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Nashville's Health Care Family Tree Continues to Grow...

2014 Council Fellows Class Concludes, Looks to Shape the Future of Health Care

Nationally-unique program further strengthens Nashville's position as health care capital

Following an intensive, five-month period of rigorous coursework and engaged dialogue, the [Nashville Health Care Council](#) today announced the commencement of its 2014 Council Fellows class.

“As the industry continues to face unprecedented challenges, the Fellows program equips the next generation of leaders to navigate the high-stakes demands transforming health care,” said former **U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D.**, and co-director of the Council Fellows. “I firmly believe that the collaboration we need to create meaningful change is starting with the Fellows initiative, and I am confident that the health care industry will be made stronger and better by this annual experience.”

The [Fellows initiative](#) is co-directed by **Senator Frist** and **Larry Van Horn**, associate professor of economics and management and executive director of health affairs at Vanderbilt University Owen Graduate School of Management. The effort brings together senior industry executives to explore solutions to meet the challenges facing the U.S. health care system in years ahead.

The annual program, now in its second year, engages industry leaders to better implement business strategies, create value, drive industry growth and effect change. Through eight, daylong sessions, the class completed a rigorous curriculum that featured nationally renowned speakers in leadership, health care, economics and business strategies. The class format leveraged the power of discussion and the exchange of ideas, as well as industry immersion activities and small-group leadership training and development.

The 2014 Fellows class included 32 senior leaders from various sectors of the health care community, including hospital management, home care, government, renal care, population health, education, ambulatory care, behavioral health, health information technology, consulting, managed care, long term care, revenue cycle, financial services, clinical research and professional services.

“Fellows is a rare, highly valuable opportunity for these executives to learn and actively exchange ideas with the best and brightest of the nation's health care industry. This graduating group now joins with our Fellows alumni network to continue collaborating on these issues to transform the health care system,” said **Van Horn**.

Featured speakers throughout the 2014 course included, among others:

- George Barrett, CEO, Cardinal Health
- Richard Bracken, Chairman, HCA
- Dan Buettner, New York Times Best-Selling Author, Blue Zones
- Governor Phil Bredesen
- Bill Carpenter, Chairman and CEO, LifePoint Hospitals
- U.S. Representative Jim Cooper
- Toby Cosgrove, M.D., CEO, Cleveland Clinic
- Bill Gracey, President and CEO, BlueCross BlueShield of TN
- Joey Jacobs, Chairman and CEO, Acadia Healthcare
- Frank Luntz, Political Consultant
- Dean Ornish, M.D., Founder and President, Preventive Medicine Research Institute
- Uwe Reinhardt, James Madison Professor of Political Economy, Princeton University
- Susan Seigel, CEO, GE Ventures and healthymagination
- Kent Thiry, Chairman and CEO, DaVita HealthCare Partners
- Anne Wojcicki, Co-founder and CEO, 23andme, Inc.

“The Fellows forum is one of transparency and approachability that brings honest, meaningful conversations with top industry leaders,” said **Will Morrow**, who is a member of the 2014 class and serves as vice president of development at HCA. “The class provides the perfect balance of current industry analysis and future market state insights, all considered through the lens of tangible examples.”



Recruiting the 2015 Class of Fellows

The 2015 Fellows will bring together the next class of senior leaders with demonstrated potential to drive the industry forward.

Recruitment will begin in September 2014. All applications will require information and statements of

interest by the applicants, as well as letters of recommendation from each applicant's superior. The 2015 class will be selected by the [Council Fellows Advisory Committee](#) and announced in December 2014.

"The Council is proud to play a key role in the professional development of those who will lead our industry into the future, whose role in innovative thinking in their organizations will undoubtedly have a profound impact on health care in the years ahead," said **Caroline Young**, president of the Council.

For more information, visit www.healthcarecouncilfellows.com.

The Fellows initiative is presented in partnership with: [BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee](#), [Community Health Systems](#), [HCA](#), [Healthways](#), [LifePoint Hospitals](#) and [Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management](#).

About the Nashville Health Care Council:

The Nashville Health Care Council is an association of health care industry leaders working together to further establish Nashville's position as the nation's health care industry capital. Worldwide, Nashville's health care industry generates more than \$70 billion in revenue and over 400,000 jobs, and is Nashville's largest and fastest growing employer. For more information on the Council, please visit www.healthcarecouncil.com.

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