



**July 2023 - June 2024: Annual Report**  
**Ethical Engagement with International Impact**

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the **Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence** at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) in Cleveland, Ohio, in the United States of America, and our priorities and progress from the 2023 - 2024 operating year.

At the Inamori Center, we: *help people live ethical lives and create a more just world where everyone can thrive*. We have two main targets:

<b>Education and Action on Ethics, Values, and Justice</b>	We create space and provide support to advance scholarship and service on topics of <b>Ethics, Values, and Justice</b> .
<b>Excellence Through Ethical Leadership</b>	We cultivate and honor <b>Excellence</b> made possible through <b>Ethical Leadership</b> .

In pursuit of these targets, each year at the Inamori Center we:

- Teach, train, and mentor students of all ages and stages of life.
- Advise and fund scholarship, research, and service learning projects.
- Publish, in-print and online, [The International Journal of Ethical Leadership \(IJEL\)](#), with special volumes in English, French, and Spanish.
- Present the [Inamori Ethics Prize](#) to global ethical leaders demonstrating outstanding ethical leadership.
- Advise and mentor students, including the CWRU student organization, [Global Ethical Leaders Society](#), to develop future ethical leaders and responsible global citizens.
- Consult on the ethical, legal, and social implications (ELSI) of research and development for partner grants, programs, and initiatives.
- Create and host programs and events, including lectures, panels, and activities.

The report details the Inamori Center’s 2023-24 outcomes in the context of: **Education and Action on Ethics, Values, and Justice** (pgs 1-4); **Excellence Through Ethical Leadership** (pgs 5-7); **Our Partnerships** (pg 8); and **Our Planning and Priorities** (pg 9). We appreciate your ongoing support of these efforts.

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## 2023-2024 Inamori Center Outcomes

### Education and Action on Ethics, Values, and Justice

The Inamori Center offers and sponsors teaching, training, research, and scholarship in ethics and collaborates with partners and programs, locally and globally. The Inamori Center hosts CWRU undergraduate, graduate, and professional courses. To support student learning, the Inamori Center purchases copies of all of the materials required for these courses for the [Inamori Center Library](#). Our collection of over 1,700 materials is freely available for visitors to use while within the Inamori Center.

#### 2023-2024 Courses at the Inamori Center

- Philosophy 305/405: **Ethics**
- Philosophy 315/415: **Existentialism**
- Philosophy/Law 317/417: **War and Morality**
- Philosophy 319/419: **Philosophy of State Violence**
- Philosophy 393/493: **Ethics of Emerging Technology/AI**
- Philosophy 336/436: **Military Conflicts, the Military Profession, and International Law**
- Philosophy 337/437: **Philosophy of Evil**
- Political Science 373/473: **Politics of the European Union**
- English 345/445: **Topics in LGBTQ Studies - Trans Minor Literature**
- Social Justice 100: **Introduction to Social Justice**
- USSY293Q: **Musical Ethics and Identities from Beethoven to Beyoncé**
- USSO 289C: **Ethics for the Real World**

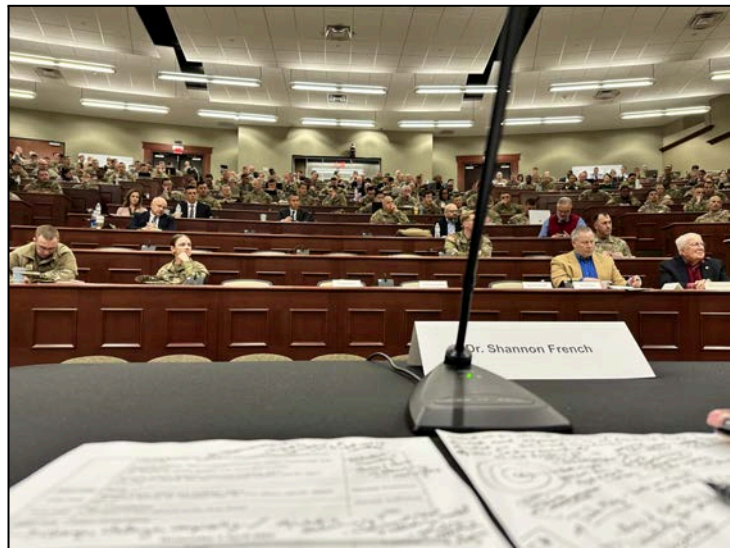
Each year, the Inamori Center hosts a series of guest speakers and panel discussions to audiences that include the CWRU campus and local community, as well as the global community, thanks to our ability to livestream. Most events are recorded for the resources section of our [website](#) and some are also transcribed and published in our journal, *The International Journal of Ethical Leadership*. **Inamori Center Director, Prof. Shannon E. French and Associate Director, Beth Trecasa**, also contribute to our partners' engagement efforts related to ethics, values, justice, and leadership through guest speaking in courses, programs, and key events.

