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PRESIDENT'S Letter

I would like to begin by thanking all the members for their dedication, thoughtfulness, and commitment to NUCCA. The attendance and focus during the classes were remarkable. Additionally, the engagement and discussions during the annual board meeting demonstrated the members' willingness to speak openly and freely about various issues. This has inspired many to contribute to the growth and improvement of our organization while maintaining the highest standards in chiropractic care.

The Spring conference showcased several new presentations that offered fresh perspectives on the fundamentals and nuances of correcting the ASC. A one-on-one approach was provided for those who submitted images in advance, allowing participating doctors to gain valuable insights on how to enhance their specific cases. Discussions included biomechanics, adjusting vectors, and concepts related to headpiece placement, which inspired new ideas for achieving better corrections. Special thanks to Dr. Julia Radwanski and her team of assistants, who demonstrated the subtleties of our work, and the rigors involved in the certification process.

Dr. Gordon Hasick also taught a new class on the significance of practicing before seeing patients and ways to implement new concepts so doctors can perform adjustments in a more focused manner.

The conference hours were slightly adjusted to allow for an earlier departure time while still accommodating all the CEU hours. This adjustment aimed to improve attendance toward the end of the conference, benefiting those who needed to leave early. The feedback was excellent, as evidenced by the significantly larger number of doctors who could take advantage of classes they would normally have missed. I would like to acknowledge Dr. Kurt Sherwood, his team, and Drs. Julia Radwanski and Barbara Read, along with their education committee team, for organizing another outstanding conference!

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Also recognized was a new category of credentialed student instructors who focus on teaching students. These new Credentialed Student Instructors have undergone a rigorous vetting process to instruct in the NUCCA technique at chiropractic colleges. The new doctors joining this ongoing program are Drs. Justin Brown, Traci Grandfield, Andrea Pritchett, and Marcy Ziska.

The banquet was unlike any other! Recognition and congratulations were bestowed upon our latest Certified Doctor, Dr. Marcy Ziska. She delivered a very motivating and inspiring speech about her journey through the certification process. Her determination to achieve excellence for her patients demonstrates her dedication and persistence (as well as her husband's)!

The banquet offered a moving tribute to Dr. Marshall Dickholtz, Jr., who unexpectedly passed away on Nov. 11, 2024. Drs. Daiki Ishiyama and Gordon Hasick previewed a video reliving Dr. Dickholtz's early years, his contributions to NUCCA, his love for comedy, his passion for cars, and his love for his family—Lisa, Austin, and Autumn.

His long-time patient and friend, Christopher Titus, took time off his comedy tour to pay tribute to Marshall and express his appreciation for the "life changing work" we all do. The stories he told were classic Marshall, bringing both tears of laughter and tears of reflection on the special times he spent with us.

Thank you to all the instructors who dedicated countless hours to their presentations, our management team, and everyone who attended and participated. The conferences are for our patients, who depend on us to continually enhance our knowledge and skills to achieve optimal correction of the ASC.

With appreciation for everyone's hard work and dedication to making this a special conference.

Dr. Glenn Cripe, D.C.

President, NUCCA Board of Directors
NUCCA Board Certified

Attention All Techies

Calling all tech enthusiasts! If you're passionate about technology and eager to help NUCCA advance its innovations, we want to hear from you. There are several different areas where we need help. Thank you for joining the NUCCA Tech Team!

Volunteers needed during the 2025 NUCCA Fall Conference to assist with video/audio recordings of doctor's presentations.

Please contact the NUCCA office at info@nucca.org or 952.564.3056 for more information.

CONFERENCE Update

Our spring conference was May 1-3 in San Diego, CA. The event was a success, and we hope that all who attended had an enjoyable experience filled with learning, networking, and fun. Highlights of the conference included:

- A career fair to connect students/professionals with each other
- Tribute to Dr. Marshall Dickholtz, Jr. at the President's Banquet, featuring Comedian and Actor Christopher Titus
- Education and networking opportunities for all

Be sure to save the date for the 2025 Fall Conference, which is scheduled for October 23-25 in Minneapolis, MN.

STUDENT ESSAY Contest

Deadline: October 1, 2025

NUCCA's Education Committee would like to give our student members an opportunity to attend conference on us!

