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Dear Friend of BRI,

April 3, 2015

Benjamin Rush Institute held its third annual Student Leadership Conference, with the theme "Building a **BOLD** Future." On March 26-29, 46 attendees joined us from 19 U.S. medical schools -- and our first international medical student from Nigeria!

We kicked off on Thursday evening with a welcome reception at The Washington Court Hotel. In a casual atmosphere, attendees got to know each other and network. After the reception we held Chapter Reports, where students had the opportunity to say what they'd done the previous year, and what they hoped to get from the Conference this year.



On Friday, we immersed ourselves in health policy at **The Heritage Foundation**, where we were treated to presentations by esteemed Heritage scholars and Docs 4 Patient Care Foundation leaders. During a wonderful catered lunch, David Goldhill, CEO of GSN (Game Show Network) and author of ***Catastrophic Care: How Everything We Think We Know About Health Care is Wrong***, delivered the Keynote Address and graciously signed copies of his book.

Friday evening found us at Georgetown University. BRI-Georgetown and BRI-GWU hosted a 2-on-2 debate attended by over 100 students, faculty and local physicians. The Resolution under discussion, "***Affordable, quality healthcare develops from maximizing freedom of choice -- not government programs or mandates***" was expertly moderated and provided much substance for feisty and thought-provoking debate.

After the debate, students, debaters and the Moderator went to dinner at Sequoia Restaurant on the Potomac. *And this was all on the first full day.*



**What BRI Students said:**

*"Really can't thank you enough for the weekend! We all had a blast every day! Incredible." ~John F., SLU*

*"I want to thank you both again for this genuinely great weekend! I learned so much and had a great time... I hope you will be hearing a lot of exciting things coming from us at Dartmouth." ~Mina G., Dartmouth*

*"I got a lot of value out of the conference. I learned a lot, got a chance to network, and met people who share what seems like a minority opinion on healthcare...all things that I attended the conference to do." ~Kyle W., OU*



Saturday and Sunday were spent learning more about Direct Primary Care as a valuable and growing service model, hearing about an eye-opening case of destructive misuse of government power, followed by student presentations. Several students discussed personal projects, like publishing policy papers, or overcoming adversity when establishing a Chapter. Our surprise lunch Keynote was retired neurologist

Craig Jurgensen, MD, representing an historical portrayal of our organization's namesake, Dr. Benjamin Rush. Students also got a crash course in using the website and social media to run a Chapter, putting them in control of their Chapter's future.

Overall, it was an action- and information-packed two and a half days.

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Beth Haynes, MD  
Executive Director  
Benjamin Rush Institute

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