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30 Years of Leadership  
in Compassion, Integrity  
and Innovation

Dear Friends,

We have momentum. With your generous support our programs are growing at a record pace and so is our ability to make a difference. The Center for Ethics received 336 gifts in 2019. I am filled with gratitude to each of the individuals and foundations listed on the 2019 Donor Honor Roll for your gifts in support of the Center's programs.



We warmly welcome six new Founders to the Center's family: **Ronald W. Naito, David Clarke & Linda Moraga, Joan Blakely Strand, John & Joan Shipley, The Gilbert J. Martin Foundation, and Lee Diane Collins Vest.**

Your support makes it possible for us to continue to uphold the highest ethical standards and be even more outspoken as we hire new faculty, cohost conferences across Oregon and continue to serve as innovative leaders in curricular transformation and POLST policy development. Our growing national impact and our ability to remain steadfast with our mission, vision and values is made possible through your generosity.

With heartfelt thanks for your support,

*Susan*

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### Dr. Ronald W. Naito—Honoring a Legacy of Healing

Dr. Naito, who died in December 2019 from pancreatic cancer, expressed gratitude for "the gift of time," and focused the last 18 months of his life on transforming medical education. With the creation of the **Ronald W. Naito Directorship in Serious Illness Education**, he leaves a legacy of healing the profession he loved. Dr. Naito's hope was that the endowment will grow to the level of an endowed chair with the resources to support more of Dr. Katie Stowers time.

### Raising the Bar: Medical Student Communication Skills Continue to Improve

With support from the **Storms Family Foundation**, OHSU charts a national path in raising the bar on expectations for the compassionate communication skills of our graduating medical students. We recently completed testing of 144 medical students, evaluating their mastery in communicating honestly, compassionately and without medical jargon. This is the third class of graduating students we have tested. It is profoundly rewarding to be able to measure the impact of our interventions with the class of 2020 as a whole performing at a notably higher skill level. We provided video feedback and personal tutoring to just over 10% of the class identifying specific areas for improvement. Overall the students are remarkably compassionate in their communications and give us all so much hope for the future.

### Dr. Tyler Tate Takes the Helm

The Living with Life Threatening Illness course remains one of the most popular courses in medical school. With support from the **Miles J. Edwards Chair in Professionalism and Comfort Care** and under Dr. Tate's leadership, 93% of students rated this year's course as "the best course in college or medical school."

### Oregon Leads POLST Innovation

The Oregon POLST Program maintains the Center's high standards related to conflict of interest and does not accept gifts from health care industry sources. With your support we maintain a strong independent voice, while widely sharing Oregon's innovations with others. Abby Dotson, PhD, and Susan Tolle, MD, recently hosted a webinar, "POLST: What's New in Oregon?" to share Oregon's newest developments and highlight challenges ahead. The video is now posted on YouTube.

### Upcoming Events

- 30th Annual Kinsman Bioethics Conference, April 17, 2020
- POLST: When is the Right Time?, Lumina Hospice & Palliative Care, March 6, 2020
- Madeline Brill Nelson Speaker Series, March 3, 2020

Please visit [ohsu.edu/center-for-ethics](http://ohsu.edu/center-for-ethics) for details on upcoming events

### Save the Date: Join us September 21, 2020

The 2020 Center for Ethics Annual Community Luncheon will be held on September 21, 2020 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Multnomah Athletic Club.

We hope you will join us!

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*Dr. Ron Naito served as a patient teacher for Alyssa Hjelvik, a medical student in the Living with Life Threatening Illness course. Near the end of his life, Ron gave Alyssa his black bag, wishing her all the rewards of being truly present with patients.*

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