



A Message from the President

Dear ACHE Colleagues:

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023! It's finally spring and I am humbled to begin my term serving as your Chapter President. **Please read on so you are aware of how our Chapter can support your learning, growth, networking, and camaraderie with these upcoming events and service opportunities!** As we welcome signs of Spring with growth and renewal in nature, we recognize that many of us are still navigating through dark and challenging health care landscapes, budgets, staffing, and organizational changes. You're not alone, and your ACHE family is here to help and support.

Personally, I recently felt that "Chicago Feeling," which is what I call the positive energy and excitement from attending the 2023 ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership this past week. Themed "Bolder, Brighter!" Congress offered over 150 sessions to educate and inspire over 5,000 ACHE members and students with topics on Artificial Intelligence, Compassion/Burnout Reduction, Health Equity, Payer/Provider Partnerships, Financial Planning, Career Development, and more. Representing our Chapter, our region of Pennsylvania, and earning my FACHE credential along with over 700 other health care leaders across the country – including 11 from our Eastern PA Chapter – was a wonderful career highlight. *(If earning FACHE is one of YOUR goals this year, please let us know so we can assist in your journey!)*

Congratulations to these ACHE of Eastern PA members on achieving Fellowship:

- Zachary M. Bennett - Geisinger
- Lindsey Bussom - Geisinger

- James S. Dalkiewicz - St. Luke's University Health Network
- Christopher D. Erdman - UPMC Williamsport
- Zachary N. Henderson - Geisinger
- Dr. Susan Rux - Fox Chase Cancer Center
- Dr. Michael Suk - Geisinger
- Dr. David S. Tichansky- Reading Hospital/Tower Health
- Paul G. VerValin - The Guthrie Clinic
- Ryan Vetter - Lehigh Valley Health Network

Our Chapter is fortunate to have strong leadership from our immediate Past President, **Patrick Simonson, FACHE**, who helped us increase our Board membership and capacity to serve our membership with educational programs, early careerist services, and diversity and inclusion initiatives. I also want to recognize **Michael George, FACHE**, our outgoing ACHE Regent, who supported our Chapter's growth and renewal over the past three years with genuine and steady guidance. We are grateful for his service and for ensuring a smooth transition to our new Regent, **Danielle Werner, FACHE**, with whom we look forward to forging new relationships and expanding opportunities in the coming years.

So, what's coming up? Please join us for learning and networking at our upcoming virtual career program on May 24th, in-person session on June 7th at Brookside Country Club, and our Annual Symposium on October 12th at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem. We also are planning some creative ways to get to know your fellow Chapter members better, highlight member accomplishments, and give back through community service opportunities throughout the year.

Our future is "Bolder, Brighter!" because of all you do each day to support our patients, our health care systems, and our community.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Carol N. Michaels, MPH, MCHES, FACHE
Chapter President

New ACHE Regent for SE Pennsylvania and New Jersey

At last week's ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership,



Michael George's three-year term as ACHE Regent for SE Pennsylvania and New Jersey, concluded. Michael, who serves as VP of Healthcare Services, Einstein Healthcare Network, was an active and integral part of our Chapter's growth over the past few years. Thank you, Michael, for your leadership, and more importantly, your friendship.

Succeeding Michael as ACHE Regent for SE Pennsylvania and New Jersey is **Danielle Werner**, FACHE, Chief Operating Officer, Clinical Practices, University of Pennsylvania. Congratulations, Danielle, on your new role... we look forward to working with you and our regional ACHE Chapters to promote the mission and values of the American College of Healthcare Executives!



We would also like to congratulate Chapter member **Astrid Gonzalez Parilla**, OTD, FACHE, Senior Vice President of Operations, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, on her appointment as ACHE Regent-at-Large for District 1! At our January networking social, we were proud to present Astrid with an ACHE Service Award, recognizing her dedication and involvement with ACHE.

