



**SHERMAN COLLEGE
of CHIROPRACTIC**

South Carolina's Chiropractic College

Community

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OVERVIEW

Founded in 1973 by visionaries Drs. Thomas and Betty Gelardi and named in honor of chiropractic pioneer Dr. Lyle Sherman, Sherman College of Chiropractic is widely regarded as a leading institution in chiropractic education. With a strong commitment to principled chiropractic philosophy and clinical excellence, the college equips students with the knowledge, skill, and compassion necessary to become successful, ethical Doctors of Chiropractic. Serving a diverse student body of approximately 400 individuals, 75 percent of whom come from outside South Carolina, Sherman College provides a dynamic, inclusive environment supported by 52 distinguished faculty members and a dedicated team of classroom support professionals. With a global reach and deep roots in the profession, Sherman continues to shape the future of chiropractic care.

FAST FACTS




The college was named after **Dr. Lyle Sherman**, a pioneer in the development of modern chiropractic




SHERMAN IS HOME TO STUDENTS **400** FROM **44 US** STATES & CANADA, HONDURAS & NORWAY




Health care consumers want less invasive and more proactive approaches to health, and Sherman College is poised to help meet this need by educating future doctors of chiropractors.



Our on-campus Chiropractic Center provides over **35,000** patient visits each year



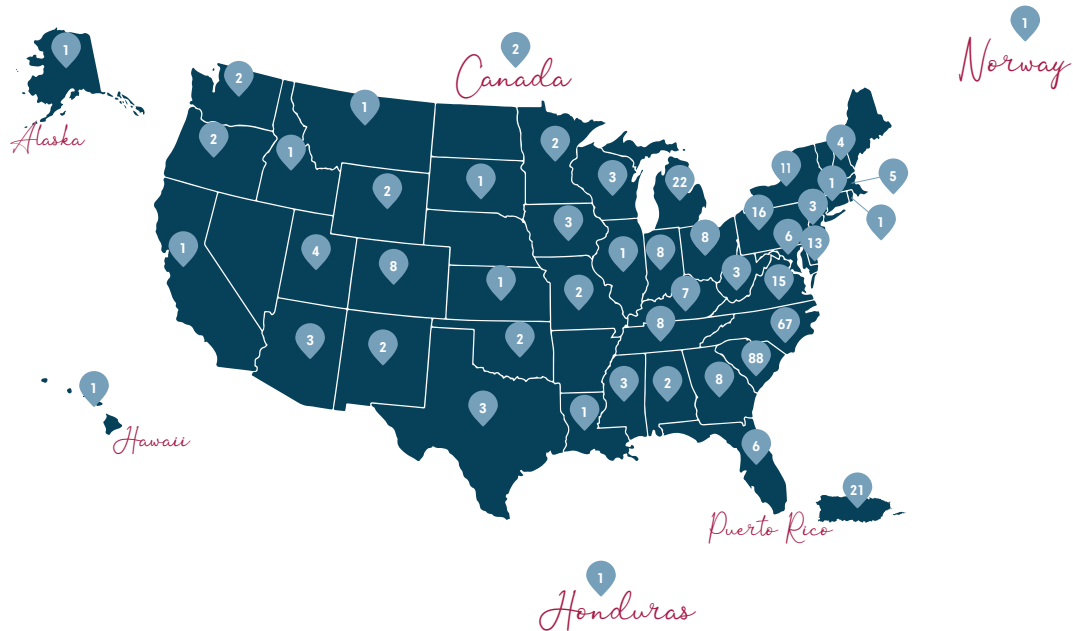
OVER **4,000** Sherman College alumni care for patients around the globe



Our live & online continuing education programs engage a significant community of doctors of chiropractic from across the country.

NATIONAL REACH. GLOBAL PRESENCE.

Sherman College of Chiropractic attracts students from across the United States, U.S. territories, and internationally—affirming its reputation as a leader in chiropractic education. This map highlights the geographic diversity of our student body and reflects the growing impact of Spartanburg as a hub for excellence, innovation, and service in chiropractic care.



Data Source: Information reflects enrollment data as reported by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIE) as of October 7, 2025.

