

## Remarks from Dr. Norman Kettner Upon Receiving the Inaugural Spirit of Logan Alumni Award

Thanks Dr. McDonald, I am extremely grateful and honored to receive this singular award, the Spirit of Logan, especially in light of the professional eminence of my co-recipients, Drs. Purser and Bruns. My career which has spanned over 40 years has been facilitated and advanced by the support and collaboration of many individuals from inside this university, nationally and internationally.

I have served as faculty for the last 5 presidents of this great institution. But, I will always be most thankful for the financial and fiscal foresight of Dr. George A Goodman, and to the integrative professional vision of Dr. Clay McDonald and his administration including Drs. O'Reilly, DeBono and Pfeifer. These Logan leaders and others have inspired me to pursue the highest standards of excellence in my clinical, educational and research endeavors.

My career journey has been punctuated by both moments of joy and exhilaration and those of profound professional disappointment. Our first paper in the leading radiology journal *NeuroImage* left me sleepless with excitement for nights, which was eventually eclipsed by 3 papers in *Brain*, a leading journal in neurology and then the leading research journal *PAIN*... well, I'm sure you get the idea. The joy of scientific and clinical curiosity has paid off immensely.

The barriers between our profession and political medicine were frequently painful encounters, requiring determination and confidence, attitudes easier for me as I grew up in a Prussian house hold. While observing and trying to learn radiology, I was thrown out of more hospital radiology departments than hospitals to which I have been admitted. Objections were raised by medical providers, usually orthopedic surgeons, who threatened to embargo referrals.

I and many others in this profession have devoted career energies to diminish such discriminatory behavior. Today, we are increasingly entering the health care industry fully trained as chiropractic physicians and may now serve in a variety of health care settings from multidisciplinary and integrative clinics to the ED to solo practice. This is the growing fulfillment of Dr. McDonald's cherished aspiration: chiropractic integration.

In my 35 years as chair in the department of radiology, I enjoyed a valuable support system of clinical and radiological faculty colleagues. Dr. Gary Guebert, who spent decades with me as faculty in the radiology department was not only a gifted radiologist and educator, he was always ready to express an opinion with candor and integrity and with a patient-centered viewpoint. Dr. Terry Yochum for decades served to provide advice and guidance along with many contributions to the department of radiology, both educational and financial. Their leadership was instrumental in sustaining the national reputation of Logan's Department of Radiology.

The extraordinary competence in conducting the daily duties and responsibilities of my administrative assistant, Erica Collier, for nearly 30 years, has been one of the great fortunes of my career. Erica always anticipates my mental direction and doesn't know the phrase I don't know; she has never expressed it, if she does.

Lastly, I am also thankful for the knowledge gained over my career from every possible resource including our patients, my fellow and resident trainees and yes, on occasion Logan students. I have always been compelled to share with any motivated learner whatever I learned, be it in the clinical, academic or research setting.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the unnamed thousands who have favorably and generously impacted my career, adding to its credibility and value and to that of Logan University.