risk high school students.

I want to personally thank our TCC representatives for taking the time out of their schedules to attend this event on a Saturday. If you were able to get even one of these students excited about college and a career in health care, I believe it was certainly worth the time and effort.

Members of the TCC family additionally participated in the annual Pasadena Strawberry Festival last weekend. I was pleased to see so many folks volunteer to help at the three-day event once again. It is important for us to be active in the community and be good neighbors, and this wonderful event is always a great opportunity for us to step up and lend a hand. I thank you for volunteering and your hard work, and I hope everyone had a great time as well.

On Thursday we hosted Mr. Ron Charles of Albemarle Corp., and Mr. John Collins of Bendco, Inc. During an early morning breakfast meeting, we had an opportunity to discuss ways TCC can aid these companies with their future health



President's Message

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care needs as well as potential partnerships in future community activities.

Finally on Thursday, we were proud to host the monthly meeting for the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership - Education and Workforce Development Committee. Our own Mr. Bill Quinn is a member of this committee, and we were delighted to welcome members to our campus to discuss current legislative issues for all levels of education.

Mr. Quinn along with Mr. Bill Clements and Dr. Steve Haslund made presentations to the committee. We were also joined by SACA National Chairperson Betsy Robinson and TCC's STCA president William Wall in our discussions of current proposed legislation.

As I said, it has been a very busy week for us at TCC and I know we are all looking forward to this long Memorial Day weekend. But I ask all of you, that while you are relaxing and enjoying free time with your friends and family, please remember the original purpose behind this day.

Monday is a day to remember all of those who have died in the service of our country, giving their own lives to assure us of our freedom and safety. In May 2000, President Bill Clinton issued a memorandum calling for a "National Moment of Remembrance." This memo reads in part:

"Memorial Day represents one day of national awareness and reverence,

honoring those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values. While we should honor these heroes every day for the profound contribution they have made to securing our Nation's freedom, we should honor them especially on Memorial Day.

"...I ask that all Americans come together to recognize how fortunate we are to live in freedom and to observe a universal 'National Moment of Remembrance' on each Memorial Day. This memorial observance represents a simple and unifying way to commemorate our history and honor the struggle to protect our freedoms.

"Accordingly, I hereby direct all executive departments and agencies, in consultation with the White House Program for the National Moment of Remembrance (Program), to promote a 'National Moment of Remembrance' to occur at 3 p.m. (local time) on each Memorial Day."

With this in mind, I encourage everyone to participate in this Moment at 3 p.m. on Monday and truly appreciate the price that has been paid for us to live with the freedoms and rights that we cherish so.

Be safe this long weekend.

Best Regards,

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

Richard G. Brassard, DC
President
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Around Campus...

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.

NBCE Examination	NBCE Application Deadline	NBCE Application Cutoff (late fee applies)	Pre-Board Examination Dates	TCC Board Review Dates
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.

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.

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.

Strawberry Festival Berry Successful!

(by Debbie Salisbury) The Pasadena Strawberry Festival was held May 15th, 16th & 17th at the Pasadena Convention Center and Fairgrounds. The festival was a huge success and Texas Chiropractic College was a big reason why. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped man the information booths, admissions booths, drink ticket booths and the pass Gate. A special thanks to the following *(Please accept my apologies in advance if I have left any one off the list. It is a complete human oversight on my part. Thanks again for all of your help and hope to have you volunteer next year!)*:

Mitsy Lacey	Debra Ray	Brock Johansen	Nate Nixon	Rheaghan Gaskamp
Kurt Martin	Joe Ray	Jose Pichardo	Don McGuire	Carlos Barge
Michael Rihn	Rob Woodard	Delia Rodriguez	Jeff Clark & Tracey Clark	Nikki Hurley & family
Cody Simpson	Keshini	Rosa Gomez	Richard Guillory	Carla Pronio
Krista Perdue	Reema	Laura Cohen	Brittany Garza	Dr. Jason Flanagan
Bishara Khawaja	Aqsa Ashraf	Rande Wagner	Justin Whitlock	Bill Quinn & family
Mary Anne Mahoney-Komorney	Shirin Maghsondi	Sandra Wentzel	Josh Elliott	Dr. Brad Koby & wife, Tina
Jamon Clayton	Francisco Miranda	Valerie Lopez	Barbara Brown	Tammy McAdams & husband, Vernon
Markus Baloney	Chase Saul	LeArtis Lister	Leslie Finley	Preshita Pancholi
Jacqueline Boone	Mark Palandro	Ana Ynfante	Lauren Huffman	Larry Morton
Veridiana Leyva	Neal Cobb	Alyse Duffer	Chanel Roberts	
Carroll Green	Joe Palmer	Kirra Randolph	Jin Kim	
	Scott Bonner	Barbara Decker	Lizzy Evans	