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THANK YOU LETTER TO THE ISCA AND WOA

To Whom It May Concern:

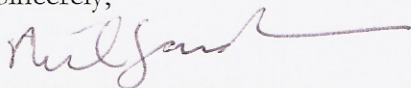
The two most important days in your life are the day you were born, and the day you find out why you were born. I found that reason in March 2004. It was an unseasonably hot day in Kingston, Jamaica when I received a phone call from the president of the Jamaican Olympian Association. She asked me a question that has forever changed the course of my life. "How would you like to become a chiropractor," she asked.

My name is Neil Gardner and I am a Jamaican Olympian from the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. I was the first recipient of a scholarship that was offered, in collaboration with the International Sports Chiropractic Association (ISCA) and the World Olympians Association (WOA), to Olympians wishing to study chiropractic. Up until that phone call I knew very little about the chiropractic profession, but after much research I realized that all my dreams, professional aspirations and beliefs about the way patient care ought to be, were in perfect alignment with the chiropractic philosophy.

I took up the offer and was accepted into the Parker College of Chiropractic's Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) program where I embarked on my chiropractic journey in September 2006. I recently graduated in August 2009 at the top of my class as the valedictorian, *summa cum laude*. I am licensed in the state of Texas, where I currently practice chiropractic. I plan to practice here in Texas for about a year and a half, before returning to Jamaica with the goal of making chiropractic care accessible to every man, woman and child and ultimately the rest of the Caribbean region.

I am very grateful to my wife of 10 years, Carolyn, without whose support I could not have survived the rigors of life away from friends and family. I also am grateful to Dr. Fabrizio Mancini, president of Parker College for being the pioneer in this program. I also wish to offer my deepest appreciation to the ISCA and WOA for their hard work and foresight for putting together such a scholarship. In particular I would like to thank my dear friend Dr. Thomas Hyde who was instrumental in the spearheading of this program. I am eternally grateful to God for blessing me with this opportunity to become a doctor of chiropractic, and it is my desire that more Olympians will make use of this opportunity to change their own lives and to touch and save the lives of countless generations of people around the world, through chiropractic.

Sincerely,



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"Your health is in good hands"