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From the Editors:

Welcome to the Fall 2013 edition of the Jefferson Interprofessional Education and Care newsletter. In this edition you will read about Collaborating Across Borders, IV, the largest IPE meeting to date, where the work of developing, integrating, and sustaining interprofessional education and collaborative practice was shared by over 700 participants. The clear message of CAB IV – interprofessional education is being recognized and adopted by health professions education programs in a way not seen before, but the work of clearly identifying optimum education strategies and documenting impact on patient care must be a high priority for all of us in the IPE community.

You will also read about an exciting initiative here at Jefferson, working with our schools and clinical leaders to incorporate TeamSTEPPS training as a fundamental piece of our comprehensive interprofessional education and collaborative practice strategy. Alan Forstater and his team describe an innovative simulation that incorporates TeamSTEPPS competencies and includes representatives of the healthcare team, including radiologic science technicians, often not included in IPE activities. This is a first step in a broader implementation of TeamSTEPPS at Jefferson, so more to follow. Finally, Julia Ward, a winner of the *2013 James B. Erdmann Award for Excellence in Interprofessional Education*, shares her journey as a clinician and educator, and how she came to be a key IPE champion.

Please make sure to review the announcements and upcoming activities section. We are excited to share information about the next Interprofessional Care for the 21st Century: Redefining Education and Practice conference, which will be held October 10-12, 2014 here at Jefferson. Please save the date, and look for the call for abstracts early in 2014. As always, thank-you for your support of our newsletter. We welcome contributions from any of our readers for future editions.

We look forward to seeing many of you at All Together Better Health, VII in Pittsburgh, PA this June!

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