

2020

COMMEMENT



NEW YORK CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE

Finger Lakes School of
Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine

School of Health Sciences and Education

Saturday, August 1, 2020

*New York Chiropractic College
2360 State Route 89
Seneca Falls, New York 13148*

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

“Pomp and Circumstance”
Elgar

Opening of the Exercise

Hunter A. Mollin, D.C., Grand Marshal
Associate Professor, Chiropractic Clinical Sciences

Welcome

Michael A. Mestan, D.C., Ed.D.
President

Recognition of Awards and Academic Excellence

Michael A. Mestan, D.C., Ed.D.

Presentation of Candidates

Anne E. Killen, D.M.
Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs

Administration of Oaths

Doctor of Chiropractic, Karen A. Bobak, D.C., Ed.D.

Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, Bryan Isacks, M.S.

Applied Clinical Nutrition, Peter G. Nickless, D.C., Ph.D.

Conferring of the Degrees

Michael A. Mestan, D.C., Ed.D

Closing Remarks

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Closing of the Exercise

Hunter A. Mollin, D.C., Grand Marshal

Faculty Congratulatory Remarks

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DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC AWARDS

Class of March 2020

ALUMNI CLASS PRESIDENT AWARD

The Alumni Class President Award is presented to graduates who have served a minimum of two trimesters as class officers during their time as a New York Chiropractic student.

Orlando Soler Forteza

Julia Estelle Jaikin

Nathalia Lima Wagner

CLARENCE N. FLICK MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is presented to a member of the graduating class who has participated in a significant manner in a research project, which began concurrently or subsequent to the candidates' matriculation at NYCC.

Michael Robert Cole II

D. D. PALMER AWARD

This award is presented to a member of the graduating class who has participated in activities that educate the public on the benefits of chiropractic and/or activities that serve to further the advancement of the profession.

Michael Robert Cole II

ERNEST G. NAPOLITANO MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is presented to a member of the graduating class who has demonstrated the qualities of an exceptionally effective leader through scholarly endeavors within the classroom, within clubs, and representing New York Chiropractic College at sanctioned activities.

Marina E. Megaly

FRANK E. DEAN MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is presented to a graduate who has displayed a loyalty and service to the College as evidenced by assisting in the recruitment of students and patients through speaking engagements or publication promoting New York Chiropractic College to the public.

Stephen Bruno

PHILIP G. STRIANO MEMORIAL ALUMNI AWARD

This award is presented to a graduate who modeled exceptional skills during his/her time as a student. The recipient of this award has assisted in the growth and development of the institution through active participation within the New York Chiropractic College Community.

Preya Patel

LIBERO A. VIOLINI HEALTH CENTER AWARDS

This award honoring the memory of Dr. Libero Violini is presented to graduates who have performed at a high level of excellence during their clinic tour in the areas of patient evaluation and adjustment procedures. In addition to their personal development of these skills, recipients of this award have demonstrated an aptitude for teaching. The recipients also have demonstrated selflessness and dedication to service to and within the Health Center, the qualities that were most intimately exemplified by Dr. Violini.

Caroline Maria Grosso, Depew Health Center

Stephen Bruno, Levittown Health Center

Amy J. Lin, Seneca Falls Health Center

LORRAINE WELCH MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is presented to graduates who have engaged in furthering the academic growth of others by assisting his/her peers through teaching endeavors.

Marina E. Megaly

Caitlyn Marie Palmer

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Ryan Anthony Kiehart

Jordan Michael Maxwell

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DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC AWARD BIOGRAPHIES

Daniel David Palmer:

Dr. Palmer, the founder of chiropractic, was born in 1845 in Port Perry, Ontario, Canada. D.D. as he became fondly known was a lifelong learner and led a fascinating life as a schoolmaster, farmer, horticulturist, businessperson, magnetic healer, and finally, a chiropractor. After his discovery of chiropractic in 1895, he became determined to teach his newly devised science and art. In 1897, he opened the Palmer School of Chiropractic and Infirmary, and enrolled his first student in 1898. He spent 17 years, until his death, practicing, writing, teaching, and protecting his beloved profession.

Frank E. Dean:

Dr. Dean was a 1917 graduate of the Standard Institute of Chiropractic in New York and had earlier studied medicine in Poland, Germany, and Russia earning a Bachelor in Medicine. In 1919 he founded the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic (now NYCC) in New York City thought to be the earliest not-for-profit school in chiropractic. He also founded the Advanced School of Chiropractic in New York City and the Columbia College of Chiropractic in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Dean was committed to strong basic sciences, many styles of adjusting in the D.C. curriculum and development for the graduate through continuing education. Dr. Dean continued his devotion to advancement of the interests of Chiropractic in the State of New York until his death in 1958.

