

Beyond FLEXNER Alliance

Social Mission in Health Professions Education

We are excited to present the inaugural Beyond Flexner Alliance Newsletter. The [Beyond Flexner Alliance](#) (BFA) is a new organization devoted to social mission in health professions education - a movement focused on health equity and the training of health professionals as agents of more equitable health care.

We will post the BFA Newsletter on a regular basis and distribute it to you and a growing number of teachers, students, health professionals, community members, researchers, and policy makers interested in social mission in the health professions.

The BFA Newsletter replaces the Medical Education Futures Newsletter which has been posted regularly since 2010. The BFA Newsletter, like the previous one, will feature topical items related to social mission, including scholarly research, commentaries, videos, media stories, and an announcement section highlighting calls for abstracts and upcoming conferences. Our intent is to provide you with knowledge and perspective that will be useful in your work in the rapidly transforming health system.

We will also post blogs on a regular basis to give voice to many who wish to share their perspectives about social mission and equity in health professions education. We invite you to contact us if you have ideas for blogging. In this issue, as in future ones, you will find featured items as well as a selection of recent publications and postings pertinent to social mission in health professions education.

The featured items in this issue are the history of [the Beyond Flexner Alliance movement](#) as well as the bios of the members of the [BFA Board of Directors](#) to provide readers with a full background of the BFA.

Regards,
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Beyond Flexner Alliance leaders at founding meeting, Millwood, VA, March, 2016



Jack Geiger, at the 2016 Macy's Award Ceremony accepting the lifetime achievement award for his work in health, poverty and civil rights. [Watch Dr. Geiger's story.](#)



The Beyond Flexner Alliance (BFA) is a movement focused on health equity and the education of health professionals as providers of more equitable health care, prepared to build a system that is not only better, but fairer.