SACA

Students with a Purpose

"Liberty will not descend to a people,
a people must raise themselves up to liberty;
it is a blessing that must be earned
before it can be enjoyed."

~Benjamin Franklin

STUDENTS WITH A PURPOSE WILL ADDRESS…

"What is ACA and who is SACA?"

"What are SACA's mission and goals?"

"What are SACA's activities?"

"What can ACA do for me?"

"What is the ACA membership path?"

THIS IS ACA

- ACA was founded in 1930 and is the largest professional association in the world representing doctors of chiropractic
- ACA provides lobbying, PR, legal & insurance advocacy, and educational opportunities for DCs and students
- ACA celebrates chiropractic, educates the public, promotes ethical patient care, and protects the future of your practice
- ACA leads the profession by seeking a transformation in health care, from a focus on disease to a focus on wellness

YOU ARE SACA

- SACA is the Student American Chiropractic Association and is the representative organization of ACA's *Student* members
- SACA consists of more than 6,000 *Student* members of ACA on all 18 U.S. chiropractic college campuses
- SACA enhances the profession by engaging and promoting its students to be informed and to make an impact
- SACA members are the leaders of tomorrow and a powerful force for the future of chiropractic

YOU ARE SACA

Student American Chiropractic Association
National Chiropractic Legislative Conference 2007

WHAT ARE SACA'S MISSION & GOALS?

"Having a purpose is the difference between making a living and making a life."

~Tom Thiss

SACA'S MISSION

Our mission is…

to enhance the chiropractic profession
by inspiring active student involvement in ACA
and in the profession as a whole.

SACA'S GOALS

Our goals are…

to grow student resources for SACA,
to expand student activity in the chiropractic profession's foundations, and
to increase student participation in ACA & ACA-PAC.

SACA'S PURPOSE

Our purpose is…

to harness and focus student energy
to promote the profession's goals,
to cultivate effective leaders, and
to open doors for all future doctors of chiropractic.

WHAT ARE SACA'S ACTIVITIES?

"Teamwork
is the ability to work together toward a common vision.
The ability to direct individual accomplishments
toward organizational objectives.
It is the fuel that allows common people
to attain uncommon results."

~Andrew Carnegie

CAMPUS SPEAKERS PROGRAM

- "SACA Presents…" speakers program is available on all chiropractic college campuses
  - ACA has many dynamic and knowledgeable speakers to address students
  - Small group discussion allows for personalized presentations and extensive student input

NATIONAL CHIROPRACTIC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

- NCLC occurs every March in Washington, DC
  - Meet and network with the nation's leading DCs and chiropractic college students
  - Review and discuss current legislative priorities and issues
  - Lobby Senators and Congressmen and their healthcare aides
  - Enjoy incredible speakers sharing their knowledge and experience
  - Participate in "SACA Idol" competition ($3,500 in prizes!)

ANNUAL "HOUSE OF DELEGATES" MEETING

- HOD occurs every September in a different location
  - Each SACA chapter is represented
  - Election of national officers
  - Sessions regarding leadership, communication, membership, and legislative issues
  - Additional speakers address topics of specific interest to SACA members

SACA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

- Add to your education as a doctor by developing your skills as a leader
  - Leadership Conference occurs each Fall in a different location
  - Learn leadership skills from renowned leaders in motivation, business, and chiropractic
  - Network with leading students from each of the 18 chiropractic colleges

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

- **SACA members contribute to and learn through activities supporting these organizations:**
  - Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER)
  - Foundation for Chiropractic Progress (F4CP)
  - World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC)
  - World Congress of Chiropractic Students (WCCS)
  - ACA Political Action Committee (ACA-PAC)
- **SACA has voting representation in ACA's House of Delegates and Council of Delegates**

DIRECT STUDENT INPUT TO NBCE LEADERSHIP

- SACA's national officers are invited every year to meet with NBCE's leadership at their headquarters in Greeley, CO, to discuss specific questions posed by SACA members about the national board exams.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Each college chapter elects up to five officers
  - Chapter officers conduct SACA activities on their campus and collaborate with other colleges via monthly conference calls
- SACA members elect four or more national officers
  - National officers coordinate student participation at national events and represent SACA at national chiropractic industry conferences and on ACA committees

WHAT CAN ACA DO FOR ME?