Ernest G. Napolitano:

Dr. Napolitano graduated from the Palmer School of Chiropractic in 1943. In 1954 he earned his degree in law from Blackstone School of Law. At a time when the chiropractic profession was struggling for credibility, practice was still unlicensed in New York and the move was on to either upgrade our educational institutions or close them, Dr. Napolitano became the President of Columbia Institute of Chiropractic. He led the institute to merge with the Atlantic States College of Chiropractic forming the school we know today as New York Chiropractic College. Dr. Napolitano tirelessly contributed to the advancement of the College and the profession as a whole from 1959 until his death in 1985, receiving 13 honorary degrees and over 50 educational, professional and civic awards during his extensive career.

Philip G. Striano:

Dr. Striano received his BA from the University of Pennsylvania in 1956, his Doctor of Chiropractic from the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic (now NYCC) in 1967, and his Master of Science from the University of Bridgeport in 1980. For over twenty years at NYCC, Dr. Striano taught first in the basic sciences and later in chiropractic technique. He served the college and profession in an unselfish and relentless manner for which he was recognized several times. He held leadership positions in the NYCC Alumni Association and Faculty Council, and maintained active membership in the International Chiropractic Association, the New Jersey Chiropractic Society, the Northern New Jersey Chiropractic Society, and the New York State Chiropractic Association all while sustaining three private practices.

Libero A. Violini:

Dr. Violini was a 1951 graduate of the Chiropractic Institute of New York. He taught at Atlantic States Chiropractic Institute. He assumed the Chair of the Anatomy Department at Atlantic States and continued his association with Dr. Napolitano at NYCC when the colleges merged. He served as Director of NYCC's Greenvale Clinic and as a clinician at the Levittown clinic until his retirement in 1996. He was the honored recipient of NYCC's Lifetime Chiropractic Achievement Award. His dedication to students and the chiropractic profession were exemplary.

Lorraine Welch:

Dr. Welch was a 1942 graduate of the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic (now NYCC). Earlier while enrolled at Columbia University, she met her future husband, Dr. Frank E. Dean, founder of the Columbia Institute of Chiropractic (CIC) through very active roles as registrar, head of the library, teaching classes in histology, embryology, and anatomy, and representing the school to professional associations. She received her Ph.D from NYU in 1956. Her thesis was entitled, "Chiropractic: An evolving art, science, and philosophy." Dr. Welch remained dedicated to the college until her passing in 1974.

ACUPUNCTURE & ORIENTAL MEDICINE AWARDS

ALUMNI CLASS PRESIDENT AWARD

The Alumni Class President Award is presented to a graduate who has served in the capacity of Class President.

Katherine Olivia LaGassie

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award is presented to members of the graduating class who have demonstrated leadership and service while a student.

Nicole Ashley LaFountain

Katherine Olivia LaGassie

GOLDEN NEEDLE AWARD

This award is presented to a member of the graduating class who has demonstrated competency and mastery in acupuncture and clinical techniques subject material, and has received the endorsement of the acupuncture and clinical faculty and others appropriate to the evaluation.

David Donald Gould

HUA TUO HUMANITARIAN AWARD

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated the qualities of an effective communicator and leader and is acknowledged for leadership in the group promoting congeniality, support, and growth of individual class members. These individuals have made a significant contribution to the College to enhance Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine students' experiences at New York Chiropractic College.

James F. Garofalo

SHEN NONG HERB AWARD

This award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated competency and mastery in herbal subject material, and by virtue of their ability, received the endorsement of the herbal and clinical faculty and others appropriate to the evaluation.

Olivia Rose Maddock

MSA & MSAOM CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This award is presented to graduates who performed at a high level of excellence during clinical rotations in multiple areas of patient care and delivery of treatment including, but not limited to, patient diagnosis, treatment skills, documentation, and professionalism.

Katherine Olivia LaGassie

Nicole Ashley LaFountain

ACUPUNCTURE & ORIENTAL MEDICINE CLASS OFFICERS

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ACUPUNCTURE & ORIENTAL MEDICINE BIOGRAPHIES

Hua Tuo Humanitarian Award

Hua Tuo is one of the most well-known of all Chinese doctors in history. He was born some time around 110 ad. He specialized in internal medicine, gynecology, pediatrics, acupuncture and surgery. He is credited with being the first physician to do intra-abdominal surgery under general anesthesia. He is also credited with developing one of the earliest forms of animal qi gong, based upon mimicking the movements of five different animals to prevent disease and prolong life. His fame as a successful healer and his many humanitarian contributions has led to his name being used for the Hua Tuo Humanitarian Award to recognize the student who has most demonstrated significant humanitarian contribution to his class and to the college.

