

Certificants of the ACBSP represent the most educated, well trained and dedicated post graduate doctors representing the entire chiropractic profession. It is truly an honor to be a member of the ACBSP and I believe it is pivotal that board members continually strive to improve greater recognition and opportunities for ACBSP certificants.

Similar to many of our ACBSP colleagues, I am a life long learner with extensive post education and credentials. I completed my EMT, CSCS, CCSP and DACBSP certifications between 2000 and 2005, MS in exercise Science & rehabilitation in 2012 and recently became a board certified family nurse practitioner and have been working in a multidiscipline clinical setting for the past 25 years. It has been my passion that chiropractic is included with allied professions such as medical, physical therapy and interventional pain management while concurrently championing the wellness and prevention 'movement' that chiropractors have known for the past 125 years. We serve pivotal roles in both the musculoskeletal and holistic arenas, which is amplified with a unified voice.

In regards to professional sports experience, I have had the honor of working with Team USA Paralympic Track & Field Team at multiple international events including the World Championships in London, Pan am games in Guadalajara, Mexico and the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. I have worked as a sports chiropractor for the PGA TOUR and USGA have provided care for the past six US Open's and have served as medical director for the Vail International Dance Festival for the past ten years. Like many of our ACBSP colleagues, I have worked in professional, collegiate and high school sports over the past 25 years in private practice and appreciate the role that sports chiropractic has in a multidiscipline team. I am thankful for the previous leaders of our profession to get sports chiropractic to the highest levels in professional sport. Still, we must continually move the ACBSP forward by investing in our future to improve recognition and appreciation of your well earned certification.

I have previously served the ACBSP as the practical committee chairperson for six years and I continue to lecture for both the CCSP and DACBSP programs

In closing, I am acutely aware of the challenges that sports chiropractors face in private practice around the country that provide evidence based treatments and/or wellness care, while managing declining reimbursements and running an equitable business. If elected, I am certain that my experience, broad education and dedication to the sports chiropractic profession will represent the primary goals, concerns and objectives that face certificants of the ACBSP while improving recognition and scope of practice (if possible) of the CCSP and DACBSP credentials.

I am humbled and honored to be nominated for the ACBSP Board of Directors and rest assured, your voice and concerns will be heard and well represented.

Respectfully,

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