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Dr. Daniel Ivankovich named 2010 Distinguished Alumnus

On January 12, 2010, a computer student named Suy Bazalais suffered a spinal fracture and a spinal cord injury after he was buried alive in the earthquake that devastated Haiti. Two weeks later, he was airlifted to Chicago after the intervention of orthopaedic trauma surgeon and spine specialist, Dr. Daniel Ivankovich, who was volunteering in Haiti to help with the relief efforts. Today, after surgery, Suy is miraculously starting to walk again. It is the kind of miracle that Dr. Ivankovich knows well; after all, his personal mission statement is “To improve the lives of all patients, regardless of ability to pay.”

Ivankovich started the Chicago Musculoskeletal Initiative to offer health care for the disadvantaged. He established orthopaedic outreach and patient education programs at virtually all of Chicago’s safety-net hospitals and raised almost \$1,000,000 in grants and services. He treats the needy and provides specialty care for degenerated joints, broken bones, and gunshot wounds. He has seen over 100,000 patients and performed over 5,000 surgeries in communities that lack specialized services. His latest initiative is called *One Patient at a Time*. Its purpose is to compile resources for patients, physicians and hospitals.

In March 2010, Dr. Ivankovich was named “Public Citizen of the Year” by the Chicago district of the National Association of Social Workers. Never missing an opportunity, he turned it into a fundraiser for earthquake-torn Haiti. Not only was he the guest of honor, but he was also part of the entertainment as guitarist for the Chicago Blues All-Stars, who played for the event. Dr. Ivankovich is a dedicated physician, humanitarian, bluesman, and activist, with a heart as big as his imposing, seven-foot frame.

Businesses benefit from student interns

Internships are one of the most valuable learning experiences for students. This year more than 60 upperclassmen are enrolled in the new Internship program, which places students in local businesses to learn the ropes of various professions. Junior and senior students volunteer to work 75 total hours after school during the semester as a way to learn more about potential career choices and to help them develop important skills, such as improved writing, office attire and etiquette. If you are interested in offering a GBS student an invaluable internship opportunity at your business, please contact Rosie McManamon at 847-486-4447 or Dawn Hall at 847-486-4441.

Did you know?

GBS class of 1980 graduate Steve Levitan was awarded two Emmys this year for his work on the hit TV comedy series *Modern Family*. He was honored as a Glenbrook South High School distinguished alumnus in 2001.