#### [Graduate Studies in Military Ethics](#)

The **Military Ethics master's degree program** was created by the CWRU College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Law, and the Inamori Center in 2017. Military Ethics focuses on the core values and moral principles that collectively govern those serving in the military forces of nations around the world and decisions on the use of force stemming from the just war tradition. The program's students are a mix of serving members of the military, law students, and traditional master's level graduate students. In Fall 2024, we welcomed another master's cohort, including U.S. military members and dual-degree students who are earning multiple degrees at CWRU concurrently. We welcomed three U.S. Army Chaplains to Ohio and to this year's cohort, thanks to a pilot collaboration with the **U.S. Army's Advanced Civilian Schooling** program for select Army officers that prepares them for positions that require advanced degrees.

In Spring 2024, in partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences, we were honored to welcome **Valerie Morkevičius, Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science at Colgate University**, as the 2024 Inamori Distinguished Scholar in Military Ethics. Prof. Morkevičius taught **Philosophy 336/436: Military Ethics, the Military Profession, and International Law** remotely from Colgate University and also traveled to CWRU to meet with students on campus.

Military ethics students traveled to the **U.S. Naval Academy** and **U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC)** for leadership and ethics conferences. These symposia provide an opportunity for academics, practitioners, and military officers (from the United States and allied nations) to come together and discuss ethics relating to the profession of arms, the practice of state controlled violence, and national security. This year's CGSC theme was maintaining human values in an era of new and emerging technology in the military.



Inamori Center Director and Inamori Professor in Ethics, Shannon E. French, is also the CGSC Foundation's General Hugh Shelton Distinguished Visiting Chair of Ethics. At this year's symposium, she was joined by **2023 Inamori Distinguished Scholar in Military Ethics Prof. Pauline Shanks Kaurin** and **Inamori Research Associate Dr. Jonathan A. French Flint**, who all served as speakers for the event.

[Military Ethics: Cards for Humanity](#)

In partnership with the **Centre for Military Ethics at King's College London** and the European chapter of the **International Society for Military Ethics (Euro-ISME)**, the Inamori Center hosts an app for military ethics education. The **Military Ethics: Cards for Humanity** app covers broad areas of military ethics with carefully curated questions and resources developed by leading researchers, ethicists, and legal specialists with expertise in the laws of armed combat and international humanitarian law. The app can be downloaded for free on Apple and Android operating systems and currently covers topics in English, Arabic, French, German, Hindi, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Serbian, Turkish, and Ukrainian. This year, Prof. French, along with Prof. Valerie Morkevičius and **Prof. Jessica Wolfendale, Inamori Center Senior Research Associate and Co-Director of the Military Ethics program**, filmed educational videos to supplement the information provided on the app for discussions.

### [Inamori International Writing Prize](#)

The aim of this prize is to promote the study and application of ethics at the graduate student level. To improve the accessibility of ethics in languages other than English, the Inamori Center publishes in English, Spanish, and French. This year's winners, **United States Army Major Tony Lupo and Chaplain (Major) Brett Newman**, traveled to Tallinn, Estonia for the Euro-ISME annual conference. Both service members were recognized for their scholarship in the field of military ethics with the Inamori International Writing Prize and presented their papers at the conference. After five years of focus on the topic of military ethics, the next call for the writing prize will focus on the ethics of emerging technologies.

### [Ethics of Emerging Technologies](#)

As new technologies are developed, they both introduce novel ethical issues and highlight existing challenges. It is therefore essential for ethics to keep pace with the speed of innovation. Conversations about ethical implications need to happen early, often, and at every stage throughout the design and creation of new systems and products. If not, problems can get “baked in” and then become much harder to address later in the process. Rather than hindering innovation, the integration of ethics all along the way enhances the process by keeping social, legal, and other critical ethical dimensions at the forefront. The Inamori Center is involved in many projects and grants, concerning everything from artificial intelligence to quantum computing, from improving air quality to inventing and testing artificial blood.

