

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

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I really enjoyed the speaker we had today. I think he provided a lot of insight on what the healthcare industry has to offer. Sometimes I think that the reality of healthcare can have a band-aid placed over it. It's like everyone knows what could make a better healthcare system or how some problems could be solved but it's ignored because of money. I like how he talked about agency nurses versus company nurses, because I think it's amazing that travel nurses get paid so much. Honestly I feel like they get paid how much nurses should get paid in general. I think that traveling isn't an option for everyone because some nurses have families to care for or kids in school, but that shouldn't mean that they shouldn't get paid less who come and go through the hospital. It's important for nurses to feel like they have support and loyalty to be recognized. Nowadays everyone is trying to sue, blame, or I've even seen on social media people claiming to intentionally give hospital staff a hard time during their stay. If the staff doesn't feel backed up by their employer then not only does that make you feel unimportant but it could lower morale and the cycle continues. Nurses are in charge of a patient's full care and deserve the recognition they deserve. He had a really good point of how Gen Z has standards compared to other generations. I'm a millennial and I have the guilty conscience of telling others no even if that means I'm drowning. I think they have a strong sense of worth and I'm excited to be able to work with a generation that wants the good not only for themselves but for everyone. My hopes for the future of healthcare are a change in environment; no more nurses eating their young. A toxic environment does nothing but keep the turn rate high and decrease the quality of patient care. I look forward to being a part of an involving healthcare.