“Our enrollment efforts are about more than numbers — they are about connecting future doctors of chiropractic with a place where they can discover their purpose, hone their skills, and make an impact. Each student who chooses Sherman represents another opportunity to shape the future of chiropractic and expand our global reach.”

Gabe Hollingsworth, MHRD
Vice President for
Strategic Enrollment Management



ECONOMIC IMPACT

Sherman College's estimated economic impact on Spartanburg County = \$28.1 million annually with over 200 jobs directly or indirectly impacted by college operations.

Sherman College of Chiropractic aspires to enrich the chiropractic profession through training, incentivizing research and public speaking, and expanding support for chiropractic business and practice management. Sherman College of Chiropractic enhances student experience, success, and well-being through data-driven initiatives and service improvements, expands global and domestic outreach, develops specialty programs, and optimizes the curriculum for flexibility and affordability.

Sherman College's 80-acre campus houses a state-of-the-art Chiropractic Center (open to the public), providing more than 35,000 patient visits each year highlighted by student interns preparing for careers focused on correcting vertebral subluxation.

“Sherman College is more than an institution of higher learning — it is a catalyst for growth, opportunity, and healing in Spartanburg and beyond. Our economic impact reflects the value we bring to the community, but our true legacy is measured in the lives of our students, patients, and the profession we serve.”

Dr. Jack Bourla
President, Sherman College



Sherman's Gelardi Student Center, opened in February 2019, serves as the centerpiece of a \$22 million campus renovation project. This vibrant facility provides state-of-the-art spaces for student learning, collaboration, and campus life, along with a café, library, bookstore, and an event center that features Sherman programs and community events. Named in honor of founders Drs. Thom and Betty Gelardi, the center is a lasting tribute and reflection of their vision of a college deeply connected to its community—advancing education, service, and the chiropractic profession for the greater good.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

At Sherman College, community is at the heart of who we are. Guided by our mission and strategic plan, we strive to create meaningful connections both on campus and beyond. Each year, we welcome families and neighbors to campus for events like Trunk-or-Treat, Eggstravaganza, KidVenture, and First Responders Day—celebrations that build lasting relationships and bring joy to our local community. Beyond campus, our students, faculty, and staff actively serve through outreach, education, and engagement, extending the spirit of chiropractic and wellness into schools, organizations, and neighborhoods. Together, these efforts reflect our commitment to fostering a culture of service, strengthening our presence, and making a lasting impact on the community we proudly call home.



“By working alongside our community partners, Sherman students learn that service is more than volunteering — it is building connections, supporting others, and creating lasting impact. These experiences enrich their education, foster a spirit of giving, and remind them that service is at the heart of both leadership and chiropractic.”

LaShanda Hutto-Harris, MSW
Vice President for Student Affairs



Service In Action



COMMUNITY PARTNERS (CONT'D)

“Sherman College of Chiropractic is a valued partner in Spartanburg’s academic and community landscape. Its active involvement in College Town, contributions to the Movement 2030 postsecondary success plan, and support of our Hello Family initiative—hosted on its campus—reflect a strong commitment to educational advancement and collaborative impact.”

Russell Booker, Ph.D., CD
Chief Executive Officer



“The value of having Sherman College of Chiropractic in Spartanburg cannot be overstated. Students, staff, faculty, and visitors all contribute to our growing and dynamic economy not to mention the brand and the reputation of the institution only elevate our community’s stature. We are grateful and look forward to continued growth...together.”

Allen C. Smith
President/CEO



Here are a few of the community partners and programs Sherman College supports:



CHIROPRACTIC CENTER

Mission statement

Serving the community through the Chiropractic Center is at the heart of Sherman College's mission. Here, our commitment to service, wellness, and education comes to life—providing patients with compassionate, quality care while giving students hands-on experience in the science, art, and philosophy of chiropractic. Each year, thousands turn to the Center for improved health and a better quality of life. Through collaboration, community engagement, and innovative outreach, the Center not only supports patients but also strengthens Sherman's presence as a trusted partner in building a healthier community.

“Serving the community through the Chiropractic Center is at the heart of who we are. Here, we unite our mission of service, wellness and education with real impact — supporting patients and improving the quality of life for thousands each year through chiropractic care focused on the science, art, and philosophy of the profession.”