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Danielle Werner, incoming ACHE Regent (L) and Michael George, outgoing ACHE Regent (R), congratulate **ACHE of Eastern PA Board Members James Dalkiewicz** (Membership Chair) and **Carol Michaels** (Chapter President) on achieving fellowship status at this year's ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership. Also pictured is Patrick Simonson, Immediate Past President of our regional ACHE chapter.

Also at last week's ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership, **DeSales University and Karen Kent, PhD**, Program Director, were recognized for their undergraduate healthcare management program with the presentation of the ACHE Higher Education Network Award.

Congratulations to Karen and everyone at DeSales University on this outstanding achievement! Also pictured are **Mona Miliner, MHA, FACHE**, VP of Operations, Penn State Health and Immediate Past President, ACHE of Central PA; **Michael George, FACHE**; and **Delvecchio Finley, FACHE**, President of Atrium Health Navicent and newly installed Chair of the American College of Healthcare Executives.



Virtual Networking Made Easy!

We're excited to be launching a "Virtual Networking" activity that we hope many of you will participate in!

A screenshot of a form titled "ACHE of Eastern Pennsylvania Virtual Networking Reply Form". The form includes fields for Name, Title, Organization, Phone, and Email. Below these fields, there is a thank you message and a question: "How long have you been an ACHE member, and why did you originally join?".

We will be randomly selecting a handful of Chapter members or fellows (students, early careerists, mid-careerists, senior careerists, retired) on a regular basis to receive a **short (5-question) form** via email. We hope you will complete the 5 questions, add your contact information, and provide a photo (professional or personal, your choice).

Responses will be combined into one Virtual Networking email sent to membership several times per year, as another way to connect with your ACHE colleagues.

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.

Announcing our 2023 Dues Reimbursement Recipients!

- Crystal Rivera, Lehigh Valley Health Network
- Travis Davis, PA Department of Military & Veterans Affairs
- Rachel Heimbach, PA Health & Wellness
- John Shafik, Wellpath
- Amanda Murphy, HNL Lab Medicine
- Lindsay Bussom, Geisinger
- Kyle Garon, Lehigh Valley Health Network

The goal of our Chapter's Dues Reimbursement Initiative is to provide early careerists with a one-year subsidy in their ACHE dues, in exchange for their active engagement in the chapter and willingness to fully commit to the core values of ACHE: **integrity, lifelong learning, leadership, and promoting diversity and inclusion.**

Congratulations to our recipients for 2023!

SAVE THE DATE

ACHE of Eastern PA / ACHE of Central PA Early Careerist Network Virtual Education Program

Wednesday, May 24, 2023
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

“Sustainability of Healthcare Organizations: A Plan of Action”
1.5 Virtual ACHE credits (credits pending)

Registration Information will be Available Soon!

ACHE of Eastern PA Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 2023
5:15 PM - 8:00 PM
Brookside Country Club (Macungie, PA)

1.5 ACHE Face-to-Face CEUs (credits pending)

[Click Here for Additional Details!](#)

ACHE of Eastern PA - 2023 Fall Healthcare Symposium

Thursday, October 12, 2023 | 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Earn up to 6.0 Category 1 Face-to-Face CEUs for this program (credits pending).

[To volunteer for our 2023 Symposium Planning Committee, click here!](#)

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2022 Healthcare Symposium!

ACHE of Eastern PA Blood Drive August 1 - August 31, 2023

Register to donate blood at any [Miller-Keystone Blood Center](#) fixed site or blood drive during the month of August, 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.

[For the full list of MKBC donor center and satellite locations, click here.](#)

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As a member of ACHE, you are automatically enrolled as a member of your local chapter at no additional cost. ACHE chapters provide local

[Are You Planning to Take the Board of Governors Exam?](#)

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education programs, career and advancement resources, and opportunities to volunteer and connect with healthcare leaders in your community. [Click here to connect](#) with your local ACHE chapter!

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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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upcoming webinars. ACHE of Eastern PA also has resources available to assist you in preparing to take the exam. [Reach out to any Board Member](#) for additional information.

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