Prof. Shannon E. French is recognized as an expert in the fields of military ethics and ethics of emerging technologies. In addition to her work with CWRU engineers, computer scientists, and bioengineers, she is an active advisor for the Institute for Defense Analysis, the RAND Corporation, and the US Department of Defense on classified new technology in the military. She is also developing her new book, *Artificial Ethics: The Impact of Emerging Technologies on Human Value(s)*, (working title, which is under contract with Rowman & Littlefield/Bloomsbury Publishers).

**Dr. Émile Torres** is the newest Inamori Center postdoctoral scholar. Prof. French serves as their faculty mentor and their research efforts in the role focus on biotechnology and quantum computing. Dr. Torres helps to ensure that ethical considerations are integrated into every aspect of research and development. They arrived at CWRU in November 2023 and are continuing through the 2024-2025 academic year. Dr. Torres recently earned their PhD in philosophy at Leibniz Universität Hannover in Germany. In addition to teaching, their current projects include:

- Quantum Computing Initiative - Cleveland Clinic
- Embodied Robotics for Remote Operations - Human Fusions Institute - Office of Naval Research
- CONCERT - Fieldable Solutions for Hemorrhage with bio-Artificial Resuscitation Products (FSHARP) Program - Bio-inspired Engineering for Advanced Therapies (BEAT) Laboratory  
Defense Advanced Research Program Agency

Each year, Prof. French presents on ethics, leadership, [military ethics](#), and [ethics of emerging technologies](#) across our campus and to audiences worldwide. Her lecture audiences range from various ranks and rooms of domestic and international military service members to small chats with students in the Inamori Center, from all computer science majors at CWRU to Zoom conversations with computer scientists in Brazil.

The following is a selection of key presentations, conversations, and publications from July 2023 - June 2024:

- **“Military Ethics for Team Human in an Age of Technological Innovations,”** keynote address, U.S. Army War College, National Security Seminar, U.S.
- **“Talking Foreign Policy: 75th Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions,”** radio roundtable participant (subject matter expert for ethics), WCPN IdeaStream, Cleveland, Ohio.
- **“Emerging Tech and the Warrior Ethos,”** distinguished guest speaker, annual U.S. Army Ethics Symposium, United States Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas
- **“Having Hard Conversations: A Civil Discourse Event,”** moderator, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
- **“Ethics in a High-Tech Era,”** CWRU Faculty Spotlight Event, Harcourt House, Cleveland, Ohio
- **“Talking Foreign Policy: Foreign Policy and Climate Change,”** radio roundtable participant (subject matter expert for ethics), WCPN IdeaStream, Cleveland, Ohio
- **“Leadership Deep Dive: Ethical Leadership,”** Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
- **“Ethical Reasoning Deep Dive,”** Global Ethical Leaders Society (GELS) workshop, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
- **“Are Free Speech, a Free Press, and Civic Discourse Essential to Human Flourishing?”** moderator, Inamori Ethics Prize Academic Symposium panel featuring Myroslava Gongadze, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
- **“CWRU Welcome Address for the Class of 2027,”** Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio,
- **“Talking Foreign Policy: The Age of the Strongmen – Standing Up To Tyrants,”** radio roundtable participant (subject matter expert for ethics), WCPN IdeaStream, Cleveland, Ohio
- French, Shannon E. and French Flint, Jonathan A., **“The Military Necessity of Ethics,”** Eric Patterson and Marc LiVecche, editors, *Military Necessity and Just War Statecraft*, New York: Routledge, 2023.

We are also grateful to and reliant upon Inamori Center Research Associates that extend our reach with their expertise and areas of research. Some examples of conversations and publications include:

- **Nikki Coleman:** military ethics and moral psychology
  - [Ethical Issues of Military Use of Space](#)
  - [Moral Courage: When the “Line in the Sand” Demands a Response](#)
- **Jessica Wolfendale:** Professor of Philosophy, CWRU: ethics and moral psychology of political violence, including the ethics of torture, terrorism, and war
  - [Why all civilian lives matter equally, according to a military ethicist](#)
  - [The War From Within: Racial Injustice in the US Prison System](#)
  - [What do we owe the victims of Australian war crimes? More than just a memorial, says Professor](#)

## Excellence Through Ethical Leadership

### [Inamori Ethics Prize Events](#)

The Inamori Ethics Prize honors outstanding international ethical leaders whose actions and influence have greatly improved the condition of humankind. All events are open to the public free of charge. The Prize recipient also meets with groups of students and community members throughout the visit. The ceremony and symposium are made available online and transcribed for *The International Journal of Ethical Leadership*.