Dr. Joe Donofrio
Vice President for Academic Affairs



Interns participated in more than
**29 community health
events and health talks
in 2025**

COMMUNITY-FOCUSED INITIATIVES

At Sherman, serving the community is more than part of our mission— it’s who we are. Through the Chiropractic Center, our commitment to wellness, service, and education extends far beyond campus. Each year, Sherman welcomes hundreds to events like KidVenture, Eggstravaganza, Trunk or Treat, and First Responders Day— creating opportunities for families to connect, learn and experience firsthand the caring spirit of our college.

Our students, faculty, and staff also “Share Sherman” throughout the Upstate by volunteering at local events, offering wellness screenings, and presenting on the benefits of chiropractic care. These experiences help future doctors of chiropractic grow as caring, service-minded professionals.

Together, these efforts embody Sherman’s enduring commitment to building a stronger, more vibrant community—one grounded in service, learning, and love for humanity.



PATIENT TESTIMONIALS



“Before, I felt like I was just surviving with my neck and hip issues— always adjusting, always compensating. Now, I move with more freedom and confidence. I’m sleeping better at night, which makes such a difference in how I show up each day. Even simple things like walking, sitting comfortably, or enjoying activities without constantly thinking about the pain feel like big wins.”

Veronica Franklin
Sherman College Chiropractic Center Patient

“We absolutely love Sherman! My first experience was when I brought in my newborn daughter for some adjustments following her tongue tie release. She’s now 18 months old and we both receive weekly care. I don’t have a single complaint! Our intern Sarah is fabulous.”

Caroline
Sherman College Chiropractic Center Patient





Dr. Sarah Hock

EXPANDING CARE: SHERMAN'S PEDIATRICS AND PERINATAL CONCENTRATION

Sherman students have the opportunity to deepen their expertise by concentrating in Pediatrics and Perinatal Care through a series of elective courses. This family-centered program, the first of its kind within chiropractic doctoral education, prepares future chiropractors to provide care for patients at every stage of life — from newborns to expectant mothers — with advanced knowledge and clinical training.



Students who pursue this concentration gain hands-on experience in Sherman's Chiropractic Center, where they provide care under close supervision from licensed doctors of chiropractic. This learning environment ensures interns graduate with both the confidence and skills to serve a broad patient base in their future practices.

Dr. Sarah Hock, Associate Professor of Clinical Sciences, Chiropractic Center Case Doctor, and Chair of Pediatrics and Perinatal Care, emphasizes the program's impact, "Caring for children and pregnant patients requires a focused expertise of their unique needs. Our program equips students with the tools and clinical experience to deliver safe, effective, and compassionate care for these populations."



Dr. Hock also highlights how the concentration benefits not only students, but also the community, "By training our students in pediatrics and perinatal care, we expand access for families in our community to receive family-centered chiropractic services. This program bridges education and service, giving interns invaluable real-world experience while improving the health and well-being of mothers and children."



Sherman's Pediatrics and Perinatal Care concentration reflects the college's ongoing commitment to academic excellence, student development, and community impact. For students passionate about serving families, it provides a distinctive path to enhance their training while preparing them to lead in pediatric and perinatal chiropractic care.

Our faculty consists of some of the profession's most distinguished professors, such as Dr. Armand Rossi. Dr. Rossi is the only chiropractor to have received a lifetime achievement award from the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association.

LYCEUM



Lyceum at Sherman College of Chiropractic is an annual homecoming and continuing education event for alumni, chiropractors, and supporters. It's a three-day event held each May on the college's campus in Spartanburg, SC, featuring seminars by world-renowned speakers, special events, and award ceremonies.

Lyceum serves as a reunion for alumni, offering opportunities to reconnect with classmates, faculty, and the college community. It also provides a platform for continuing education through various seminars and workshops, covering topics relevant to the chiropractic profession. Additionally, Lyceum includes special events like the Chiropractor of the Year award ceremony and other recognition of individuals who have made significant contributions to the college and the profession.



Lyceum by the Numbers


Celebrating Sherman. Supporting Spartanburg.



