KNN Initiative Updates | March 2021

Caring and Character

The KNN caring and character groups have evolved, and a new workgroup has been formed: the integrated framework group.





Caring Research Team

The caring research team met and assigned responsibilities to each participating school for carrying out focus groups with various stakeholders. The team also established a new timeline aimed at completing focus groups by May and submitting a manuscript by November.

Integrated Framework

The new KNN integrated framework group had its first meeting. Dr. Cheryl Maurana charged the group to help the KNN achieve its three strategic priorities by coordinating the activities of KNN partner schools in advancing caring, character and human flourishing as a framework for medical education and practice, as well as for the health ecosystem. Then, the group reviewed the integrated framework visual and definitions, along with the map of influence diagram.





Clinical Learning Environment (CLE)

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health shared the work the institution has done for diversity, equity and inclusion to advance their efforts to become an anti-racist organization. The work includes a new elective course being offered this year, "American Indian Health History and Tribal Governance."

The KNN CLE group had a successful "Thank A Resident Day" on February 26. This event was celebrated at multiple KNN partner institutions, as shown in this issue!

Faculty Development

The faculty development initiative has started working on the next phase of the project, exemplar interviews. These interviews will be used to identify themes and later aid in the creation of learning modules.

CONGRATULATIONS to Julianna Khoury, M3, the character exemplar essay contest winner for Dell Medical School. Her essay will be published in an upcoming edition of the *KNN Connection*.





Holistic Admissions

The KNN holistic admissions group continues to work on analysis of the data from last year's admission project.

Professionalism in Medicine

The KNN professionalism team continues to narrow the focus of a future survey to examine professionalism in medicine in the context of today's environment through the perspectives of multiple stakeholders. As part of the future survey work, the group plans to explore the intersection of character and professionalism. In addition, there will be a focused meeting around this initiative during the upcoming KNN Program Office virtual site visit with UCSF School of Medicine.





Accelerator Writing Group

The KNN accelerator writing group continues to track, consult and coordinate multiple projects including the preparation of several manuscripts, papers, a potential podcast series and a social media project.

Please help the accelerator group achieve its goals by letting us know of any manuscripts or other projects in progress at your KNN school, or ideas that you or your faculty might have for publications, presentations or other projects related to your KNN work.

Visit the **KNN Website** to submit your project/manuscript idea or those that are in progress.

The Medical Profession Through the Lens of Human Flourishing

Three exceptional presenters have agreed to share their insights at the next session in the series, **Seeking Strength in Times of Crisis** on **Tuesday, April 27, 2021:**

- **Krista Gregory, MDiv, BCC**, founder of the Center for Resiliency at Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas.
- **Daniela Lamas, MD**, pulmonary and critical care doctor for Brigham and Women's Hospital and author of the book *You Can Stop Humming Now: A Doctor's Stories of Life, Death, and in Between*.
- **John Tarpley, MD,** professor emeritus of surgery and anesthesiology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.



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Save the Date for Future Sessions

- Social Justice, Health Equity and Human Flourishing: Are We All Included? | Tuesday, August 2, 2021
- Civic Responsibility: Medicine and Democracy | Tuesday, October 26, 2021