In September 2023, it was our honor and privilege to recognize Myroslava Gongadze, journalist and free-press and human rights advocate, for her outstanding contributions to humankind by awarding her with the Inamori Ethics Prize. Her commitment to upholding justice and ensuring civil liberties—for people in Ukraine and around the world—and her persistent efforts to seek and speak the truth are an inspiration.



The Inamori Ethics Prize ceremony and symposium for our 2024 recipient, Dr. Anthony Fauci, will be held on campus of Case Western Reserve University on September 19, 2024. Dr. Anthony Fauci, a physician, immunologist, and infectious disease expert, has cared not only for the nation's health, but also the health of the world. We look forward to welcoming him to campus and welcoming guests, in-person and online.

### [Developing Ethical Leaders](#)

As part of our aim to cultivate the next generation of ethical leaders, the Inamori Center advises and sponsors the CWRU student organization, [Global Ethical Leaders Society \(GELS\)](#). Membership is open to undergraduates, graduate students, and professional students. GELS members learn how to enhance their leadership skills, analyze complex moral issues, inspire others to support ethical policies, and play an active role in promoting ethical progress on a global scale. Each year, GELS members elect an Executive Board that is responsible for GELS organization, programs, communications, membership, and finances. Some of the topics GELS members explored this year include the ethics of: Supreme Court Cases; Academic Integrity; DNA Databases; Canon; K-pop; Adoption; Investigative Techniques; Merit and College Admissions; Journal Access: Who Owns the Knowledge; and Elections.

In Fall 2023, GELS welcomed a panel of local community experts to explore the role of clinical ethicists: **Intersections in Clinical Ethics, Nursing, Law, and Liability**. This event brought together professionals with vast experience in ethics, healthcare, law, philosophy, and education to expand our campus community's

understanding of clinical ethics. GELS moderated the conversation with legal expert Olubukunola Dwyer from University Hospitals, Dr. Georgina Morley from the Cleveland Clinic, and Dr. Ben Schwan from MetroHealth. Event video is available on our [website](#), and the transcript will be available in the 11th volume of *IJEL*.

Students also learn about leadership in a variety of settings off campus. The Inamori Center funds students to travel for experiential learning projects, conference attendance, research, service, and other activities, locally and globally. This Summer, Issaac Opoku is serving as a Complaint Investigation Specialist for the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri to provide high-quality support to individuals seeking assistance with civil rights issues. Fred Lee is serving as a Volunteer Student Affiliate at the Sydney School of Public Health in Australia conducting research on blood-borne viruses in organ donations.

In January 2024, four CWRU undergraduate and graduate students and Beth Trecasa, Inamori Center Associate Director and GELS Advisor, attended the annual **U.S. Naval Academy's Leadership Conference**. They were able to meet and collaborate with students, faculty, and staff from military and civilian institutions of higher education across the United States and across the globe.