All students attending the Fall 2025 Conference are welcome to submit an essay about **"What NUCCA Means to Me?"** Please submit your essay to info@nucca.org **by October 1, 2025.**

Our Education Committee will select one winner who will be notified at the start of conference.

DOCTOR Spotlight

We are pleased to congratulate Dr. Allen Dayton Harrison on successfully completing his NUCCA Board Certification.

Throughout his journey, Dr. Harrison demonstrated a strong commitment to clinical excellence—consistently seeking to refine his adjusting skills and deepen his understanding of NUCCA procedures. His dedication and perseverance are commendable and serve as an inspiration to colleagues and peers.

It is encouraging to witness more NUCCA doctors upholding the standard of care established by Dr. Ralph Gregory, working toward unified and consistent patient outcomes.

We sincerely acknowledge Dr. Harrison's achievement and look forward to his continued contributions to the NUCCA community.

Dr. Craig Lapenski and Dr. Daiki Ishiyama
Co-Chair of Certification and Standard

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Kudos to Drs. Julia Radwanski and Kurt Sherwood for their tireless efforts in putting together a successful Spring Conference schedule. The hours spent behind the scenes don't go unnoticed and they are very much appreciated. They are already actively planning the Fall Conference, reviewing feedback from the Spring Conference, and consulting with fellow instructors to build another engaging conference.

Thank you for all you do for NUCCA and your fellow doctors, Julia and Kurt!

STUDENT CLUB Reminder

This is a reminder that NUCCA wants to continue to support the efforts of the NUCCA Student Clubs at participating Universities and Colleges. If your NUCCA Student Club will be holding an upcoming event that is focused on NUCCA or needs to purchase NUCCA supplies or equipment, you can be reimbursed!

NUCCA will reimburse up to $500 per event/request ($1,000 calendar year max per University/College). Reimbursement will be granted and approved upon submission of receipts and satisfactory report from the University/College within two (2) weeks of event conclusion or purchase of supplies/ equipment. *

Please click the button below to access the form. Provide as much information as you can to ensure the NUCCA Board has everything they need to grant approval.

Request Form

Questions?
Please contact the NUCCA office at info@nucca.org.

***If it is a challenge for your club to wait for reimbursement, please email the NUCCA office. We are happy to work with you on alternative arrangements to ensure your club activities and expenses are as seamless as possible.*

CERTIFICATION Update

The Spring Conference last month went off flawlessly and was a wonderful tribute to Dr. Marshall Dickholtz Jr. From the Memorial Monograph dedicated to him, and the vendor booth that his family used to interact with our members, it was a memorable and touching time. We are continually grateful for his contributions to NUCCA, UCRF, and our membership. We will strive as an organization to live up to the ideals that he held so dear.

Those who were there in person got to laugh as Chris Titus shared his testimony of how NUCCA has changed his life, as well as the countless stories of the escapades that he and Marshall experienced together. It was interesting to hear from a patient's perspective how transformative a powerful correction can be, and the desire he had for all of our doctors to complete board certification as a foundation of their education.

Dr. Daiki and I have been developing a Certification Mentoring Program to help the mentors in board certification develop uniformity amongst how they review submissions. The pilot of this program is underway currently.

There is a great value that is to be had when allowing others who have demonstrated a capacity to reduce the subluxation well to review the consistencies of how our patient care is conducted. I have seen that the growth curve of individuals who participate in the Certification Program is very different than those that don't stay actively engaged. I believe one of the biggest hinderances we have is assuming we know more than we do. There is a lot we don't know, however we have an almost 60-year depth of knowledge in the ASC and its reduction. I believe one of the reasons that doctors advance in the Certification Program is the deep desire to help patients at our maximal capacity, and the willingness to be humble in the process of growth and learning.

One example of an individual who has exemplified these characteristics and shown a dedication to his patients by pursuing the maximal correction of the ASC is Dr. Allen Harrison. I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with him over a number of years and seen his growth and development in this work as he has pursued excellence in patient care. Make sure to reach out and congratulate him on the completion of his board certification! We are proud of him and his accomplishments and look forward to celebrating him at the Fall Conference.

Consider the rich heritage of learning and knowledge that is available to you in the Certification Program and get engaged.

Dr. Craig Lapenski
Dr. Daiki Ishyama

NUCCA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM Update

Congratulations to all those who actively participating in certification since the Fall Conference, and to those who have been actively submitting as well. If you see a colleague's name below, be sure to encourage and congratulate them.

