

■ TOP STORY

Wongu University Presidential Appreciation and Inauguration

MICHAEL GIAMPAOLI, VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

November 5, 2020 | Main Campus & Zoom stream

Wongu University conducted a ceremony to mark the Presidential transition from Dr. Daniel Davies to Dr. Eric Richardson. Over fifty people representing Wongu's Board of Directors, faculty, students, and staff gathered on the Wongu campus in Las Vegas, as well as watching through a live-stream broadcast.

Mr. Michael Giampaoli, Vice President at Wongu welcomed all participants and explained the search process for appointing a new President.

The participants were surprised that Dr. Sang Kyun Kim, chairman of the Wongu University Board of Directors and Chairman of HJ Magnolia International Medical Center would send a congratulatory message from his office in Korea. Dr. Kim expressed deep satisfaction with Dr. Davies six-year effort as President and gave warm encouragement and high expectation in Dr. Richardson's new tenure. Dr. Kim elaborated on a vision of promoting international participation in health care and student training and pledged further support for Wongu.

Dr. Davies received a crystal mountain inscribed with the gratitude from students, faculty and staff. He spoke of the need to bring a spirit of harmony and compassion into the medical profession.



Left, Wongu's fourth president Dr. Eric Richardson
Right, Dr. Eric Richardson was inaugurated as the President of the Wongu University of Oriental Medicine at Wongu's presidential appreciation and inauguration ceremony.

Ms. Karin Mueller presented a message of gratitude from the Wongu Student Association and pledged support and encouragement for the new President, Dr. Richardson.

Dr. Eric Richardson spoke on his background at Hanyang University in Korea, expressing a strong hope for integrating Western and Oriental medical practices.

Dr. Davies and Dr. Richardson cut the Wongu cake together. Board members, faculty, students and staff, gave Dr. Richardson and his wife a warm welcome to the Las Vegas community.



■ WONGU NEWS

Wongu Establishes International Partnerships

ERIC RICHARDSON, PRESIDENT

1 In July 2019, HJ Magnolia International Medical Center (HJM) and Wongu University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to promote the exchange of medical information and research between hospitals, training and education of medical staff, and the utilization of physical resources from both institutions.

In July 2020, an initiative of HJM to promote Traditional Korean Medicine (TKM) globally brought Wongu University and Wonkwang University of South Korea together through a signed Memorandum of Understanding. This MOU established a working relationship between the two universities to further a global reach in the practice of TKM. Each university would seek to:

- Facilitate faculty and student exchange for research, teaching, and cooperative clinical training and,
- Establish study abroad program that leads to a globalization and scientific development of oriental medicine.

TWO NEW DEVELOPMENTS: NOVEMBER 2020

- 1.** HJM proposed to establish a Traditional Korean Medicine (TKM) practice within the Wongu Health Center (WHC); a TKM Joint Clinic. A TKM Clinic at

WHC would enhance the scope and expertise of practice, attract a broader community of patients interested in TKM and expand its services to them. Specific details on implementation will be developed.

- 2.** Goduk Biz Valley Medical Bio Development Agreement — An agreement whereby three related organizations seek to strengthen advanced research and development in the pharmaceutical, bio-medicine industries. The three organizations are:

- Ilhwa Company, Ltd.
- HJ Magnolia Global Medical Foundation
- Wongu University of Oriental Medicine

This agreement will serve to advance the WHC's ability to acquire Ilhwa ginseng and other pharmaceutical products. Also, as the research and development component will provide opportunities for professional development for Wongu faculty.

It is hoped that these developments will help to pursue grant opportunities, academic partnerships, healthcare organizations and hospitals that are aligned with Wongu's mission. This is the initial stage and we're expecting further developments in 2021.

Herbal Highlight



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LING ZHI

~ GANODERMA ~

DONNA TONGCO-NGUYEN, MANAGER, WONGU HERBAL DISPENSARY

Popularly known as the reishi mushroom, Ling Zhi in Traditional Chinese Medicine, is sweet and neutral. According to TCM, Ling Zhi enters the heart, liver, lung meridians to calm the spirit while augmenting qi and nourishing blood. Ling Zhi is used for a variety of issues including insomnia, palpitations, forgetfulness, cough, wheezing, and shortness of breath and may be consumed as a whole herb with a dosage of 3-15g in a tea or soup.

Ling Zhi was first mentioned in the Divine Husbandman's Classic of Materia Medica and according to this text, "long term consumption (of ling zhi) will lighten the body and prevent aging, extend one's life, and make one an immortal" and for this reason, Ling Zhi



is considered a longevity herb.

Ling Zhi is available at the Herbal Dispensary. For inquiries or to book an appointment, please call WHC at 702-852-1280.

