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“Those of us who have been around health care for a long time have heard the stories—patient comes into the emergency room and the doctor has no way to know what medications they may be on, what their medical history is, what they might be allergic to.”



—Dick Pettingill, president and CEO, Allina Hospitals & Clinics, speaking with Governor Pawlenty and other health care executives as they announce the Minnesota Health Information Exchange to improve the flow of patient information.



“It’s about using that power around innovation to challenge a new form of leadership in your company...Successful leaders link people’s passions to the strategy, use cultural pieces of the company to their advantage and create a culture of innovation.”

—Julie Gilbert, senior vice president at Best Buy, speaking at The Masters Forum about re-networking an organization to create leaders.

“We need to make sure that no boy or girl in America is growing up without having in his or her life the presence of a responsible, caring adult. Where else does a child learn how to behave? Where else does a child learn the experience of the past, the totems and traditions of the past? Where else does a child look for the proper examples except from responsible, caring, loving adults in his or her life.”

—Former Secretary of State Colin Powell who was here to dedicate The Colin Powell Youth Leadership Center. The Center will serve at least 25,000 youth annually through seven different educational, career and character-building programs. In addition to seven collaborative partners working with Urban Ventures, the new 160,000 square-foot facility will house Cristo Rey Jesuit High School



“Today there is more information available than ever before, and more ways to get it by listening, viewing, downloading and recording. These changes are being driven primarily by technology, and are impacting the public relations profession at a dizzying pace.”

—New Public Relations Society of America president Bill Murray speaking at a recent Minnesota PRSA Professional Practices Conference in Minneapolis