

Symposium Officially Launches Trinity's Leadership Center

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The health care administration department at Trinity University in San Antonio recently opened its Center for Leadership Development in Health Management. One of the center's key objectives is to provide professional and career development activities for Trinity students, alumni and friends at all stages of their careers.

The center's "Inaugural Symposium on Complexity Theory Applied to Health Management" drew a crowd of more than 100 health care administration leaders, students and academics. Reuben R. McDaniel Jr., Ph.D., the Charles and Elizabeth Prothro Regents Chair in Health Care Management for the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin, was the keynote speaker at this event held on Sept. 17.

Dr. McDaniel's presentation provided insight that not only simplified the concept of the complexity theory, but also inspired a lively discussion among a panel of leading health care executives following the lecture. The panel participants included Jon Foster, president and chief executive officer of St. David's Healthcare Partnership in Austin; John Hornbeak, president and CEO of Methodist Healthcare System of San Antonio, Ltd.; Dennis Millirons, president and CEO of Riverside Healthcare & Medical Center in Kankakee, Ill.; and Bob Shaw, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Cancer Therapy and Research Center in San Antonio.

This inaugural event was such a success for the center that plans already are set to host the "Leaders in Health Management Symposium" in September 2005. For more information, contact Trinity University's Health Care Administration office at 210/999-8107. ★

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