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25th LIFE UNIVERSITY thAnniversary



Celebrating 25 years of excellence



Nearly 2,000 faculty, staff, students, and friends gathered together Thursday, Feb. 17, to honor and celebrate the vision of Founder and President Dr. Sid E. Williams – Life University.

“Day One” students, faculty, and trustees, who supported Life Chiropractic College – as it was then called – from the first day of operation in 1975, were on hand to reminisce about the growth of the University over the last quarter of a century, during the Founder’s Day celebration.

“Dr. Williams was a fierce football competitor during his days at Georgia Tech,” said Dr. Gary Craft, “Day One” student and longtime staff member. “He is still a competitor in the arena for chiropractic and its worldwide acceptance.”

Dr. Bill Willis, a member of the first graduating class from Life Chiropractic College, praised Dr. Williams for following his God-given dream to reality. He asked current students, faculty, and staff to embrace risk, take responsibility, live with integrity in relationships, nurture spirituality, and maintain a spirit of adventure throughout life.

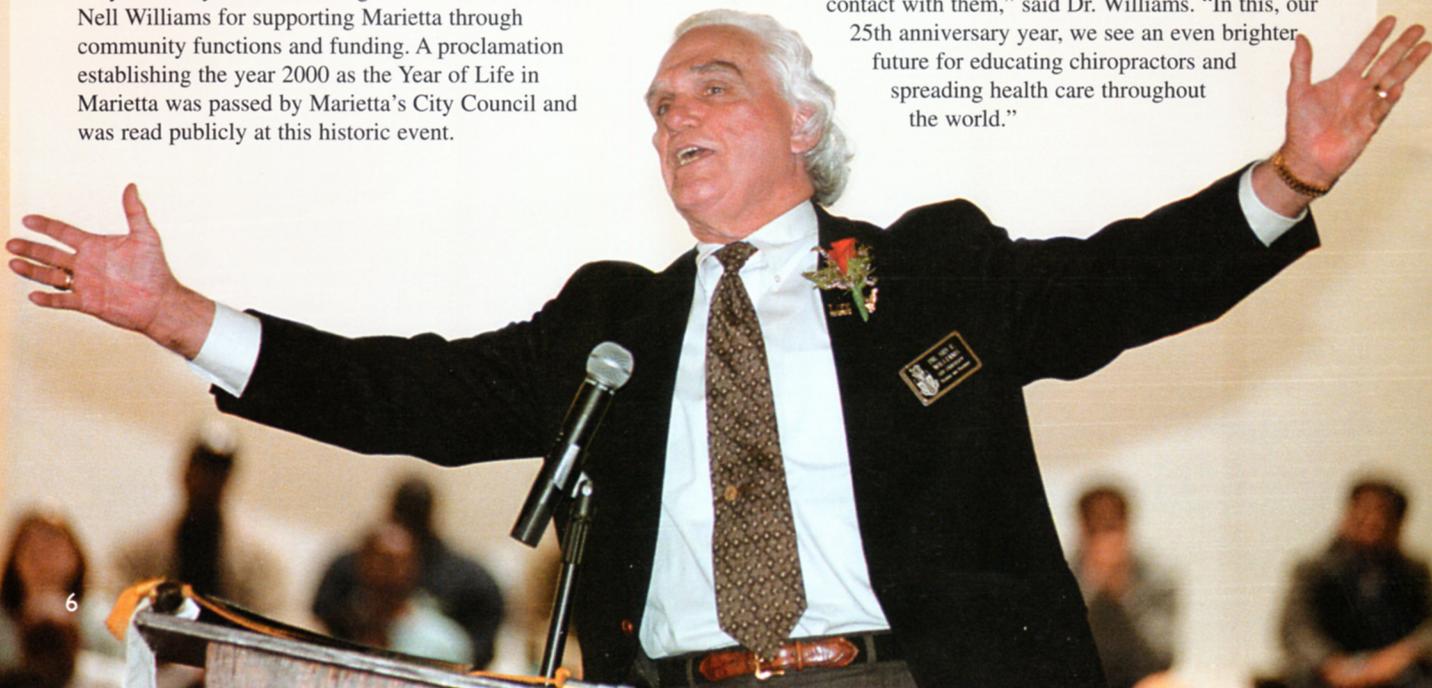
The celebration culminated with a presentation by Marietta Mayor Ansley Meaders who gave thanks to Drs. Sid and Nell Williams for supporting Marietta through community functions and funding. A proclamation establishing the year 2000 as the Year of Life in Marietta was passed by Marietta’s City Council and was read publicly at this historic event.