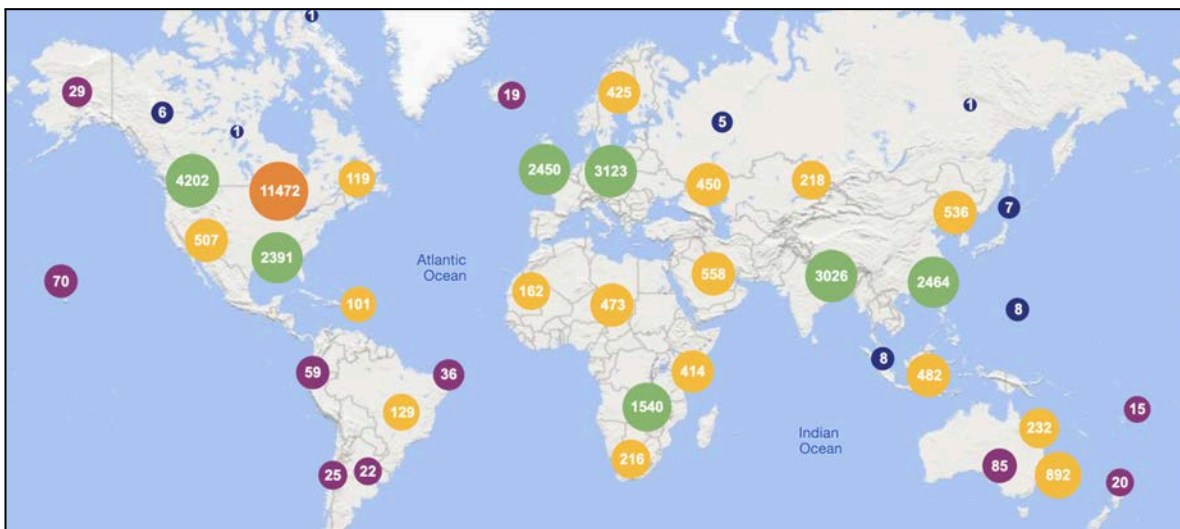
This Spring, Beth Trecasa, joined volunteers in Ashtabula, Ohio to set up dental and medical clinics at an area high school with **Remote Area Medical (RAM)**. Stan Brock, 2010 Inamori Ethics Prize recipient, established Remote Area Medical in 1985. RAM delivers free health care services to communities in the United States and isolated regions around the world, including, vision, dental, and medical care. This academic year, a group of CWRU students who were also inspired by RAM's mission established a [CWRU chapter of RAM](#). The Inamori Center is proud to partner with this new student organization and sponsored their Summer 2024 service trip. Eleven students traveled to Sharon, Pennsylvania this June to serve as early morning to late evening support in opening, running, and closing the Remote Area Medical's clinics over a three-day weekend.



### [The International Journal of Ethical Leadership](#)

The Inamori Center has published *The International Journal of Ethical Leadership (IJEL)* in partnership with the University of Akron Press since 2012. This interdisciplinary journal creates a trusted forum for an international exchange of ideas on the theory and practice of ethical leadership for readers around the world to explore historical, current, and emerging issues in global ethics and leadership.

*IJEL* is a print and online publication. While always in print, the journal has been published online since February 2020 in the CWRU School of Law's [Scholarly Commons](#). Since then, *IJEL* articles and transcripts have been downloaded nearly 38,000 times in 186 countries by individuals representing over 2400 different organizations. This compares to nearly 27,000 downloads, 182 countries, and over 1,800 organizations at this same time last year.



The 11th volume of *IJEL* will be released online in Summer 2024, with print copies arriving shortly thereafter. This volume includes the following articles and transcripts:

- Myroslava Gongadze, **“Courage, Service, and the Pursuit of Truth”**
- Kyle Payne, **“Making Room for Followers: A Grounded Theory Study of Ethical Followership Among Professional Engineers”**
- Bharat Ranganathan and Jeremy Sabella, **“Is Medicine a Normative Community?”**
- Transcript: Olubukunola Dwyer, Georgina Morley, and Ben Schwan, **“Intersections in Clinical Ethics, Nursing, Law, and Liability,”** November 13, 2023
- Transcript: Myroslava Gongadze with Raymond Ku and Dan Moulthrop, **“Are Free Speech, a Free Press, and Civic Discourse Essential to Human Flourishing?”**
- Transcript: *Talking Foreign Policy*, August 14, 2023 broadcast: **“Age of the Strongman”**
- Transcript: *Talking Foreign Policy*, November 20, 2023 broadcast: **“Foreign Policy and Climate Change”**



## Partnerships

The Inamori Center relies on a network of partners to achieve its mission. In 2023-24, we especially relied upon our campus partnerships at Case Western Reserve and local and global partnerships with:

### Case Western Reserve University

- [Academic Integrity Board](#)
- [Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities](#)
- [Center for Civic Engagement and Learning](#)
- [College of Arts and Sciences](#)
- [Flora Stone Mather Center for Women](#)
- [Human Fusion Institute](#)
- [Institute for Smart, Secure, and Connected Systems](#)
- [Kelvin Smith Library](#)
- [LGBT Center](#)
- [Military Ethics Master's Degree Program](#)
- [Office of Multicultural Affairs](#)
- [School of Engineering](#)
- [School of Graduate Studies](#)
- [School of Law Scholarly Commons](#)
- [School of Medicine](#)
- [Social Justice Institute](#)
- [Tinkham Veale University Center](#)
- [Weatherhead School of Business](#)