Shen Nong Herb Award

According to legend, Shen Nong (The Divine Farmer) was born over 5,400 years ago. Legend has it that he introduced agriculture to his people and in so doing became enchanted by the medicinal properties of various plants. He is said to have tasted 70 substances in one day to determine their efficacy. While Shen Nong himself may never have existed, he is credited with authorship of the first material medica, the Shen Nong Ben Cao (Divine Farmer's Materia Medica), which lists 365 substances (minerals, plants and animal parts) and categorizes them according to superior (substances for immortality), medium (substances for maintaining health) and inferior (substances for treating disease). Shen Nong's legendary role as the founder of Chinese herbal medicine led to his being deified by the Daoists. To this day, in many Asian countries and Chinatowns around the world, there is a day set aside to memorialize the achievement of Shen Nong. In keeping with the legend of Shen Nong, the Shen Nong herb award recognizes the MSAOM student who has excelled in the study and practice of Chinese Herbs.

APPLIED CLINICAL NUTRITION AWARD

SHARI LIEBERMAN MEMORIAL AWARD

This award in memory of Shari Lieberman is presented to a member of the graduating class who has demonstrated leadership and advocacy in the areas of integrative health and clinical nutrition.

Veronica Ee Ping Ong

APPLIED CLINICAL NUTRITION AWARD BIOGRAPHY

Shari Lieberman Memorial Award

Shari Lieberman, Ph.D., the Founding Dean of NYCC's School of Clinical Nutrition, was a preeminent authority on nutrition. She held an MS in Nutrition, Food Science and Dietetics from New York University and a PhD in Clinical Nutrition and Exercise Physiology from the Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Lieberman was a Certified Nutrition Specialist, a Fellow of the American College of Nutrition, a member of the New York Academy of Science, a member of the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine, a board member of the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists, served as President of the American Association for Health Freedom, and the recipient of the National Nutritional Foods Association 2003 Clinician of the Year Award. As a clinical nutritionist in private practice for over 20 years, she was recognized as an industry consultant.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC

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Zachary Rawson Fanaro

CHIROPRACTIC OATH

I do hereby affirm before all that I hold sacred, and these assembled witnesses that I will keep this oath and stipulation.

To hold in esteem and respect those who taught me the Chiropractic healing art; to follow the methods of treatment and best practices that according to my ability and judgment I consider for the benefit of my patients; to abstain from unethical behavior; to stand ready at all times to serve humanity.

With commitment to excellence I will practice my art; I will at all times consider the patients under my care of supreme importance; I will provide the care which I have been taught to give by my alma mater; through lifelong learning I will keep my skills and mind sharp; I will hold in confidence all things revealed to me as a Doctor of Chiropractic.

While I continue to keep this oath solemn, may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of Chiropractic.

ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE PRACTITIONER OATH

I solemnly promise to practice my professions of acupuncture and Oriental medicine to the best of my ability.

I will proudly represent the traditions of acupuncture and Oriental medicine and hold in esteem and respect those who have taught me and who will teach me to be a practitioner and healer.

According to my ability and judgment I will adopt those methods of treatment best suited to treat disease, relieve suffering, and promote well-being.

I will work collaboratively with others and be humble enough to ask for assistance when necessary.

I will treat my patients with dignity and respect and maintain their privacy at all times.

I will strive to elevate my profession by maintaining the highest standard of ethical and professional practice to the benefit of my patients and the profession.

I will enhance my understanding of Oriental medicine through life long study.

I will practice the art of acupuncture and Oriental medicine as a gift to be shared with humanity.

APPLIED CLINICAL NUTRITION OATH

I solemnly pledge that I will fulfill, according to my ability and judgment, this oath and covenant.

I will hold in the highest esteem and utmost respect, those who have taught me the practice of Clinical Nutrition as well as those who seek my aid.

With humility, I vow to equip my patients with the tools and information necessary to take ownership of their health and well-being.

I will dedicate myself to be an advocate of clinical nutrition as a means of preventative care in support of, and collaboration with, all other modalities to treat and maintain health.

Throughout my career, I vow to maintain the highest standard of ethics and professionalism and respect for my patients.

As a lifelong student of nutrition, I vow to practice to the best of my ability the art, science, and philosophy of nutrition providing the highest possible quality of care to my patients and community.

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COMMEMORATION

Congratulations to All NYCC 2020 Graduates!



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