Level 1

- Dr. Valeri Briski
- Dr. Landon Burris
- Dr. Danielle Bush
- Dr. Sarah LaRosa
- Dr. Breanna Lambach
- Dr. Kyle Murray
- Dr. Keirra Ridder
- Dr. Connor Thelemann
- Dr. Brandon Van Seters
- Dr. Christina Yang

Level II

- Dr. Christopher Gates
- Dr. Monica Lee
- Dr. Kyle Murray
- Dr. Joseph Perin
- Dr. Brandon Van Seters
- Dr. Wontaek Hwang

Level III

- Dr. Justin Brown
- Dr. Jon Chung
- Dr. Stanley Dombroski
- Dr. Aaron Erhardt
- Dr. Hutan Ghojallu
- Dr. Amninder Gill
- Dr. Traci Grandfield
- Dr. Norris Golberg
- Dr. Kevin Hallmeyer
- Dr. Changwon Lee
- Dr. Jack Manuele
- Dr. Luke McCully
- Dr. Tad Norris
- Dr. Reanna Plancich
- Dr. Mikael Reney
- Dr. Vivek Soham
- Dr. Josh Stockwell
- Dr. Chris Whitney
- Dr. Jameson Wong

Board Certification

- Dr. Allen Harrison
- Dr. Gary Thomson
- Dr. Jim Moore
- Dr. Charlie Ross
- Dr. Marcy Ziska

Members advancing in certification since the Fall Conference

Level 1 Candidacy

- Dr. Kyle Murray
- Dr. Brandon Van Seters

Board Certification

- Dr. Allen Harrison
- Dr. Marcy Ziska

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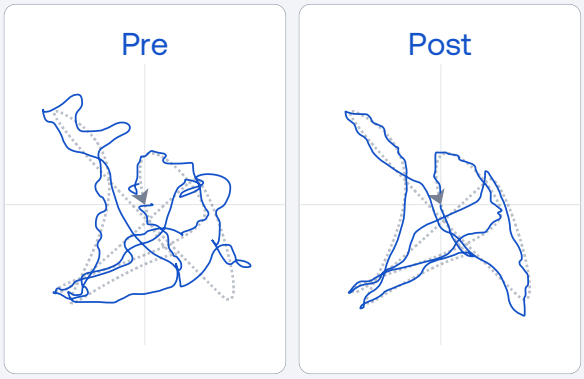

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NUCCA 2025 ANNUAL MEETING Recap

The 2025 NUCCA Annual Member Business Meeting was held in-person and virtually on Friday, May 2, 2025, at the Spring Conference in San Diego, CA. The business conducted at the meeting included a vote on a board slate and proposed bylaws change. The Certifications & Standards Committee roster as well as the Education Committee roster were also ratified by membership.

After constructive discussion, sharing from the floor and via the virtual audience the vote was conducted. The NUCCA Board slate below was approved. Please welcome your new and returning 2025-2026 NUCCA Board of Directors:

- Dr. Glenn Cripe — President, re-elected by membership in 2025
- Dr. Kurt Sherwood — Vice President, appointed by membership
- Dr. Michael Zabelin — Treasurer, appointed by membership
- Dr. Kerry Johnson — Newly elected, Secretary
- Dr. Daiki Ishiyama — Director, appointed by Certifications & Standards
- Dr. Julia Radwanski — Director, re-elected by membership in 2025
- Dr. Craig Lapenski — Director, appointed by Certifications & Standards
- Dr. Corey Burt — Director, appointed by membership
- Dr. Barbara Read — Director, appointed by Education Committee
- Dr. Jose Portela — Director, appointed by UCRF
- Dr. Vivek Soham — Director, appointed by UCRF

The motion on the proposed bylaws change previously presented to membership did not pass. The motion is referenced below.

The motion proposes that the Chairs of the Education and Certification Committees, as well as the President and Vice President, be required to hold NUCCA Board Certification.

Thank you for actively participating in this year's annual meeting, it made for an engaging and fruitful discussion and annual meeting experience.

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DR. ROBERT J. GOODMAN Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Robert Goodman was a dedicated NUCCA practitioner who had a desire to support NUCCA beyond his years. Thus, the Dr. Robert J. Goodman Memorial Scholarship was established to support chiropractic students and practicing doctors in their first two years, to attend a NUCCA Conference. Dr. Goodman found great value in the NUCCA seminars and wants to ensure others new doctors and students have the same experience.

