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Patient-Doctor freedom advanced last week at BRI's 5th Annual Leadership Conference in St. Louis!

Greetings!

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Thirty-one students from around the United States--and two from Nigeria--gathered last weekend to learn about effective actions to protect the patient-doctor relationship and take back healthcare freedom.

Healing Our Healers Through the Patient-Doctor Relationship



31 students from 12 schools attended BRI's 2017 Leadership Conference on Healing Our Healers Through the Patient-Doctor Relationship

In a humble conference room in St. Louis, medical students heard eight speakers from diverse backgrounds enlighten and educate them about the greatness and promise of healthcare freedom and showed them--as future doctors--how they can be excited again about a positive future in medicine.

"I have been miserable during my M2 year of medical school. The courses have been a slog of basic sciences, and patients are treated as malfunctioning machines. The BRI Leadership Conference revitalized my love of medicine and my love for the doctor-patient relationship. There is nothing more powerful than being a source of kindness and confidence for a patient. I have been re-inspired by the conference."

~Medical Student, Medical College of Wisconsin

Schools represented at the conference were:

Host Chapter Saint Louis University School of Medicine * George Washington University * Indiana University School of Medicine * Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine * Medical College of Wisconsin * Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine * Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine * The Ohio State University College of Medicine * The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Medicine * UC Irvine School of Medicine * University of Delaware * University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

"... the BRI leadership conference really gave me the tools and confidence to discuss these difficult and controversial topics of healthcare ethics with an informed, varied, and just approach." ~Medical Student, St. Louis University School of Medicine



Dr. Elaina George with attendee
Jacob CheVlen
#exerciseyourfreedom

BRI proudly featured these speakers:

**Dr. Julie Gunther * Dr. Michel Accad * Dr. Elaina George *
Dr. Venu Julapalli * Ms. Marni Jameson Carey * Dr. Juliette
Madrigal-Dersch * Ms. Gayle Brekke * Dr. Beth Haynes**

Each speaker presented a strong case for independence and freedom. Dr. Julie Gunther and Dr. Jules Madrigal described their path to joy & independence in their private practices; Dr. Julapalli described his and his family's journey through the broken healthcare system and the difference finding one committed, patient-centered doctor can make; Gayle Brekke described the *real* role of insurance in healthcare; Dr. Elaina George unapologetically advocated for setting up a medical practice on

the doctor's terms and how that ultimately is the very best way to serve one's patients. Ms. Jameson Carey described her journey to becoming an advocate for doctor independence, and Dr. Accad stressed that regardless how medical oaths and healthcare environments change and evolve, it is ultimately vital for doctors to steadfastly and professionally declare ultimate allegiance to their patients.

We are grateful to our donors and supporters who contributed \$1,000 or more to make this conference happen:



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Students sport their "Exercise Your Freedom" t-shirts provided by Liberty HealthShare, gracious sponsor of Friday's Lunch & Keynote address by Dr. Elaina George.



St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society (2nd year of support): The St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society is the voice for thousands of medical and osteopathic physicians in the city of St. Louis and St. Louis County. Founded in 1836, we are one of the oldest local medical societies in the United States. We support member physicians through continuing medical education as well as professional networking plus a variety of other special services. We

assure that the physician's voice is heard in the formation and adoption of state legislation affecting medicine.



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And these private individuals: Sally Pipes * Dr. Jan Breslow * Dr. Ori Hampel * Dr. Robert Hertzka * Dr. Hal Scherz * Dr. Beth Haynes

SLU hosts Scope of Practice Panel for BRI conference



Scope of Practice Panel an Integral part of BRI Conference

Host Chapter Saint Louis University produced a professional and well-attended panel discussion event on Friday evening as part of the BRI Conference.

Close to 100 students and community members turned out on a chilly evening to listen to this

controversial topic.

*STAY TUNED FOR VIDEOS OF ALL SPEAKERS AND THE
PANEL EVENT.*



Moderator: **Bradley Freeman, MD**

Speakers: **Charles Willey, MD; David Tannehill, DO; Paul Winter, PA; Stevan Whitt, MD**

The annual BRI Conference refreshes and inspires me every year. It is my honor and privilege to work with these bright, energetic, and optimistic medical students who value the patient-doctor relationship as being central to good medicine, and who are eager to learn more about the policies needed to protect healthcare freedom.

With your help, we completed the 5th successful Student Leadership Conference, and we look forward to another year of amazing events!

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Haynes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Beth Haynes, MD

Executive Director

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