

# Staying in Touch



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## ***Greetings from Dragon Rises College***

Hope you are all doing well and excited about your future in Oriental Medicine.

## ***DRCOM Graduates Score Above National Average on Licensure Exams!***

We are very proud of our students and faculty. The 2008 performance results released by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine revealed Dragon Rises College of Oriental Medicine

graduates scored above the national average by 10 points on the acupuncture and point location exam, by 13 points on the biomedicine exam, and by 7 points on the foundations exam.

## ***Featured Student:***

Hillary Talbott is in her 8<sup>th</sup> semester at Dragon Rises College. She is currently the Student Government Association President and working hard as an Intern in the student clinic. Hillary explored several colleges around the U.S. before she chose Dragon Rises College. She looked into 2 Five Element programs and 2 TCM colleges. She chose Dragon Rises College because it would give her the strongest foundation. "I was looking for a broad education with a variety of strong tools to use in my practice," Hillary said. Dragon Rises College's extensive herbal program, in-depth pulse diagnosis, and increased hours in diagnosis and



internal medicine provided what she was looking for. In addition to a strong base in Oriental Medicine, Hillary said that a side benefit of Dragon Rises College is the personal development. "I can see how much I've grown and strengthened just since last year."



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**[www.dragonrises.edu](http://www.dragonrises.edu)**

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## Featured Alumni:



Our alumna for this month is Mary Jo Hayes who graduated from Dragon Rises College in 2006. She is in private practice in Gainesville, Florida and has returned to Dragon Rises College as our Anatomy and Physiology instructor.

For Mary Jo, the highlight of her experience at Dragon Rises College was her clinic experience. "Everything in class is about getting to clinic." She was enthusiastic about the great interaction with her clinic supervisors and how well prepared they were to guide and strengthen her knowledge and understanding. Even after graduation, Mary Jo said she could always call upon the supervisors for back up if she encountered a particularly perplexing patient. Once started in her practice, Mary Jo had a great realization, "I'm pretty competent...I can do this!"

### ***If you have not already done so,***

we invite you to visit Dragon Rises College. You can meet the faculty, staff, and students, sit in on classes, and make arrangements to have a clinic

appointment. It's a great way to get a feel for whether the strong emphasis on Chinese diagnosis at Dragon Rises College is the right program for you. For additional information check out [www.dragonrises.edu](http://www.dragonrises.edu) or contact Ruth Hayes-Morrison at 800-606-6685 ext 27 or [admissions@dragonrises.edu](mailto:admissions@dragonrises.edu).

**Oriental Medicine tip for the month:** Gou Qi Zi or Chinese Wolfberry stimulates the immune system. It is sweet, neutral, and has the most effect on the liver, kidneys, and lung. It benefits the essence and the eyes, treats sore back and legs, and protects the liver against toxins. This very helpful berry, known as Goji berries, can be added to congee. More on congee next month!

## Stems & Branches

*Never before taught in the United States!*

We have an exciting Continuing Education workshop this month, *Using Stems and Branches* with Oliver Nash from the United Kingdom. Oliver has been a long time disciple of Dr. Hammer's pulse diagnosis.

Kept largely secret for centuries, Stems & Branches theory allows a physician to understand a patient's constitutional energies, and also the energies that are dominate during different parts of different years. This enables the physician to treat in a truly preventative manner, preparing each patient, in a highly individualized way, to better handle the energetic challenges of the coming year.



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