

# CONNECT, CONVENE, CATALYZE TOWARD FLOURISHING



KERN NATIONAL NETWORK  
FOR CARING & CHARACTER IN MEDICINE

With generous support from the Kern Family Trust and Kern Family Foundation, the **Kern National Network for Caring & Character in Medicine** (KNN) is leading efforts to impact key touchpoints across the medical education and healthcare landscape to spark a **movement in medicine**.

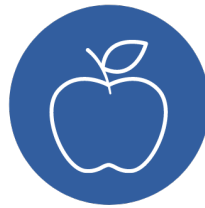
## KEY AREAS OF IMPACT



HOLISTIC  
ADMISSIONS



LEARNER ENGAGEMENT,  
WELLNESS & LEADERSHIP



FACULTY  
DEVELOPMENT



CLINICAL LEARNING  
ENVIRONMENT



CARE TEAMS &  
SYSTEM LEADERS

Holistic admissions group exercises assess prospective students for character traits, not just MCAT scores and GPAs

Since 2017  
a total of  
**5,600+**  
applicants  
completed group  
exercise



## ***BECOMING*** student series

students convene monthly across medical schools nationally to explore and practice character strengths essential for becoming the physicians they want to be.

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character strengths  
explored

*courage, curiosity, empathy,  
perseverance, reasoning, reflection,  
resilience and teamwork*

## ***Mobilizing Character*** faculty development program

learn how to integrate character development into daily teaching and practice



Exemplar  
interviews



Character  
essay analysis



"Good Physician"  
survey



content for  
**6**  
modules




cross-institutional  
longitudinal program

KNN Integrated Framework makes core concepts accessible and applicable to healthcare



40+   
expert and advisor meetings to strengthen our framework

100+   
Medical school faculty, staff and students piloted reflection activity using KNN framework

## MISSION: TRANSFORM MEDICINE

Embark on a journey to reimagine how caring, character and human flourishing can be integrated into medicine's learning and practice environments.

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medical educators, health system leaders and others in first cohort



## JOIN THE MOVEMENT TOWARD FLOURISHING



### OUR VISION AND MISSION

The KNN aspires to **promote human flourishing** through the profession of medicine.

We **foster caring and character** in the profession of medicine through efforts with:

- Health professions education
- Healthcare systems
- Network partners
- Society

### LEARN MORE



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CONNECTING



CONVENING



CATALYZING



INFLUENCING

The outcome? Change at all levels creates a **continuous growth cycle** across generations as individuals develop from learners and residents to faculty, leaders and practitioners, becoming exemplars for **caring and character** in medicine.

*KNN founding member schools include Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine, MCW Medical School, University of California San Francisco School of Medicine, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, and the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.*