■ FACULTY NOTE

Gracious Plant Donation

One of our faculty members, Paul Kapsar, RN, MSN, APRN, graciously donated his large aloe plant to the Wongu community. The aloe plant had several "pups" (baby aloe plants) that we were able to separate into different pots for everyone to take home. We wanted to give a big thank you to Professor Kapsar for his generosity and we hope everyone who got to take an aloe pup home is enjoying their new plant friend.

Missed out on an aloe plant? Since limited giveaways like this are on a first come, first serve



basis, make sure to periodically check your Wongu designated email. Many in our Wongu family are generous and there is bound to be another giveaway in the future. So if you missed out this time, don't worry, there's always next time!



COVID-Safe Thanksgiving potluck

There was a wonderful, COVID-safe potluck at the Wongu Health Center to celebrate Thanksgiving this quarter. Students and staff brought in a wide array of delicious dishes from chili soup to tapioca pudding to a whole rotisserie chicken! The parking lot space next to the clinic building was arranged with socially distanced chairs and desks for an impromptu dining set up. We would like to thank all those who contributed and we hope everyone had a safe Thanksgiving!

■ WONGU STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Wongu Goods for Sale

The Wongu Student Association (WSA) is still selling merchandise! You can buy shirts and hoodies designed by our students ranging from sizes small to extra large.

They also have Ja Woon Go for sale, an ointment from the Korean ancient herbal medicine textbook “Dong Ui Bo Gam”, which was written in 1610 by the great physician Hur Joon. The ointment was made and packaged by students in the Winter 2020 Advanced Orthopedics course with Dr. Choo. It is good for a variety of topical applications such as acne, burns, eczema, dry skin, insect bites, inflammation, etc. Perfect to use for the current dry weather (colors may vary).

If you are interested in purchasing, please contact the WSA team.

- WONGU SHIRTS \$20
- WONGU ZIP UP HOODIES \$30
- JA WOON GO STICK \$5
- JA WOON GO JAR (SMALL) \$10
- JA WOON GO JAR (LARGE) \$15



■ ACTIVITY

Annual Drive Success!

The annual Wongu Health Center drive was another success this year. Held from October 25th to November 25th, this year we collected not only toys but also jackets and blankets. The toys were donated to Shade Tree and the jackets and blankets were donated to The Compassion Initiative LV. To express our gratitude, \$5 discounts for treatment were offered in exchange for a gift. We are grateful for every gift that was donated and for every person who was generous this holiday season. We also want to acknowledge that it has been a difficult year financially and otherwise for many in our community. Even if you were not able to donate, we are grateful that you are part of our Wongu family.



■ ALUMNI

Congratulations to Dr. Bruna Polonia, OMD, MD-Brazil, for successfully becoming licensed in Nevada! A Brazilian native, Dr. Polonia received her MD from Fundação Técnico-Educacional Souza Marques in Rio de Janeiro in 2012. She received her OMD from Wongu, graduating in 2019. She is now working at True Health Acupuncture located in Henderson, alongside our beloved faculty member, Dr. Angela Stueber, OMD.



Dr. Angela Stueber, a dedicated faculty member, has been teaching at Wongu since its inception in 2013 and has had her clinic, True Health Acupuncture, since 2015.



Dr. Bruna Polonia graduated Wongu in December 2019, was licensed September 2020 and has since been working at True Health Acupuncture.

Submit alumni articles to start@wongu.edu. We love rooting for our alumni, so please update us on news and achievements of the alumni.

A Gift from WSA

In order to promote mental and physical health, the Wongu Student Association (WSA) designed, bought and distributed yoga mats to all Wongu students, staff and faculty. Please contact the WSA if you have not received your free yoga mat. We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy this year. The WSA is seeking ideas and suggestions for community service outreach and advocacy on health care issues. Look to join in the next WSA meeting.

If you would like to suggest any ideas for the WSA budget or would like to propose a change in the Wongu community, join in on the WSA meetings and make your voice heard! All students are welcome.



Welcome New Staff and Faculty

STAFF

The Wongu Health Center welcomes a new Medical Receptionist, Suttijit "Amy" Chunphundha. Amy has over 20 years experience in the hospitality industry, most recently Assistant Manager at See My Thailand travel company. Following her degree in Western Dance from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Amy pursued a business degree at Pasadena City College in Los Angeles. Please welcome her as she adjusts to this new position.



Suttijit "Amy" Chunphundha

FACULTY

Professor Susie Rosenberger, OMD, returns from a brief hiatus to teach the Topics in Oriental Medicine course. Dr. Rosenberger began teaching at Wongu in 2017 and then began her own acupuncture and herbal medicine practice in Las Vegas. A graduate of Pacific College of Oriental medicine, Dr. Rosenberger's specialty is herbal medicine.



Professor Susie Rosenberger

Welcome New Students

Wongu had 4 new students join us this Fall 2020 quarter. We wanted to extend a warm welcome! Although we have not had the opportunity to meet you all in person due to COVID, we hope that we will be able to soon.

Crystal Haro

Franica Mangione

Sarah McGregor

Brittany Testa

