HEALTHCARE IN PRACTICE #9 - Monday, September 19, 2016
Xavier’s health professions students gathered in Bellarmine Chapel on Monday, September 19, 2016 for the ninth presentation in our “Healthcare in Practice” (HIP) series. Once each semester our health professions students welcome a speaker on a topic of broad interest to all the disciplines. HIP #9 featured MHSA alumnus Dr. Hal Leftwich ’80M, Chief Executive Officer of Fishermen’s Community Hospital in Marathon, Florida. His topic was: “When Your Disaster Plan Becomes Reality - Hancock Medical Center Meets Hurricane Katrina”.

Dr. Leftwich was the CEO at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis MS from 1997-2012, and Hurricane Katrina came ashore on August 29, 2005. Bay St. Louis is directly on the Gulf Coast. The eye of the storm hit a few miles to the west, so Hancock Medical Center was the only hospital damaged and closed by the storm. The hospital spent years rebuilding and Dr. Leftwich also served as chairman of the Bay St. Louis Planning and Zoning Commission. This HIP presentation focused on the experience of what had to be in the first hours, days, and weeks.

Left to right: Anne Mitchell (MHSA, ’18), Natalie Schultz (OT), Kelly Kleier (MHSA, ‘18), Amy

ALUM-N-I-C-E Our 1,612 Graduate Alumni and 71 BSHSA Alumni are the pride and joy of Xavier and our HSA Department. We applaud your achievements and commitment to the highest quests in health services administration, we hold you up as models for our students to emulate, and we happily claim you as “ours”.
- Jim Pope ’84M is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Van Wert County Hospital in Van Wert OH.
- Laura Lamb ’94M becomes President of Episcopal Retirement Services in Cincinnati at the end of the year.

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