Greetings to all as we embark upon the last weeks of 2017! This fall has been a busy time for JCIPE in many different ways. At the end of September, thirteen JCIPE staff, faculty and students attended the Collaborating Across Borders VI Interprofessional Health Care Education and Collaborative Practice conference held in Banff, Alberta, Canada. JCIPE delivered one invited pre-conference workshop and five peer-reviewed, accepted live presentations focusing on a wide range of our activities including Hotspotting, the Health Mentors Program, the Jefferson Teamwork Observation Guide (JTOG™) and programmatic sustainability. We learned a lot relative to new program ideas, assessment suggestions and faculty development – just to name a few things garnered while in Banff that were excited to bring back to Jefferson. We are currently beginning preparations for our sixth hosted conference, 2018 Interprofessional Care for the 21st Century that will take place on Jefferson’s campus on October 26 and 27, 2018. Save the date!

Throughout the past six months, we’ve continued to grow and expand our Center. In borrowing from the interview with Dr. Moghe in this Newsletter, JCIPE as a whole clearly illustrates the proverb “If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.” In response to our expanding programming, we’ve been fortunate to hire two new full-time personnel in the Center to help us go far and together. Ms. Courtney Newsome joined us in May as the coordinator of our advanced programs, and Ms. Sarah Libros joined us in July as program assistant to the coordinators of both the core and advanced JCIPE programs. In addition, we have expanded by supporting the time of eleven Jefferson faculty to work on six of our educational programs, our assessment and research endeavors, and our overall JCIPE pedagogy and faculty training. We want to go far, and are, thus going together!

This proverb fits, too, as one reads through the articles included in this edition of the Newsletter. In the letter to the editors, by a pharmacy alumnus focuses on what he learned at Jefferson relative to team-based care and how he is applying it to his current interprofessional practice. A graphic depicting the growth of our Hotspotting program also shows how we are working together. This past fall, we launched Hotspotting with eight Jefferson teams of interprofessional students, faculty and clinicians, serving as a hub to teams from all over the Northeastern United States. The kickoff was held in September, and the program is scheduled to conclude in March, 2018. Going further together is also clear in the article that illustrates the multitude of talents that are responsible for the JTOG™ development. The JTOG™ app was launched this past September and is being used both at Jefferson and beyond as a way to provide a 360° evaluation of teamwork. This could not have occurred without the contributions of many. Further, while reading the submission on narrative medicine, one cannot help but think that when we share and get to know each other as human beings, we can go so much farther.

We hope that you enjoy this installment of Collaborative Healthcare. As we head into the holiday season, JCIPE wishes everyone much peace and prosperity in the coming New Year! Go far by going together!