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Palmer College of Chiropractic Meets Current and Future Student Needs with Campus Realignment

Leading chiropractic institution focuses on affordability and quality by phasing out its California campus

DAVENPORT, IOWA—The Palmer College of Chiropractic Board of Trustees has voted unanimously to phase out the College’s West campus located in San Jose, California. After thoughtful consideration, and as a proactive business decision, the campus will cease operations in June 2025 when its building lease expires.

“The most strategic higher-education institutions constantly evaluate changing business environments to increase the value of their degrees,” said Trevor V. Ireland, D.C., chairperson of the Palmer College Board of Trustees. “They review who they serve and make smart, proactive decisions focused on strengthening their institutions and wisely investing their resources.”

Palmer plans to provide current Palmer West students the opportunity to finish their degrees at Palmer West through March 2025. Eligible students also will have the option to attend Palmer College’s Main campus in Davenport, Iowa or its Port Orange, Florida campus.

“A culmination of challenges, including the escalation of the building lease, the high cost of living, the employment market, and the College’s cost to deliver the program in California compelled the decision to phase out the West campus,” said Ireland. “This difficult decision was made after thorough due diligence.”

“Palmer College leads the chiropractic profession and sets the standard for real-world preparation for successful careers in chiropractic,” said Dennis Marchiori, D.C., Ph.D., Palmer College chancellor and CEO. “We are confident the needs of current and future students are best served by focusing on the unparalleled opportunities that exist on Palmer’s Main and Florida campuses.”

Large investments have been and continue to be made to enrich student life and learning opportunities at the Iowa and Florida campuses. The institution combines a rich history with forward-thinking, state-of-the-art facilities and educational practices.

“By adjusting our on-campus offerings at our two flourishing locations, Palmer is better equipped to meet its mission of educating students in the science, art and philosophy of chiropractic today and well into the future, maintaining our role as *the* trusted leader in chiropractic education,” said Marchiori.

“The Palmer West community of students, faculty, staff and alumni uniquely add to the history of the institution and their contributions are appreciated. They are valued members of the Palmer community,” noted Ireland. “We look forward to the roles they will play in our future as we continue to deliver state-of-the-art learning experiences and advance chiropractic research in world-class facilities.

The College is working closely with its accreditors, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), on this phaseout plan.

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About Palmer College of Chiropractic

Palmer College is the first and largest college of chiropractic in the world. One-third of practicing doctors of chiropractic world-wide are Palmer graduates. Palmer trains more students to be evidence-based practitioners than any other chiropractic institution and fosters a passion for learning the science, art and philosophy of chiropractic.

Hands-on learning and direct patient care are key components of a Palmer College education. The Palmer Chiropractic Clinics make up the largest chiropractic clinic network in the world. Students care for a diverse patient population and the clinics provide more than \$4 million in pro-bono care annually to active-duty military, veterans and their families, and individuals facing economic hardship.

Palmer College is also home to the Palmer Center for Chiropractic Research – the largest chiropractic research center in the nation. It supports chiropractors, scientists, and other health practitioners by establishing and promoting the science of chiropractic through comprehensive research, analysis and intelligence to ultimately impact patient care and policy.