Palmer College of Chiropractic Graduation Speech – Roy Jung

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honored to be asked to speak today as the salutatorian of my class for graduation. Some people decide when they are very young what career they want to pursue. But, I didn’t even learn about chiropractic until after I graduated from college because my roommate was receiving chiropractic care in 2011. I guess I’m a bit of a late bloomer. I felt a little like I think Harry Potter may have felt when he was introduced to the magic. From that point on I felt like I was destined to become a chiropractor. About a month later, I packed my bags and drove three days to arrive here at Palmer from Seattle, Washington. That seemingly lonely drive provided me the time to prepare myself mentally before beginning my new journey.

I will always remember my first day at Palmer with classes and quizzes. It was overwhelming. There was so much material to learn, memorize and understand in such a short time that I was panic stricken. If you could have seen me then, struggling to study, panicking over every class and every assignment, you would never have believed I would be standing here today. Luckily, I didn’t find a lot of distraction here in Davenport, so I was able to concentrate on my studies. But, life does throw hardships at you, and I faced them in both academics and in life. Whenever trials came I reminded myself to enjoy each and every moment and live life to the fullest. I firmly believe that my every effort counts and my hard work will help me to become a great chiropractor.

I am very proud of every one of my classmates and I consider myself fortunate to be a member of Class 151. I brag on my class so much I’m very sure some people grow tired of hearing it but I believe my class is the best. We are very fortunate to be able to have chiropractic as a choice of career thanks to the pioneers who came before us. But, we cannot settle for the advancements made thus far. We have to continually seek to improve our knowledge and skills so we can provide excellent chiropractic care to people around the world.

There are many people who have helped me to achieve my goal to become a Doctor of Chiropractic. Tonight I want to offer a special thank you to my professors, including Dr. Strang, Dr. Hagen, Dr. Hong, Dr. Sorgenfrey, Dr. Littrell, Dr. Torgerud, Dr. Nightingale and Dr. Tunning. I want to thank all of my clinic doctors, especially my staff doctor, Dr. Krayenhagen and Dr. Carpenter who taught me chiropractic skills and helped me see patients when I was nervous and anxious. I would like to thank my mentor Dr. Roy Sweat for his tremendous love and teaching the Atlas Orthogonal Chiropractic. Each of you are one of the many reasons I chose to become a Doctor of Chiropractic.

I am especially grateful to my parents and my little brother for their endless support and love all the way from Seoul, Korea. It was so hard to be away from you while I was studying. But, you were always there for me. I love you so much and you are the reason why I live and do what I do. Last, but not least, I would like to thank my friends from South Korea and my friends from class 151. I couldn’t be here without you. May all the fortune and chiropractic be with you.

Thank you