Chief Resident Education for Success Training

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The Chief Resident Education for Success Training (CREST) program was held on June 6 and 7, 2002, at the Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia. Over 100 incoming chief residents from across the Delaware Valley attended the program, which was sponsored by the Office of Health Policy and Clinical Outcomes.

CREST is a series of programs designed to provide chief residents with the skills needed to become successful managers, leaders, educators, and health care providers. Session I, aimed at newly appointed chief residents, addresses topics such as time management, conflict management, clinical teaching, managing professionals, and other areas of leadership skills. The second session, held towards the end of the residency program, covers timely practical issues related to the individual physician’s personal development and transition to the workforce.

The June session of CREST featured the following faculty members from Thomas Jefferson University: David B. Nash, MD, MBA, Associate Dean and Director, Office of Health Policy; Timothy Brigham, PhD, Associate Dean for Organizational Development; Janice E. Nevin, MD, MPH, Program Director and Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine; John C. Kairys, MD, Residency Director, Department of General Surgery; and Geno J. Merli, MD, Ludwig Kind Professor and Director, Division of Internal Medicine, and Vice Chairman of Clinical Affairs, Department of Medicine. Also on the CREST faculty were John Aluise, PhD, Associate Professor of Family Medicine, University of North Carolina School of Medicine; Steven Klasko, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and GME, MCP Hahnemann University; David S. Kountz, MD, FACP, Associate Dean for Postgraduate Education, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; Lamar Ekbladh, MD, Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Christiana Hospital; and Andrew Bernstein, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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