

COLLEGE ROUND-UP

PALMER COLLEGES



Dr. Rick Burns (left) member of ICA Board of Directors, presents Palmer College President Dr. Donald Kern with an award from ICA in appreciation of Palmer College's platinum sponsorship of ICA's 2006 International Symposium on the Philosophy, Art and Science of Chiropractic held in Madrid, Spain.

Dr. Bill Meeker named Palmer West president

William Meeker, D.C., M.P.H., vice president of research at Palmer College, Davenport, has been named president of Palmer College of Chiropractic West. He will assume his new position in San Jose starting January 2007.



Dr. William Meeker

With Dr. Meeker's appointment, Dr. Peter Martin who has been serving as president of both Palmer Florida and Palmer West will now serve exclusively as president of the Florida Campus in Port Orange.

Dr. Meeker graduated from Palmer West in 1982. He served on the faculty of Palmer West from 1983 to 1995 when he was named director of the Palmer Center for Chiropractic Research (PCCR) on Palmer's Davenport campus. Since 2000 he has served as Palmer College's vice president for research.

"I'm truly humbled by the opportunity to serve Palmer College in this role, but I am especially honored to be able to contribute to the ongoing success of the West Campus where I received my education," said Dr. Meeker. "These are exciting times for Palmer College and chiropractic education as a whole, and I am looking forward to making great things happen."

New research administrator to head PCCR from Washington, DC

Christine Goertz Choate, D.C., Ph.D. has been hired by Palmer College of Chiropractic to succeed Dr. Bill Meeker as executive director of the Palmer Center for Chiropractic Research. She will oversee the College's research efforts from Palmer's office in Washington, D.C. Through this office Dr. Goertz Choate will also monitor and coordinate government relations activities pertaining to the chi-



Dr. Christine Goertz Choate

ropractic profession.

Dr. Goertz Choate comes to Palmer College from the Samuelli Institute in Alexandria, Va., where she is currently deputy director. She also serves as adjunct assistant professor of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. In addition, she is a science advisor for the American Chiropractic Association.

Prior to joining the Samuelli Institute, Dr. Goertz Choate was the first chiropractor hired by the National Institutes of Health as a health sciences administrator/program official at the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland. She earned her Ph.D. in health services research from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health in 1999 and her DC degree from Northwestern in 1991.

Dr. Goertz Choate has had her research published in such peer-reviewed publications as *Controlled Clinical Trials*, *Journal of the American Heart Association*, *JAMA* and the *Journal of Hypertension*.

PARKER COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC Staff and interns provide chiropractic care at Breast Cancer Walk

Participants in the Dallas/Ft Worth Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk discovered a welcome relief with chiropractic care at the end of each day's walk. Parker College interns and staff doctors were ready to provide chiropractic adjustments to walkers as they entered the camp each evening after walking all day.

The Dallas event began at Texas Stadium in Irving and concluded at the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District. Parker College provided onsite chiropractic care for the approximately 2,500 walkers and the 340 individuals serving as crew members. The crew supports the walkers by providing meals, water and snack stops, gear transport, hot showers, portable restrooms, safety on the streets and comprehensive medical services. The eleven Parker interns gave nearly 500 adjustments, and for many of the walkers it was their first experience with chiropractic care.

Parker College staff member DeAnna Golson, a financial aid counselor, as well as several interns also participated in the walk.

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Parker College interns and staff doctors take a break during the Dallas/Ft Worth Breast Cancer 3-day Walk.

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