From its humble beginning in 1975 with just 22 students meeting in rented warehouse space, Life has grown into a diverse, multi-faceted University that is home to the world’s largest College of Chiropractic. With an alumni base of nearly 12,000, approximately one-fifth of all chiropractors in the world are Life graduates.

Life’s arms of service stretch beyond U.S. borders, extending into third world countries whose health care opportunities are significantly impacted by the power of chiropractic. Currently, the peoples of Kenya, Senegal, Costa Rica, the Ukraine, Peru, and Egypt, are experiencing the healing qualities of chiropractic health care.

Because of Life University’s research efforts, significant strides are being made in the alleviation of low back pain, jet lag, migraine headaches, renal failure, and many other debilitating illnesses.

“The purpose of Life University is to train young people from all walks of life ... not only to become skilled Doctors of Chiropractic, but also to become meaningful human beings whose innate goodness will touch and affect all who come in contact with them,” said Dr. Williams. “In this, our 25th anniversary year, we see an even brighter future for educating chiropractors and spreading health care throughout the world.”



Day One



One by one, 22 students assembled in the rough, unfinished classrooms of a rented warehouse on Barclay Circle on January 20, 1975. Some may have been unsure about the decision they were making to enroll in a school whose entire operation was within one building and whose number of employees hovered around 10. However, their leader, Dr. Sid E. Williams, had a strong vision and a contagious enthusiasm for the future success of his school.

The fulfilling of Dr. Williams' dream began on that winter day with only a handful of people. Today, what

was once known as Life Chiropractic College is now a thriving University offering more than 20 degrees and spreading across 125 acres.

The students, faculty, and staff who stepped forward in bold faith to see this dream to reality are referred to as the Day One Class, Faculty, and Staff.

Life University honors those who believed in Dr. Williams vision for a university that embodies a Lasting Purpose mindset.

First Graduating Class

Dr. Marion E. Adams	Dr. Anas A. Khalaf
Dr. Michael S. Atwood	Dr. Peter G. Lazarnick
Dr. Frank L. Bowling	Dr. Kevin McNamara
Dr. Hugh P. Brotherton	Dr. Helen P. Miller
Dr. Jim H. Burnham	Dr. Michael I. O'Daniel
Dr. Gregory J. Cerrato	Dr. Doy W. Ott
Dr. Gary W. Craft	Dr. Jennifer Brandon Peet
Dr. James P. DiBlasi	Dr. Daniel Pogrelis
Dr. John P. DiBlasi	Dr. Sy S. Royston
Dr. James A. Fambrough	Dr. Wynett Scott
Dr. Debra S. Flynn	Dr. Leighton H. Seaman
Dr. Mark K. Flynn	Dr. John W. Sullivan
Dr. Monte R. Gansborg	Dr. Mark M. Tanny
Dr. Sanford L. Hopkins	Dr. David L. Taylor
Dr. C. William Kelly	Dr. Paul R. Tuthill

Day One Faculty

Dr. Michael I. Ungerank
Dr. Steven Warfield
Dr. William N. Willis
Dr. Robert B. Wittenborn
Dr. Stan Yarnot
Dr. Marvin Buncher
Dr. Gerard Clum
Dr. Richard Fitzgerald
Ms. Nancy Hill
Dr. Charles Kalb
Dr. Ronald J. Watkins

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Dr. Joe Stuckey

The Unfolding History of Life University

Life University is the manifestation of the continually unfolding dream of Dr. Sid E. Williams, who originally envisioned the establishment of a chiropractic college that would serve humanity through the professional work of its graduates.