OVER **800** ATTENDEES

30+
POTENTIAL HOURS
OF CONTINUING
EDUCATION CREDIT

Direct connection to
greater **SPARTANBURG**
through professional
and personal activities



“I’m proud to say Lyceum has contributed so much to my continuing education, my enthusiasm and the ongoing relationships that I’ve made with other alumni and friends. I’ve only missed one Lyceum in all these years and that’s because I was having a baby.”

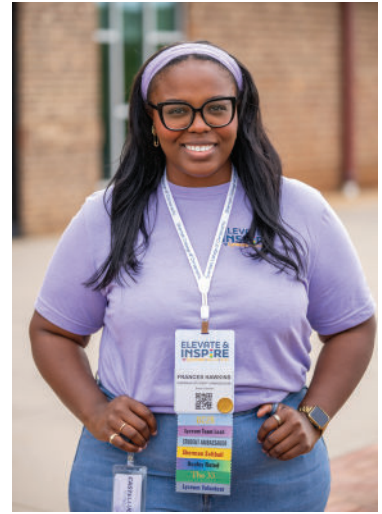
Dr. Nalyn Marcus
Sherman College Alum, 1990





ELEVATE & INSPIRE

Lyceum | May 1-3 | 2025



PHILANTHROPY AND GROWTH

Sherman College's community impact is attributed to the continued generosity of its financial supporters enabling this great school to carry on the important work to advance our mission and vision as well as to serve the community. To expand our efforts as South Carolina's Chiropractic College and worldwide leader in chiropractic education, we are continually working to develop relationships with individuals, corporations, grantors, and foundations to gain the financial leverage necessary to maintain and grow a high level of success.

On behalf of our leadership team, faculty, staff, and students, THANK YOU to our supporters for your unwavering advocacy and commitment to Sherman College. We appreciate your faith and shared excitement.



“When individuals and organizations choose to invest in Sherman College, they are shaping more than our campus — they are shaping the future of chiropractic education and leaving a legacy of impact that will be felt for generations.”

Bruce Rosengrant
Vice President for Advancement



The Practice of Giving

Generosity since January 2020



OVER
\$4.5
MILLION
RAISED

TO SUPPORT STUDENTS



OVER **1,500** DONORS



OVER **\$500K**
OF ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS &
INSTITUTIONAL AID AWARDED



667
DONATIONS
ABOVE \$2K

Thank you for being the difference.

“Sherman College’s commitment to responsible stewardship ensures that resources are used to strengthen our mission, support our students, and enhance the services we provide to the community. By managing assets strategically, we create long-term stability that allows Sherman to grow and thrive for generations to come.”

David Bedford
Vice President for Finance and Campus Operations



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It's about the students. Always.

But students can't thrive and earn much-needed real-world experience without a vibrant and supportive alumni base; fervent faculty; a welcoming local community; and a need for chiropractic.

Properly train just one student and you'll improve the health outcomes for thousands.

Through intense study, community outreach, and preparation through the Chiropractic Clinic, Sherman College truly shines as South Carolina's Chiropractic College and, above else, the leader in this professional field throughout the world.

Whether you are a local Spartanburger advocating for the College, a loyal alumnus providing externship and mentorship opportunities, or a client in the Clinic receiving high-quality attention through our interns and faculty, you are a valued partner.

Thank you for being a part of this collective effort and helping to make our impact felt everywhere our students and alumni practice.



“We are eternally grateful to each and every person who contributes to Sherman College of Chiropractic. Without our donors we simply could not continue to pursue our vision. Those who contribute to our endowment funds hold a special place in my heart, as they are ensuring our mission goes on long after we are gone.”

Karen Canup, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President

Sherman College is proud to add the tagline “South Carolina’s Chiropractic College” to our logo, highlighting our unique role as the only chiropractic college in the Palmetto State. This distinction reflects both our deep roots in South Carolina and our commitment to serving the region through excellence in chiropractic education, research, and community engagement. As the state’s sole chiropractic institution, Sherman stands as a vital resource for preparing future doctors of chiropractic to serve not only the Southeast, but in communities worldwide.



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“THE SMALLEST ACT
OF KINDNESS IS
WORTH MORE THAN
THE GRANDEST
INTENTION.”

– OSCAR WILDE



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