

Life College Taps Minority Needs

In an effort to reflect the growth and diversity of Life College, President Sid E. Williams, B.S., D.C., has recently established ethnic and cultural support groups for minority groups on campus including African-American, Hispanic, Asian and Native American. The following stories are examples of Life's efforts to expand minority participation in chiropractic.



Life alumnus and past president of the American Black Chiropractic Association Dr. Herman Glass, left, and Dr. Alfred Davis, second-term ABCA president, far right, congratulate Dr. Sid Williams on Life College's appointment as an institutional member of the ABCA.

ABCA Confirms Life College as Institutional Member

Life College, with the largest African-American student population of any chiropractic college, was made an institutional member of the American Black Chiropractic Association during an August 21 luncheon for the ABCA. Approximately 150 people attended the luncheon and a campus tour at the College during their trip to Atlanta for the national convention that week.

"Life College has always been very supportive of the ABCA," said second-term ABCA President Dr. Alfred Davis who presented the award to Dr. Sid Williams. "We want to give other chiropractic colleges a challenge to support us as Life College has. We

want to make them all institutional members of the ABCA and to increase the participation of African-American

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Second-Year Minority Program Attracts More Students to Life



Dr. Dexter Beck, '91, instructor of basic sciences at Life College, demonstrates an adjustment to students in the Health Careers Opportunity Program.

Robert Marina learned so much in last year's Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) at Life College that he decided to participate again this summer. After graduating

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The mission of Life College is to educate and to prepare men and women as productive members of society; to prepare them to serve as role models and leaders within their chosen field and their community; and to encourage them to demonstrate positive social values in their lives.

The School of Chiropractic at Life College is dedicated to a philosophy of service to its students, faculty, the community and the chiropractic profession.

The college provides sound academic programs in each of its approved educational categories: doctor of chiropractic program; master of science in sports health science; bachelor of nutrition for the chiropractic sciences; bachelor of business administration; undergraduate core curriculum; and a diploma program to train chiropractic technicians.

Life College does not discriminate in the application, retention or promotion of students based upon race, creed, color or sex, national origin or physical handicap. Life College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the doctor of chiropractic, master of science and bachelor of science degrees. The College's School of Chiropractic is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education.

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students." Palmer College of Chiropractic and Texas Chiropractic College are also institutional members.

Dr. Gwendolyn M. Tutt, '83, and Dr. Herman Glass, '83, together started the Life College branch of the Harvey Lillard Society. "We were the only two blacks in our class," said Dr. Tutt, a Decatur, Ga., practitioner and former assistant professor of chiropractic sciences at Life. "Now there are 80 black students at Life College."

Dr. Sid, assessing the population at Life College, said "We're proud of our diversity here at Life." He spoke to the group about the importance of increasing minority participation in chiropractic, citing that there are currently fewer than 600 African-American D.C.s in the United States, represently one percent of the total number in practice.

Dr. Glass, past president of the ABCA, was named the ABCA Chiropractor of the Year at the convention. "As African-American chiropractors our issues are reaching out to the urban communities to make them aware of chiropractic care as an integral part of health care rather than just an add on. The ABCA has had a direct influence on the profession by increasing the number of African-American students and public awareness. We instill in our members a desire to become sensitive to their role and plight nationally. Black chiropractors need to go out and educate."

Dr. Mona Reynolds, '82, was the chairperson of the 11th Annual ABCA convention, which was held in Atlanta for the first time since 1983.

According to Dr. Reynolds, the conference was attended by 180 doctors, along with faculty, staff and students from chiropractic colleges.

"Our organization's goals are to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, experience and research among doctors of chiropractic and to recruit, encourage and support minority persons to study chiropractic

as well as to award scholarships to minority students studying chiropractic," said Dr. Reynolds.

Life College students Janet Sloane and Althea Brown won two of the three ICA-sponsored scholarships. David Gadsen, second-quarter student, was elected Region 1 (Southeast) Student Representative.