Dr. Goodman served as NUCCA President for 8 years, he was an Ambassador for NUCCA as well as an award recipient numerous times throughout his volunteer years serving the organization.

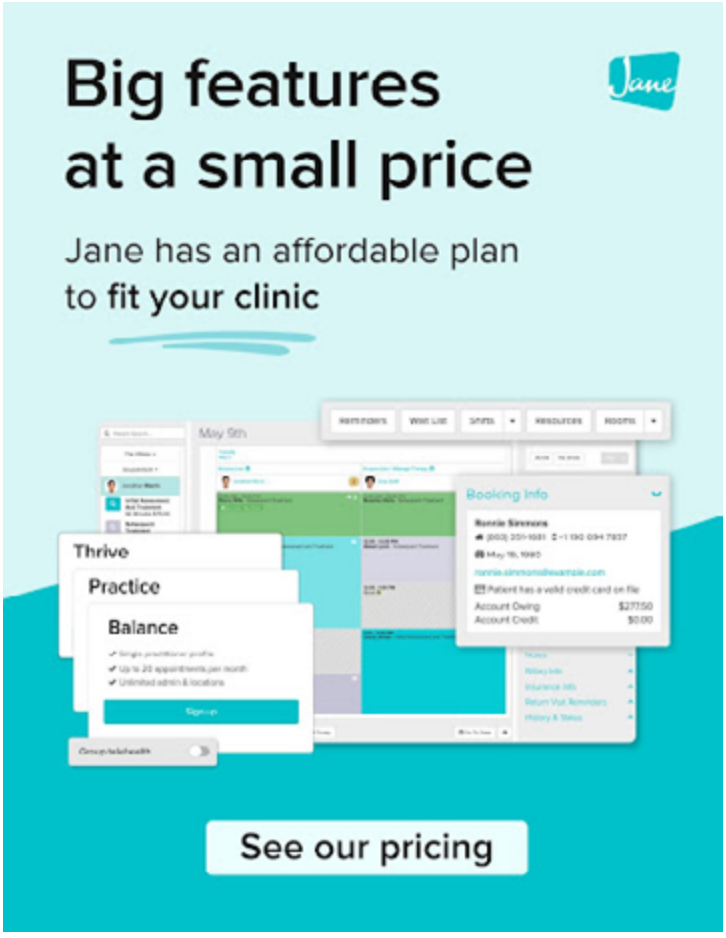
Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of $500 per person/per seminar to cover the seminar fee and help cover some meals.

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be a NUCCA Student or Graduate Member to apply.
2. Must submit application by the published deadline (October 1, 2025)

Drs. Glenn Cripe, Brian Cripe and Steve Nakano will select the scholarship recipients. These Drs. personally knew the heart of Dr. Goodman and are honored to award these scholarships in his name.

Apply for a Scholarship for Fall 2025 Conference (October 23-25, 2025, Minneapolis, MN) at https://nucca.org/students/drgoodmanscholarship/



2025 GREGORY CIRCLE Members

Gregory Circle Gold

- Dr. Kerry Johnson

Gregory Circle Silver

- Philip Arnone
- Michae Russamano
- Blair Schmaus

Gregory Circle Junior Silver

- Dr. Keith Denton
- Dr. Patrick Lin

Gregory Circle Bronze

- Alan Barnes
- Valeri Briski
- Justin Brown
- Greg Goffe
- Norris Golberg
- Jason Granger
- Steven MacDonald
- Christopher Maxson
- Russill Mills
- Kyle Murray
- David Packer
- Andrea Pritchett
- Julia Radwanski
- Jeffrey Scholten
- Kurt Sherwood
- Jayson Snyder

Gregory Circle Junior Bronze

- Marie Biek
- Jamie Cramer
- Christopher Dawson
- Stanley Dombroski
- Donald Erwin
- Vince Fitzpatrick
- Michael J. Foran
- Patricia Gregg
- Clint Grover
- Scott Hansen
- Daiki Ishiyama
- Aaron Kiefer
- Benjamin Kuhn
- Terry McCoskey
- Jim Moore
- Andrew Moore
- Reanna Plancich
- Barbara Read
- Kalan Stittleburg
- Jack Stockwell
- Ashleigh Street
- Gary Thomson
- Marcella Ziska

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