



A Message from the President



Dear ACHE Colleagues:

Welcome to summer! "Lovely weather so far; I don't know how long it will last, but I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship." This quote by Louisa May Alcott is a personal favorite of mine and seems very apropos for the droughts, deluges, wildfire smoke, and sudden periods of storms and sunny calm we've been navigating this season. Please take a moment to read on for opportunities to get involved, learn, and take advantage of all that ACHE membership has to offer as you sail forward in your career.

- **Celebrate and Connect:** meet new members or renew connections at our end of the summer networking evening on Thursday, August 31st at Wanderlust in Easton, PA (*details forthcoming*).
- **Advance!** Several of our members are currently on a journey towards achieving prestigious Fellowship with ACHE and earning this board certified credential. Our Board is here to support your FACHE journey, too! <https://www.ache.org/fache/earn-my-fache>
- **Annual Symposium - Save the Date!** Our Board is excited to be planning a robust program offering *up to 6 face-to-face credits* on **Thursday, October 12th at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem**: <https://epahen.ache.org/local-events/symposium> We are grateful to our early sponsor - DeSales University and welcome other organizations who would like to support this important event. For more information, please see our sponsor page <https://epahen.ache.org/symposium-sponsor> and contact us if interested.
- **Save Lives!** ACHE of Eastern PA is sponsoring a blood drive with Miller-Keystone Blood Center (MKBC)! Register to donate blood at any MKBC Location from August 1 – September 5, and help us reach our goal! Use our Group Code 8906 when you register, in order for our Chapter to receive credit for your donation. As our thank you, all donors registering under group code 8906 will also be placed into a raffle to win a complimentary pass to this year's Fall Healthcare Symposium! <https://www.giveapint.org/events/ache-eastpa-drive>
- **Be Recognized!** On June 7th we offered an in-person Mentoring program, which included a diverse panel of mentees and mentors at various stages of their careers. We were delighted to welcome so many student and first-time attendees to our program at Brookside Country Club. That night, we also honored Patrick Simonson, FACHE, Immediate Past President of our Chapter, who earned an ACHE Distinguished Service Award at the 2-star level for his ongoing dedication to community service and the healthcare profession. Did you know that as an ACHE member you can be recognized for the value you bring to your community and profession? Click here to learn more about the ACHE recognition program: <https://www.ache.org/about-ache/news-and-awards/ache-recognition-program>

Whatever storms you are navigating in your professional journey, we hope you will connect with us in your ACHE of Eastern PA chapter for support, connection, and learning. Have a safe, healthy, and relaxing summer; I look forward to seeing you soon!

Carol Michaels, MPH, MCHES, FACHE
President, ACHE of Eastern PA



Please join us in congratulating Board Member **James Dalkiewicz, FACHE**, who was nominated by ACHE Chair, Delvecchio S. Finley, FACHE, and recently accepted the appointment by the Board of Governors to serve on the Editorial Board of the [ACHE Journal of Healthcare Management](#). This three-year appointment enables Jimmy to contribute to shaping and quality of the content of our ACHE Journal, and to represent both the St. Luke's University Health Network and our ACHE of Eastern PA Chapter on a national stage. Jimmy currently serves as our Chapter's Membership Chair, and is also the 2025-26 President-Elect. Congratulations Jimmy on this outstanding opportunity!

ACHE of Eastern PA - 2023 Fall Healthcare Symposium

Thursday, October 12, 2023 | 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Historic Hotel Bethlehem (Bethlehem, PA)

The Case for Quality: Putting Patients at the Forefront of Healthcare

Session #1: Accountable for the Care we Provide

Session #2: Integrating the Principles of Patient-Centered Care

Session #3: Consumer Focused Healthcare

Session #4: Sustainable Strategies to Support Resiliency and Well-Being for Healthcare Professionals

*Earn up to 6.0 Category 1 Face-to-Face CEUs for this program (credits pending)!
Look for registration info in mid-July!*

[Click Here for 2023 Symposium Sponsorship Information!](#)

ACHE of Eastern PA Blood Drive August 1 - September 5, 2023

Register to donate blood at any [Miller-Keystone Blood Center](#) location from August 1 - September 5, and be sure to provide **Group ID# 8906**.



The names of all individuals registering to donate under **Group ID# 8906** will be automatically entered to win a complimentary pass for this year's [Fall Healthcare Symposium](#) on Thursday, October 12 at the Hotel Bethlehem.



Annual June Membership Meeting

On Wednesday, June 7, approximately 60 guests joined ACHE of Eastern PA at Brookside Country Club (Macungie, PA) for a program titled "The Mentoring Journey: Where are you headed? Where have you been?" This program was presented by chapter legacy sponsor, [Hospital Central Services / Miller-Keystone Blood Center](#).



A very special thank you to our moderator, **Astrid Gonzalez Parilla**, OTD, MBA, FACHE of Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, and our panelists including **Everitt F. Binns, PhD** (Executive Director, Eastern PA EMS Council - retired), **Cindy Buchman, MHA** (VP, Strategic Planning & Operating Services, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network); **Malik Haynes, CPHQ** (VP, Quality Improvement, Delaware First Health); **Bill Kent, MHA** (President & CEO, Matheny Medical and Educational Center); and **Jen Topp, M.Ed.** (Student Experience Manager, Lehigh University College of Health), all of whom shared their varying career experiences and the impact that mentoring had on them.

Attention ACHE Fellows! Change in Educational Requirements Beginning in 2024

ACHE recently announced a change to the educational requirements **for Fellows recertifying as of 1-1-24**. [Click here to review the updated educational requirements](#) and additional recertification information.

Virtual Networking Made Easy!

We recently launched our "Virtual Networking" activity that we hope many of you will participate in!

In a separate email this month, we will be featuring a handful of our chapter members, who were randomly selected to receive and complete a **short (5-question)**

form via email. Their responses have been combined into one Virtual Networking email that will be sent to our membership, as another way to connect with your ACHE colleagues.

We certainly hope you enjoy connecting and learning more about some of your chapter colleagues this way, and that if you are randomly selected to participate in the future, that you will join in the initiative.!



ACHE of Eastern Pennsylvania
Virtual Networking Reply Form

Name _____
Title _____ Organization _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Thank you for completing these five (5) questions as part of our Virtual Networking Initiative!

• How long have you been an ACHE member, and why did you originally join?

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Have You Connected With Your Local ACHE Chapter?

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Have You Updated Your ACHE Profile?

Have you changed jobs recently? Been promoted? Moved? In order to allow ACHE to best serve your needs, please [click here to make sure](#) to make sure we have your most current information.

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