"It is essential that we enable young people to see themselves as participants in one of the most exciting eras in history, and to have a sense of purpose in relation to it."

~Nelson Rockefeller

ACA VALUE STATEMENT

We pledge that every member of the American Chiropractic Association will experience genuine value from their ACA membership at every stage of their career.

We provide a growing list of members-only benefits, including timely publications, information resources, and aggressive government- and insurance-advocacy services.

Our members have exclusive access to essential tools for growing their practices and increasing their personal and professional satisfaction— *all at a value greater than the cost of membership*.

ACA is your partner in practice.

"ACA: YOUR PARTNER IN PRACTICE"

- *Week In Review*: e-newsletter with current news and events
- *ACA News*: monthly publication offering in-depth analysis
- Educational teleseminars every month on important topics
- Members-only vendor discounts to build your practice
- Comprehensive online toolkit for new doctors

INSURANCE ADVOCACY

- Aggressive efforts continue against the American Chiropractic Network (ACN) and other managed care group
  - ACA has successfully expanded patient access and increased acceptance of chiropractic in many health insurance plans
  - In 2007, ACA conducted a huge data collection effort requesting patient health records in research of chiropractic networks

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

- Massive nationwide campaign led by ACA resulted in the withdrawal from the Senate floor of a critical bill and was a historic victory for chiropractic
  - Senate Bill 1955 would have eliminated state-enacted patient protection laws allowing chiropractic care

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

- ACA has been an active participant in the Medicare Demonstration Project that is assessing how competition can change the current standard of care for Medicare patients from adjustment only to full scope of treatment

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

- ACA fought successfully for legislation (HR 1470) that would expand chiropractic care to all major medical facilities in the Dept. of Veterans Affairs healthcare system
- ACA works daily on Capitol Hill to pass legislation (HR 1554) that would ensure that the Dept. of Defense offers chiropractic care to retired members of the armed services, their, dependents and survivors

SPECIALTY COUNCILS

- ACA has an extensive list of active specialty councils to support and expand your knowledge:
  - Sports
  - Rehab
  - Orthopedics
  - Neurology
  - Diagnosis & Internal Disorders

  and…

SPECIALTY COUNCILS

- *Councils continued...*
  - Nutrition
  - Diagnostic Imaging
  - Occupational Health
  - Pediatrics
- Student membership fees are quite reasonable and the councils are enthusiastic to have *Student* members

SCHOLARSHIPS

- ACA's American Chiropractic Foundation and Auxiliary provide annual sponsorships to provide financial assistance to SACA members
  - based on academic excellence and financial need
  - over $20,000 are awarded each year at the Annual HOD Meeting

WHAT IS THE ACA MEMBERSHIP PATH?

"The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it."

~William James

HOW TO JOIN SACA & ACA

- ***Student* Member**
  - $30 for SACA membership for the duration of your DC program
  - Use *Student* Member application form or join online
- ***New Graduate* Member**
  - FREE for 1st year after graduation from chiropractic college
  - Use *New Graduate* Member application form before graduation or upgrade online
- ***New Practitioner* Member**
  - $120/year for 2nd, 3rd and 4th years after graduation
  - Use *New Practitioner* Member upgrade renewal form or renew online
- ***General* Member**
  - $600/year
  - Use *General* Member upgrade renewal form or renew online

HOW TO JOIN SACA & ACA

JOIN, UPGRADE, OR RENEW ONLINE ANYTIME AT…

www.acatoday.org/application/

NOTE:

The most critical stages of your career (and of your ACA membership) occur as you graduate from chiropractic college and as you start your first job. Be sure to provide ACA with your email address during these important transition periods!

FOR MORE INFO ON ACA…

- **ACA Web site: www.acatoday.org**
  - "2006 Year in Review" report
  - "2007 Top Legislative Priorities" report
  - Patient guides and consumer tips
  - Practice resources and education opportunities

FOR MORE INFO ON SACA…

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"We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there."

~Charles Kettering

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