For many years, Dr. Williams recognized the need for a chiropractic college in the Southeast that would educate a new generation of competent, compassionate Doctors of Chiropractic. He envisioned an institution founded on the principles of chiropractic as established by the Palmers.

"Great institutions and great principles are products of the minds of principled men," said Dr. Fred Barge during one Life Homecoming. "And they can only be evaluated through the perpetuation of the same principles. Palmer Principles built Life (University). Now Life (University) is building Palmer Principles."



When Life Chiropractic College opened its doors on January 20, 1975, there were only 22 students. Today, enrollment stands at nearly 4,000 with students representing all 50 states and approximately 33 foreign nations.

There have been many other milestones passed under Dr. Williams' leadership. The University has achieved the necessary state approvals for expansion of its educational programs: accreditation and reaffirmation of accreditation have been received from the University's regional and national accrediting agencies.

Property holdings of the University have expanded from three rented rooms to ownership of more than 125 acres of land and more than 20 buildings providing 500,000 square feet of usable space. The campus was expanded and revitalized by a \$37 million municipal bond issued by the City of Marietta in 1996.

Life University, through Dr. Williams' efforts, has gained international recognition for its activities relating to such events as the 1996 Summer Olympic Games, Goodwill Games, and the Life Around the World (LAW) program. The LAW program has active working research relationships





with Costa Rica, Kenya, Ukraine, Russia, Senegal, Egypt, and other countries.

In less than a decade, Life has cultivated one of the country's most successful college intercollegiate athletic programs by winning more than ten National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Championships in just nine years. Life has truly laid claim to the title: The School of Champions.

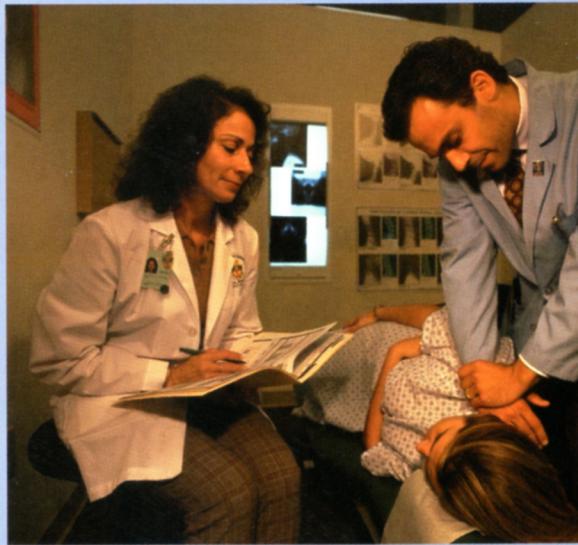
Life University also gained international recognition hosting international track meets in 1995 and 1996 in which over 1,000 athletes from around the world competed. Olympic-caliber athletes from many different nations used the Life campus and its training facilities to prepare for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The University has gained international recognition in the area of research as well. The World Health Organization (WHO) named Life University the only worldwide coordinating center to study the use of chiropractic care for low back pain. Life conducted joint research projects with other WHO coordinating medical centers in world capitals such as Moscow, Jakarta, and Sao Paulo. A report based on this study is being published by the WHO.

Life is also working with the WHO in a groundbreaking research project to determine the global burden of the subluxation.

In addition to its chiropractic school, Life offers programs leading to both Bachelor's and Master's degrees. This expansion culminated in March 1997 when Life College's name was officially changed to Life University.

Life University today includes a College of Chiropractic, which offers the Doctor of Chiropractic degree. Participants in the D.C. program constitute the majority of the student population. Life University College of Chiropractic is now the largest in the world. A one-year Chiropractic Technician diploma program is also offered within the College of Chiropractic.



The Life University School of Undergraduate Studies provides a wide variety of degree programs in business, nutrition, dietetics, and the sciences, as well as several Associate degree programs. The Undergraduate program also offers a pre-professional sequence providing the educational foundations appropriate for entrance into a variety of health professions including chiropractic.

Life University also offers the Master of Sport Health Science degree in its School of Graduate Studies.

As Life University celebrates its 25th anniversary of service, the dream that began with Dr. Sid E. Williams has been transformed into a vibrant reality that now spans the globe.