### Domestic and International

- [Association for Practical and Professional Ethics \(APPE\)](#)
- [Centre for Military Ethics at King's College London](#)
- [Cleveland State University](#)
- [Command and General Staff Foundation](#)
- [Eaton](#)
- [Euro\(ISME\)](#)
- [Inamori Foundation](#)
- [United States Army](#)
- [U.S. Army's Advanced Civilian Schooling](#)
- [United States Army Command and General Staff College](#)
- [United States Army War College](#)
- [United States Naval Academy](#)
- [University of Akron Press](#)

### [Inamori Affiliates](#)

Inamori Affiliates are the individual partners comprising the network of support that makes the Inamori Center's lean staffing structure, as well as our international reach and excellent outcomes, possible.

- [Inamori Center Advisory Board](#): Board members provide their time, guidance on our plans and outcomes, support through leveraged relationships, and investments through fundraising efforts. This year, we welcomed to the board: **Madeline Chung**, CWRU alumna and health disparities researcher and patient caregiver, and **Dr. Tracy Nájera**, Vice President of U.S. Programs for UNICEF USA.
- [Research Associates](#): These volunteer affiliations are for select local and global academics and applied professionals who pursue ethics research, scholarship, and service relevant to our mission.
- [Visiting Scholars](#): This kind of Inamori Affiliate provides temporary staffing to expand the Inamori Center's staffing structure and support key research, teaching, and programmatic initiatives. We annually host a Visiting Scholar in Military Ethics each Spring semester in partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences. The Inamori Center's typically bi-annual postdoctoral scholar role will continue for back to back years: 2023-24 and 2024-2025 thanks to our research collaborations.

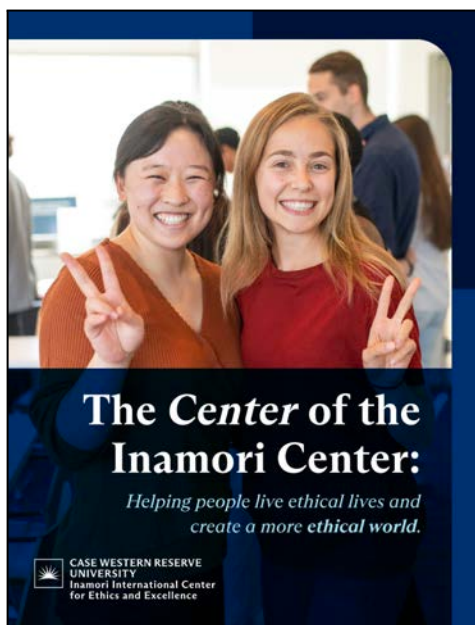
## Our Planning and Priorities

In addition to our annual operations, the Inamori Center maintains an active strategic plan. As part of the Inamori Center’s planning process, we identified the following **five-year goals** for the period of 2022 to 2027:

<p><b>OUR STORY: We will make our mission, capacity, and investment potential clear.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with current and potential partners to talk about <a href="#">Our Story, Our Structure, Our Space</a>.</li> <li>• Create a comprehensive Inamori Center identity and materials that can help us engage more people, especially internationally, and develop additional support and funding.</li> </ul>
<p><b>OUR STRUCTURE: We will develop more sustainability through human infrastructure.</b></p> <p>Develop pilot funding and endowed support for ethics at CWRU and create a Presidential/Provost-level fundraising campaign for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• additional Inamori Center human infrastructure through staffing;</li> <li>• at least two new CWRU Professorships in Ethics; and</li> <li>• the student organization, Global Ethical Leaders Society.</li> </ul>
<p><b>OUR SPACE: We will better utilize the power of our physical proximity and resources at CWRU.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase Inamori Center space utilization by hosting additional courses and programs on-site;</li> <li>• Make Inamori Center library and resources more accessible to students and partners; and</li> <li>• Creatively communicate with in-person and online Inamori Center guests</li> </ul>

We hope this report demonstrates our continued progress toward these goals. Please also explore our newest communication materials created in support of specific Inamori Center objectives. Print materials are available at the Inamori Center or view and download online:

[Inamori Center Overview](#)



[Inamori Ethics Prize Call for Nominations](#)

