Dear Friends,

A feature story in US News & World Report confirms that we are transforming the education of the next generation of health care professionals and improving their communication skills.

While the Center’s faculty receive recognition in national media, profound change of this magnitude can only occur through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers in every part of our state and in every setting of care. Our talented volunteers have designed and taught new ethics curriculum, developed policies, made quilts, hosted events, and made videos to educate and empower patients.

Our national impact is made possible by the compassion, hard work, skills, and dedication of each of our volunteers. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with the Center and those we serve.

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Conferences Bring Together Ethics Leaders

With support from The Kinsman Foundation, on April 19th & 20th, 163 leaders from across the state convened in Ashland for the 27th Annual Kinsman Bioethics Conference, “Who Knows & Who Decides: When Authority & Uncertainty Collide in Medical Decision Making.” Empowerment was on the agenda for palliative care leaders attending the statewide conference entitled “Fanning the Flames: Empowering Leaders in Palliative Care” held in Redmond in early June. During the past year, nearly 100 health care professionals volunteered their time to educate and share their expertise at our conferences.

Maintaining the Quality of the POLST Program

POLST was developed in Oregon and is now in development or used in every state and a growing number of countries. With success, comes new challenges. A growing concern is the overuse of POLST in those who are “too healthy.” To address this issue, we created a new 3-minute video that illustrates through the enactment of a patient’s story, the completion of an advance directive when healthy, and a POLST in the context of serious illness. The video is entitled “POLST: When is the Right Time?” and it can be viewed on YouTube.

Phyllis Beemsterboer Directs Program in Compassionate Communication

On June 1, Dr. Phyllis Beemsterboer retired from the School of Dentistry to become the Director of the Center for Ethics Program in Compassionate Communication. With her Doctorate in Institutional Management & Ethics, her administrative experience, and her enthusiasm, we are fortunate to have Dr. Beemsterboer to maintain and grow the program. She has agreed over the coming year to serve as the Chair of the committee that will conduct the national search for the inaugural Endowed Chair of the Program in Compassionate Communication. We have raised $1.86 million of the $3.5 million needed to fund the endowment and have launched our first major innovation. OHSU is the first medical school in the country to test medical students in their communication skills about emotionally charged ethics and professionalism issues as a graduation requirement. We invite you to support this vital and innovative program.

Save the Date: Center for Ethics Annual Community Luncheon

The 2018 Center for Ethics Annual Community lunch will be held on September 17, 2018 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM at the Multnomah Athletic Club. We hope you will save the date and join us as we share our progress and a demonstration of the importance, impact, and vision for the Program in Compassionate Communication.

All article and video references in this newsletter can be accessed on the OHSU Center for Ethics webpage at http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/continuing-education/center-for-ethics/

For help in making a gift to the Center for Ethics, please contact Ann Barden at bardena@ohsu.edu or 503-412-6355.
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