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## **Professional Ethics Program Honors Johnson & Johnson With 2017 Ethical Leadership Award**

**New York, NY**— FASPE, The Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics, an international fellowship program that addresses contemporary ethical issues in the professions, will present its 2017 FASPE Ethical Leadership Award to Johnson & Johnson at an upcoming dinner on January 30 at the Paramount Hotel's Diamond Horseshoe in New York City. The event reflects FASPE's mission to bridge historical behavior and contemporary ethical concerns. The FASPE Ethical Leadership Award is recognizing Johnson & Johnson for its groundbreaking and market-leading ethical work in the area of compassionate use of drugs and the sharing of clinical research.

David Goldman, founder of FASPE, commented that "FASPE recognizes that the professionals, including business executives and doctors, played a leading role in the events in Nazi Germany that led to the Holocaust. With this award, FASPE recognizes contemporary companies and individuals that are paying attention to their responsibilities to an ethical society. We are particularly proud to honor one of the world's great healthcare companies for work that is truly distinctive in its attention to ethical details."

**Johnson & Johnson** is the world's largest healthcare company. It has an impressive track record of preventing, treating, and curing some of the most devastating and complex diseases of our time. Beginning in 2015 Johnson & Johnson entered into a partnership with the Division of Medical Ethics at the New York University School of Medicine to institute a new and innovative pilot program, the Compassionate Use Advisory Committee (CompAC), to address the complex and emotional challenges associated with compassionate access to medicines through a fair and ethical process. The pioneering effort in compassionate use grows out of a larger company-wide focus on ethical action and advancing the science that can improve the lives of people around the world. Previously, in 2014 Johnson & Johnson began partnering with the Yale Open Data Access (YODA) Project in a pioneering data-sharing model. It has also sponsored and presented at medical ethics conferences and has been recognized as a leader in the field by Fortune Magazine, InterbrandHealth, and IDEA Pharma.

**FASPE** is an independent non-profit organization that provides an innovative set of programs for professional school students preparing for careers in business, law, medicine, journalism and the clergy. FASPE immerses students in history by taking them to the sites where Nazi-era executives, doctors, lawyers, journalists and clergy worked, and where the consequences of their actions unfolded. It invokes the power of place as a pedagogical tool to emphasize the importance of ethical behavior among professionals today. The FASPE

experience offers a more intensive and meaningful exploration into ethics than is available in any classroom-based course in graduate school.

FASPE was piloted in 2009 and is a non-denominational program engaging participants of all faiths and backgrounds. Twelve to fifteen Fellows from each discipline are chosen annually, through an international application process. FASPE works in cooperation with the Center for Holocaust Studies at Jagiellonian University, Krakow; the Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz, Berlin; and the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Oświęcim, Poland. The initial curricula were designed in partnership with leading scholars from Yale Medical School, Yale Law School, Columbia School of Journalism, and Georgetown University. FASPE now has nearly 400 alumni who over time will become leaders in their professions. To view a video, and specific topics that FASPE fellows will study in the individual programs, visit [www.FASPE.info](http://www.FASPE.info).