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## Students Leave Leadership Academy Inspired to Lead Change

Last week, more than 150 students and residents from various backgrounds and disciplines came together from around the world for the IHI Open School's 4th Annual Student Quality Leadership Academy, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Participants spent two days fully immersed in leadership trainings on topics such as communication skills, assessing personal strengths and needs, and leading and mobilizing change. At the conclusion of the program, which was held at IHI headquarters in Cambridge, MA, attendees heard valuable advice and real life anecdotes from leaders in policy, health care, and education.



"I feel revitalized after attending this event," said Sarah Miano, a nursing student from Case Western Reserve University. "I feel part of a community of like-minded colleagues who, when we harness our energy, will change the world." The IHI Open School would like to thank Sarah, all the other students and residents, and our wonderful faculty members for a great event. [Click here to view images of the Academy.](#)

## IHI Open School Courses Increase Knowledge in the Middle East



Eka Rukhadze, MD, PhD, and Nino Butskhrikidze, MD, were interested in finding out whether the IHI Open School courses increased knowledge among their students in Tbilisi, Georgia. So they designed a series of pre- and post-tests. The results? A 23

percent increase in their medical students' scores after integrating the IHI Open School courses into the curriculum. Learn more about how they [implemented the IHI Open School courses here.](#)

## This Week's WIHI: Large-Scale Change, Learning from Scotland

In Scotland, hospital standardized mortality ratios (HSMRs) have fallen by nearly 11 percent since 2008. What went on in health care delivery in Scotland to achieve these results? [Join the next WIHI](#)

on Thursday at 2 PM EST to find out and learn how Scotland is sustaining these gains and exporting the learning to the US. We'll hear from Derek Feeley, current Director General for Health and Social Care in the Scottish Government and Chief Executive of NHS Scotland, who will be joining IHI's executive ranks in September. Along with Mr. Feeley, our guides will include IHI's President and CEO, Maureen Bisognano; IHI's COO, Jeff Selberg; and IHI Vice President Carol Haraden.



## Community Updates

### Lessons Learned from Running a Chapter Event

After organizing and managing their third annual Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Conference (QuIPS), the University of Toronto IHI Open School Chapter has plenty of experience to share. The conference, which aims to teach improvement and patient safety skills, served as an invaluable learning opportunity for the Chapter. In our latest blog post, Chapter Leader Cindy Shen lists six points of advice on running a large Chapter event, including how to keep costs down and a suggested timeline for booking a venue. We encourage you to think about hosting a large event with your Chapter, and [check out the tips Shen shares on our blog.](#)



### AJMQ Calls for Student Abstracts on Improvement



Would you like to publish your improvement project or experience working in an interdisciplinary team? The American Journal of Medical Quality (AJMQ) is calling upon health professions students to submit abstracts for publication in its Quality Training to Improve Performance (Q-TIP) column. As a part of the journal's effort to share student work on performance improvement, AJMQ will publish one student article in each edition of the journal next year. Abstracts should be no more than 150 words, and must be sent to the faculty advisor, James Pelegano, MD, MS, at [james.pelegano@jefferson.edu](mailto:james.pelegano@jefferson.edu) by **July 19.**

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