HEALTHCARE IN PRACTICE #12 – Monday, October 2, 2017

Xavier’s health professions students gathered in Bellarmine Chapel on Monday, October 2, 2017 for the 12th 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 #12 featured Mr. Gregg Becker ’98M, Director of the Mid-South Consolidated Patient Account Center for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Nashville, TN. He is a regional CFO for 23 hospitals in eight states. His HIP #12 topic was: “Ethics in Healthcare: My Job and Yours.”

Mr. Becker had been the chief financial officer of Rockwood Clinic, part of Community Health Systems, Inc., that has a dozen primary care clinics and other specialty clinics in the Spokane WA and Coeur d’Alene ID areas. He was fired for refusing to rework financial projections related to the clinic’s losses in 2012; as CFO his estimate was a loss of ($12.8M) and the company tried to bully him into lowering that number to a loss of ($4M). Mr. Becker sued and won. His attorney reasoned, “You can’t fire somebody because they refused to commit a crime for you.” Mr. Becker credits his Xavier education for how he holds ethics to do the right thing. All our health professions are impacted by ethics and appreciated Mr. Becker’s remarks about decisions that must be courageously faced in a job.

ALUM-N-I-C-E Our 1,636 Graduate MHSA Alumni, 104 Undergraduate BSHSA Alumni, and 7 MS-HECOR 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.

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