The ABCA was founded in 1981 and is the largest professional organization for African-Americans in chiropractic.



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Dr. Salmon Afsharpour, assistant professor of anatomy at Life College, instructs students in this year's federally-funded Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP). From left to right are Sallahem Davis, Anissa Jones, Sabrena Simons, Donia Pope, Erica Burns, Anthony Thornton, David Hemmans and Rhonda Pruitt.

with a biology degree from Tuskegee University in Alabama, Marina packed up and moved to the Marietta, Ga., campus to get a jump on the chiropractic classes he will be taking this fall as he enrolls at Life.

This year 38 students from southeastern colleges as far away as Grambling State University in Grambling, La., and as close as Morris Brown University in Atlanta arrived at the end of June. They studied for six weeks in the College's federally-funded Summer Science Enrichment Program,

which introduces students with disadvantaged backgrounds to health-care careers.

The students took courses in chiropractic history and philosophy, anatomy, biology, physiology, biochemistry, general chemistry, math and computer literacy. At the same time, they were taught how to develop study skills necessary to succeed in higher education. Improvements in this year's program included providing tutors who are in the doctor of chiropractic program and allowing the HCOP students to become patients in the

College's Outpatient Clinic.

Director of the program and Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Life College Dr. Mamie Brown says the extra tutoring and honing of communication and study skills will help with the students' basic curriculum of course work for health-care fields. "These students generally don't take health-care courses. They will now have a body of knowledge and a mechanism to apply it at a higher, comprehensive level."

The program is designed to increase the representation of minorities and disadvantaged students in the health professions. Dr. Brown anticipates as many as eight HCOP students to enroll at Life this fall. Last year, five students from the program enrolled at the College.

To be considered for the program, the student must be educationally and/or financially disadvantaged. They have to be enrolled in a four or two-year institution and have an interest in or demonstrate an aptitude for health care.

"We are preparing the students for a curriculum representative of any type of health-care institution they might enter," said Dr. Brown. "The basic sciences are difficult for those from an educationally disadvantaged background. They don't know which classes to take and are intimidated by the course load. We want to break these barriers."

Life College is a second-year recipient of the HCOP funding. The college was approved to receive \$407,000 in assistance to institute the program for a three-year period. Life is the first chiropractic college to receive this honor and one of only 96 colleges, universities and junior colleges in the nation to be chosen in 1990. Dr. Brown is applying to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for three more years of funding starting in 1994.

According to Dr. Brown, the program will benefit Life College by increasing its minority involvement. "We at Life are working to increase minority enrollment. Programs such as HCOP will help more Native Americans, Hispanics and African Americans to enter health professions."

Life College, Bishop State Sign Minority Degreement



History in the making at Life: (front, l to r) Eddie McAshan, Life's grant coordinator; Catherine Perine, Bishop counselor; President Williams; Dr. Stuart Rowberry, dean of the school of chiropractic; and Dr. Mamie Brown, dean of undergraduate studies. Back row, Life students Scott Brown and Kim Besuden and Bishop State students Latina Coleman and Roy Balim.

Life College is seeking to expand minority participation in health-care careers through a new educational agreement with Bishop State Community College (BSCC) of Mobile, Ala. The accord will make it easier for students from BSCC, a two-year institution, to enter Life's doctor of chiropractic program or undergraduate program beginning fall of 1992.

Bishop State officials and 30 of their students visited Life College on Thursday, August 13 to finalize the agreement, tour the campus and attend a luncheon in their honor.

Through this joint program, students from Bishop State who complete the associate degree in pre-medicine studies or its equivalent and then meet the minimum requirements of admission to Life College are ensured acceptance into the School of Chiropractic and/or the School of Undergraduate Studies.

Bishop State signed a similar agreement with the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in January of 1992, while Life College and Morris Brown University signed an educational agreement in December of 1991.

"The purpose of this agreement is to expose students to other health-care areas," explained Dr. Sid E. Williams, founder and president of Life. "Bishop State pioneered this concept with the discipline of podiatry, and we are pleased to

join them in providing additional educational opportunities for their students."

