

Evans Appointed Founding Director of Center for Health Innovation

WINTER PARK, FLORIDA - The Hamilton Holt School is pleased to announce the hiring of Chet Evans, MS, DPM, FACFAS as the founding director for the Rollins College Center for Health Innovation (CHI). Dr. Chet Evans comes to Rollins College after serving as Vice President for Medical Education and Program Development and Professor of Surgery at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton, Florida. As executive director of the Center for Health Innovation, Dr. Evans will be responsible for developing new undergraduate and graduate degrees in health management and related fields for the Hamilton Holt School at Rollins College. Dr. Evans was selected to lead the development of innovative new health programs in response to the tremendous need for medical professionals and administrators in Medical City which expects 30,000 employees by 2030.

Dr. Evans is board certified by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, is a diplomate and founder of both the American Board of Podiatric Medicine and the American Board of Wound Management. In 2010, he received the Distinguished Leadership Award from Barry University. One of his crowning accomplishments include the conceptualization, development, and provisional accreditation of Florida's third and newest school of dental medicine.

According to Dr. David CS Richard, Dean of the Hamilton Holt School, "Dr. Evans brings to the Holt School all the skills necessary to help us develop high quality undergraduate and graduate programming in the healthcare field. In addition, his experience developing new programs will be invaluable as we look to establish a foothold in healthcare at Medical City. We are indeed fortunate to have Dr. Evans join the Rollins family and we look forward to his leadership of the Center for Health Innovation.

Dr. Evans earned his DPM degree from Samuel Merritt University in California, his M.S. from the University of Florida, and his B.S. from the University of Miami. Previously, Dr. Evans served as Vice President for Medical Affairs for the Division of Medicine at Barry University where he also served as Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the School of Graduate Medical Sciences, and Dean of the School of Podiatric Medicine.

Said Dr. Evans, "Today the local, statewide and global need for the provision of quality education, services and leadership in the healthcare and management arena is paramount, and Rollins is being forward thinking with the development of its new Center for Health Innovation. I was extremely delighted to read about the Health Innovation initiative, recognizing that it was an expansion of Rollins' quality mission into a new and dynamic field of interest. As I perused the requirements for the position of Executive Director, it appeared an exact match for my professional skill set. I was pleased the search committee felt the same way and am looking forward to the launch of the Center and a new and expanded paradigm for the Holt School."