

# Fond Memories of Dr. George Haynes

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My earliest recollection of George Haynes, D.C., M.S. goes back to San Francisco in 1952 at the site of the state board examinations. He was then the *Assistant Dean* at the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic (LACC), and I was a faculty member at the California Chiropractic College (CCC) in Oakland. We were each shepherding our recent graduates, giving support during this momentous occasion in their lives. Before and after each sub-test we met with our respective groups of alumni in the hallways, and went over what we felt were important aspects of the subject matter. The students appreciated this extra effort on their behalf.

While the graduates were taking the tests, Dr. Haynes and I discussed current chiropractic events on the California and national scenes. We shared our perspectives on the chirocolleges, standards, teaching techniques, and means of enhancing the education of future doctors. Each evening after dinner we met with our respective groups and reviewed the topics on the following day's schedule of examinations. I strongly suspect that our efforts paid off, since graduates of the LACC and the CCC usually received the highest percentage of passing grades. During the early 1950s Dr. Haynes and I also often encountered one another on the lecture circuit at various educational symposia. This was prior to the introduction of mandatory license renewal coursework for chiropractors in California (which George and I had our fingerprints all over, truth be told).

In 1953 George Haynes was elevated to *Administrative Dean* of the LACC, a position which amounted to "chief executive officer" or "president," although without the title. At about the same time he was elected to the California Chiropractic Association's (CCA's) Board of Directors for Los Angeles County. In this latter capacity Dr. Haynes was instrumental in hiring Mr. Gordon H. Garland for the position of *Legislative Advocate* for the CCA. I was pleased to work with Mr. Garland, in my role as *Legislative Chairman* for the CCA, on any and all matters that required communication with state agencies.

As *Legislative Chairman*, I frequently visited the LACC to consult with Dr. Haynes on educational matters pending in the legislature. I often called on Dr. Haynes to testify as an expert witness before the various legislative committees that were dealing with educational issues. He brought a clarity,

conciseness and mastery to his testimony that was compelling; these performances at the state house were later repeated in his interactions with federal educational agencies.

Among George Haynes' special qualities were his willingness to tackle any problem, and his ability to make his associates feel valued and respected. He was a gracious host, and gave freely of his time and knowledge. Indeed, few will ever appreciate how much he sacrificed his privacy and home life to meet his profession's needs. His demeanor was always genuine, never pretentious, sometimes mirthful. He wasn't exceptionally gregarious, but he was always easy to be with.



George Haynes, D.C., M.S., standing

George Haynes' greatest achievement, in my opinion, was his collaborative work with Orval Hidde, D.C., J.D. in pursuit of federal recognition for chiropractic education. Dr. Haynes began his contributions to this long sought professional goal in 1953, when, as *Administrative Dean* of the LACC, he had become involved with the NCA Council on Education. Twenty years later, as former *President* of the independently chartered Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) and as Chairman of the CCE committee that interacted directly with the U.S. Office of Education (USOE), Dr. Haynes succeeded in acquiring USOE's endorsement of the CCE as a recognized accrediting body for chiropractic schools. It was one of those singular milestones in a profession's history that will always be remembered.

Dr. Haynes was officially named *President* of the LACC in 1974, and resigned as *President Emeritus* of the institution in 1976. He died on 8 May 1979. The Almighty took him from us and from his family, to whom we owe a great debt for their sacrifices in letting him work for us for so long.

Dr. Haynes, I salute you, Friend!

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