

**For Immediate Release:  
Watson Caring Science Institute welcomes  
Dr. Jim D'Alfonso to the Board of Directors**



*Dr. Jean Watson and The Watson Caring Science Institute present the “Visionary Caring Science Leadership Award” to Dr. Jim D’Alfonso during the 24th International Caritas Consortium & 40th anniversary celebrations of Caring Science in San Francisco, 2019*

**Boulder, CO — January 2020** – Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI) proudly announces the appointment of Caring Science Award winning scholar **JIM D’ALFONSO, DNP, RN, PHD(h), NEA-BC, FNAP** to sit on the [Board of Directors](#). He joins a prestigious group of Caring Science Scholars currently serving on the Board.

He may be new to the Board, but his long-standing dedication and contribution to WCSI goes back decades. Jean Watson, WCSI Founder and Director explains: “Over the past 20 years, Dr. Jim D’Alfonso’s distinguished scholarly work has focused on the integration of theory-guided leadership and clinical practices aimed at

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health systems transformation and renewal from the inside-out.” Jim was appointed founding Chief Operations Officer and Chief Nurse Executive for the Watson Caring Science Institute in 2008. Throughout his tenure, Jim’s visionary leadership was instrumental in the creation and expansion of the [International Caritas Consortium](#) (ICC), [Caritas Coach Education Program](#)® (CCEP), [WCSI Affiliates Model](#), the WCSI [International Research Database](#), the [Watson Caritas Patient Score](#) (WCPS), The Million Nurse Campaign (2010), [WCSI’s website](#), as well as Caritas [HeartMath](#)® Programs and Human Caring workshops conducted worldwide.

In 2015, Jean recognized Jim with an honorary doctorate in Caring Science for his lifelong contributions to the advancement of Caring Science in education, clinical practice, and research. “Jim has continued to advise, consult and support WCSI over the years,” said Jean Watson, CEO and Founding Director of WCSI, “it is only fitting he join the Board of Directors as we continue to grow and develop the organization.”

## **Visionary Caring Science Leadership**

Jim is currently executive director for professional practice, leadership development and research with [Kaiser Permanente](#) in Northern California, and Adjunct Faculty at the [University of San Francisco School of Nursing and Health Professions](#). At the recent International Caritas Consortium Jim was honored by Jean Watson as the 3<sup>rd</sup> recipient of the prestigious **Visionary Caring Science Leadership Award**. Previous honorees include Dr. Earl Bakken (2008), Founder of Medtronic and inventor of the first battery operated pacemaker and Dr. Anne Boykin (2009), theorist and dean emeritus of Christine E. Lynn School of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University.

As a non-profit institute, WCSI is governed by a Board of Directors, the fiduciaries who steer the organization towards a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies, as well as by making sure the non-profit has adequate resources to advance its mission. “We’re delighted Jim has agreed to join the Board...” said Brooks Turkel, Chairman of the WCSI Board, “his theory guided leadership expertise will help guide us into the future.”

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