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Founders of Yo San University of Traditional Chinese Medicine to Be Honored at WISE & Healthy Aging's Celebration of Caring Event

The May 20 Luncheon Will Recognize Several Individuals for Their Contributions to the Community



SANTA MONICA (April 11, 2016) – The lifework and community service of the two brothers who founded the nonprofit [Yo San University of Traditional Chinese Medicine](#) in Culver City will be honored on May 20 at the annual Celebration of Caring event presented by [WISE & Healthy Aging](#), the Santa Monica-based nonprofit organization serving older adults and their families and caregivers throughout Los Angeles County.

Drs. Daoshing Ni and Mao Shing Ni, whose family has an unbroken lineage of 38 generations of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) practitioners, opened the school in 1989 with their father, Hua-Ching Ni, to promote standards of excellence in TCM and to provide care and community service.

The university, named after Hua-Ching's father, Master Yo San Ni, a healer and teacher in the Taoist tradition, now has about 200 students in master's and doctoral degree programs. The school's Blount Community Clinic, which houses the private practices of several licensed practitioners and is a training center for students in the final phase of their studies, offers affordable acupuncture and TCM care to residents of the Los Angeles area. It provides more than 20,000 treatments each year.

The university also provides community services at several externship sites, including WISE & Healthy Aging, where a geriatric acupuncture clinic is available free to seniors in the community. Their other integrative clinical partnerships include Venice Family Clinic, Being Alive in West Hollywood and The Wellness Center.

"Dr. Daoshing Ni and Dr. Mao Shing Ni were selected to receive our Leadership in Caring Award for their commitment to education, their passion for carrying forward the wisdom and compassion that have nurtured and restored health for generations, and

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their genuine concern not only for the well-being of their students but for the community as a whole,” said Grace Cheng Braun, president and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging.

The brothers established Yo San University to provide students with a place of learning based on the guiding principles of Taoism. They also work in private practice at the Tao of Wellness in Santa Monica, one of the largest practices in the country.

Daoshing Ni, a licensed acupuncturist and Doctor of Oriental Medicine who has a PhD in Oriental Medicine and an MBA, has practiced Traditional Chinese Medicine for 30 years. He took advanced studies in internal medicine, gynecology, and pediatrics at both Beijing and Nanjing Colleges of Traditional Chinese Medicine in China. He was the youngest person to be licensed by the California Acupuncture Board. He specializes in women’s health, gynecology and reproductive medicine, and in 2009, he received the Dr. Joyce M. Vargyas Visionary Award from the American Fertility Society. Vargyas was a doctor who specialized in treating infertility for 26 years and co-founded California Fertility Partners.

Mao Shing Ni earned a Doctor of Oriental Medicine degree and a PhD in Oriental Medicine with an emphasis in nutrition before completing a postgraduate residency at Shanghai Medical University in China. In addition to teaching at the university and maintaining his private practice, he often speaks on wellness and longevity, two of his areas of expertise. He has received the Acupuncturist of the Year award, written books on longevity, nutrition and self-healing, and translated the Yellow Emperor’s Classic of Medicine, an ancient text on health and healing. Dr. Mao is often asked for his expertise on the Dr. Oz health show.

Leadership in Caring is one of three awards to be presented at the Celebration of Caring event, which will be Saturday, May 20. The fundraising luncheon, held at the Ritz Carlton Marina del Rey is open to businesses and the public, with proceeds supporting services and programs offered by the nonprofit WISE & Healthy Aging.

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ABOUT WISE & Healthy Aging

WISE & Healthy Aging is a multiservice, nonprofit organization serving older adults and their families and caregivers throughout Los Angeles County. Headquartered in Santa Monica, the team at WISE & Healthy Aging works to promote and improve the well-being, independence and self-esteem of seniors, and to prevent premature institutionalization whenever possible. WISE & Healthy Aging has been voted a Top Non-Profit as well as nationally certified as a “Great Place to Work.”

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Photo Caption: Drs. Daoshing (*left*) and Maoshing Ni will be honored May 20 at the WISE & Healthy Aging “Celebration of Caring” Luncheon. The physicians are being recognized for their body of work and the tremendous community benefit services they provide through Yo San University. WISE & Healthy Aging is proud to be an externship site for the University’s geriatric community acupuncture clinic, which is offered free to the seniors in our community).