The agreement between Life College and Bishop State represents a major advancement in increasing minority participation in chiropractic, the world's second-largest and fastest-growing health-care field. Currently there are fewer than 600 minority doctors of chiropractic in the United States, representing one percent of the number of doctors of chiropractic currently in practice.

Both colleges have worked to introduce minority students and students with disadvantaged backgrounds to health-care careers. Each institution offers the federally funded Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP), a six-week summer science enrichment program. Life recently completed its second year of the program while Bishop State has been involved since 1985.

Bishop State Community College was founded in 1927 as a branch of Alabama State University, Montgomery. In 1965 the College was declared a state junior college and later named Bishop State Community College in honor of its first president Dr. Sanford D. Bishop. Since 1981, Dr. Yvonne Kennedy has served as president and the current enrollment is 4,100. The College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science,

Associate in Applied Science Degrees and Certificates at the Community College Level. In addition the College is accredited by the Alabama State Board of Education, National League for Nursing and American Board of Funeral Service Education, Inc.

College Seeks Minority Grants

Former Georgia Tech great and Life Grant Coordinator Eddie McAshan recently attended a National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations (NCEOA) workshop designed to help colleges obtain federal grants, especially those designed for low-income and minority youths.

"Because of our new undergraduate department, it is necessary to expand our grants program. A majority of these grants are designed for high school students to take a look at college and see what it's like," said McAshan.

According to McAshan, the College has applied for the Ronald E. McNair Achievement Award, named for the African-American astronaut who died in the Challenger explosion. The award facilitates disadvantaged students who are trying to enter graduate school in the sciences.

Dr. Sid Proposes Sports Chiropractic Clinic in Mexico



Setting the plans to introduce sports chiropractic to Mexico, Dr. Sid Williams welcomes the Director of Mexico Sport, Abroad Alfonso Ramon Bagur.

B rains and brawn are two attributes often associated with Life College students, many of whom excel at athletics in addition to their rigorous post-graduate schedules. Now students and faculty at Life may begin an academic and athletic exchange with their peers at the University of Mexico City.

Officials from both institutions recently met at Life College to forge this international relationship. Life College has the largest school of chiropractic in the world with an enrollment approaching 2,500, while the University of Mexico City is one of the largest universities in the world with 350,000 students.

The program's plans include a permanent educational exchange where graduate students from the University of Mexico City will study in Life College's Sports Health Science master's degree program. In turn, doctors of chiropractic and students from Life will set up a sports chiropractic clinic

in Mexico.

Life has already begun fostering an athletic exchange with Mexico. Last year the College signed an accord with Mexico's National Commission of Sports and hosted the first exchange of 20 track and field Olympic hopefuls from Mexico. The next visit was from the Mexico City soccer champions and for two con-

secutive years Mexican runners have participated in the Run For Life's International Challenge Cup.

"Our long-term intention is to create an international training center for Olympic hopeful athletes leading to the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta," said Dr. Sid Williams. The facility includes a five-mile cross-country course, the first ever human-made 50-foot sand dunes and state-of-the-art biomechanical and human performance testing laboratories within the \$5 million Sports Science Center. Plans are underway to begin construction on an athletic stadium including a 400-meter track.

With more than 80,000 Mexicans living in metro Atlanta, the Mexican officials also hope to highlight their culture. "My vision is to portray what Mexico is through sports," said the Mexican Consul in Atlanta Theodore Maus. "We want to generate excitement about Mexico in Atlanta and chiropractic in Mexico. Through the universities, we can complement each community."



Dr. Sid greets the National Football League's (NFL) Atlanta Falcons' center Mike Ruether during a charity luncheon at Atlanta's new Georgia Dome - one of the country's biggest domed stadiums. Life joined many of the city's leading businesses and corporations in sponsoring the event. Proceeds went to the Atlanta Youth Foundation for children's charities.