

# Feagin Leadership Program Update

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The John A Feagin Jr, Leadership Program was established in 2009 in honor of John A Feagin Jr, and the exceptional leadership that he displayed during his long, successful career. For 7 years, the program has cultivated leadership skills among Duke medical students, orthopaedic and nonorthopaedic residents, and fellows. Scholars accepted into this program do so with the full understanding that they are making a tremendous commitment of their time and energy. Acceptance into the program is highly sought after and applications are growing every year. This is a testament to the unique and powerful strategies of teaching, learning, and mentoring that were embodied by Feagin and are now employed by the Feagin Leadership Team. The program revolves around a 10-month curriculum, and includes topics, such as “Team Building Strategies,” “Emotional Intelligence,” “Critical Thinking,” and “Executive Presence.” Scholars are also involved in a 10-month long group project as well as numerous seminars, workshops, and mentorship programs. The goal of the program is to prepare and mentor the next generation of leaders in the medical field. The program continues to grow under the leadership of Program Chairman Col (Ret) Dean Taylor, and Program Executive Director LTC (Ret) Joe Doty.

May 15 and 16, 2015, marked the 6th annual Feagin Leadership Forum, held at the Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans Center for Health Education. The theme of the forum was “Leading in the 21st Century: Collectively Educating-Engaging-Empowering.” Keynote speakers included LTG (Ret) Eric Schoomaker, Alex Gorsky, CEO of Johnson & Johnson, Major General Kenneth Dahl, William J Fulkerson, and lastly, Jay Bilas and Coach Mike Krzyzewski. Topics ranged from discussing organizational leadership models, using creative and critical thinking to address difficult problems, timeless leadership values across all contexts, and the development of high-level teamwork.

This year’s scholars include medical students and residents from all areas of interest from internal medicine, radiology, anesthesia, neurosurgery, general surgery, and orthopaedic surgery. They include the following: Andrew Atia, Kevin Anderson, James Bailey, Swara Bajpai, Nikita Chapurin, Mary Cobb, Rui Dai, Kevin Dale, Travis Dekker, Kal Gunasingha, Amy Jones, Christopher Kim, Barrett Little, John McManigle, Timothy Miller, Michael Morwood, Michael Mulvihill, Kelly Murphy, Rikka Nomides, Robert Sinyard, Stephen Smiley, Shanna Sprinkle, Nathan Waldron, and Benjamin Wildman-Tobriner.

In the fall of 2015, the newest class of Feagin scholars met to kick off another great year of the program. Topics discussed included “Communication Style Assessment” and “Team Building.” A presentation on “Being a Leader in Healthcare” by Mary Klotman, Chair of the Department of Medicine at Duke University, brought the first session to a close. Scholars were then lucky enough to travel to the US Military Academy at West Point for a weekend long session on Critical Thinking, which included an overview on the fascinating history of the grounds on which West Point was founded during the Revolutionary War.



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The 7th Annual Feagin Leadership Forum will be held on May 20 and 21, 2016, at the Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans Center. The theme of this year's event is "The Resilient Leader." This year's forum once again promises to be outstanding, with speakers from many different professions providing lessons learned on resiliency, including former Vietnam POWs Everett Alvarez and Bill Bailey; previous North Carolina Director of Health and Human Services Aldona Wos, resiliency expert Wayne Soltile, former Duke and Chicago Bulls basketball player, now ESPN analyst Mr Jay Williams.

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