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Calling all Emerging Health Leaders: A unique professional development opportunity awaits you!

The Health Leadership Academy (HLA) is a joint venture between McMaster University's DeGroote School of Business and Faculty of Health Sciences. As part of a landmark gift from Michael G. DeGroote, the HLA strives to have a transformative impact on global healthcare by nurturing a community of future leaders through interdisciplinary and forward-thinking approaches to education, public events and research.

Operating out of the Ron Joyce Centre in Burlington Ontario, the HLA creates transformative impact by developing tomorrow's health leaders at all levels of the health system with new ways to think and do within a rapidly evolving health environment. The Emerging Health Leaders (EHL) program is one of the Academy's key educational programs. A two-week intensive, residential leadership program for students and young professionals, EHL bolsters the skills of individuals seeking to make a difference in the health landscape.

When Jennifer Kennedy signed up for the Emerging Health Leaders Program (EHL), she was not sure what to expect. As an occupational therapist and PhD candidate at McMaster's School of Rehabilitation Science, Kennedy had countless professional development opportunities available to her. But what made EHL stand out was the rare opportunity to strengthen her leadership skills. "Initially, my PhD supervisor brought the program to my attention," said Kennedy. "She thought EHL would provide an introduction to leadership concepts, but it turned out to be so much more than that."

Offered by McMaster's Health Leadership Academy, a joint venture between the DeGroote School of Business and the Faculty of Health Sciences, EHL is a two-week intensive, residential, leadership program for students and young professionals from across Canada and beyond. It is a unique, interdisciplinary program that challenges young professionals' thinking and pushes them to become better leaders by focusing on personal leadership assessment and development, developing effective teams, change management, design thinking and championing new ideas in a health environment.

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*The 2018 Emerging Health Leaders cohort.
Graduates of this two-week intensive include MBA and PhD candidates, healthcare providers, researchers and medical residents.*

For Kennedy, it was the program's interactivity and the personalized executive coaching that proved to be immensely valuable. "It definitely allowed me to see the leadership skills I already have," said Kennedy. "It gave me an understanding of where I want to go, and I don't think I would have envisioned that without the EHL program."

Given that participants come from various backgrounds—from pre-med to healthcare policy—EHL provides the setting for valuable peer-to-peer learning. Emily Bradshaw, an MBA candidate at McMaster and a 2018 EHL graduate, said that the varying expertise in the room enhances the program's interactive workshops. "I was able to bring a unique perspective, while having the benefit of learning from researchers, public and global healthcare professionals and doctoral students," explained Bradshaw. "I can honestly say that no other course has compared to the EHL program."

Similarly, Caitlin VanDeCappelle, a 2017 EHL graduate, said that the interdisciplinary nature of the program gives medical residents a unique setting to network and hone their leadership skills. "As a resident physician, this program allowed me to strengthen and gain leadership and business skills that are not easily improved during residency," added VanDeCappelle. "It's an incredible opportunity for resident physicians to network and learn from others shaping the future of health care."

Apply for spring and summer 2019 offerings of the Emerging Health Leaders Program today!

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