



A Message from the President



Dear ACHE Colleagues: Fall is a bittersweet time for me. I love the change of the seasons, the excitement of upcoming holidays, time with family and friends, and favorite foods that only emerge this time of year. I'm not as much of a fan of missing loved ones no longer with us, the barrage of school activities and event calendars, never ending to-do-lists of preparation and (admittedly, self-inflicted) pressure to create "perfect" moments. I try to remember this IS meant to be a season of change – whether weather, organizational, or personal. I am also reminded of what my Dad always taught me (via a Winston Churchill quote): "You make a living by what you take, but a life by what you give." I hope that you will join me in taking time to reflect on how ACHE has been a part of your 2023 and what you hope it can be for you in 2024. How will you give of your time, talents, and resources to support your professional development and those of your fellow healthcare professionals?

As you also consider where you donate, please join me in donating to ACHE Fund for Healthcare Leadership. This Fund has been established to further our mission to advance member and healthcare leadership excellence and equity through scholarships for diverse and under-represented individuals. To learn more and donate, visit: <https://www.ache.org/about-ache/the-fund>

Please read on to see the many ways our Chapter is for you. We had a stellar 2023 year of learning, networking, and giving because of your engagement and participation. In 2024 we hope to see you back and encourage you to invite a mentee, mentor, or colleague to join us.

We wish you a joy-filled holiday season and a very happy and healthy New Year!

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

ACHE of Eastern Pennsylvania Call for Nominations

Your regional ACHE Chapter has several Board positions that will be open for the 2024 calendar year. Members are invited to submit names for nomination until **December 8, 2023**. Open positions include:

- **Chapter Treasurer** - The Treasurer acts as the Chief Financial Officer of

the Chapter and manages all of the cash, bank accounts, and financial records. This includes recording and depositing program fees, issuing and signing checks for approved expenses and obtaining the signature of a co-signer, preparing regular financial reports, filing any reports required by federal or state government, ensuring that annual budgets are prepared and monitored, and obtaining audits, as required.

- **Chapter Co-Chair, Membership** - The Membership Committee Co-Chairs provides leadership to the Chapter Board and Membership Committee in developing member recruitment and retention activities, setting annual membership goals and evaluating member satisfaction.

[Submit Your Nomination Here](#)

Attention ACHE Fellows! Change in Educational Requirements Begins January 1, 2024

ACHE recently announced a change to the educational requirements for **Fellows recertifying as of 1-1-24**. Beginning January 1, requirements will be:

- A minimum of 12 ACHE In-Person (*Face to Face*) Education credits
- 12 ACHE Virtual Interactive Education credits
- Up to 12 may be Qualifying (*Qualified*) Education credits

[Click here](#) for additional recertification and updated educational information.

Save the Date!
ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership
"Big Ideas. Make No Small Plans."
March 25-28, 2024

[early-bird registration is now open!](#)

Have You Paid Your 2024 ACHE Dues? Don't Let Your Membership Lapse

All ACHE members recently received an email reminder to renew their membership for 2024. Your 2024 dues can be paid online, by check, or in three installments (new for 2024!).

Renew your membership today to continue taking advantage of all ACHE has to offer, including:

- Informative and insightful **educational programs** held locally, regionally and nationally
- **Reduced fees** for many local, regional and national events

- Fun and engaging local **networking events**, as well as mentor matching, a searchable member directory, specialized online forums, networking and coaching opportunities at Congress and more
- Tools for **career advancement**, including a members-only job board, the interactive CareerEdge® online career planning tool, resume reviews, executive coaches and search firms, and more.
- **Print and online subscriptions to ACHE publications** including Journal of Healthcare Management, Healthcare Executive and/or Frontiers of Health Services Management, and more!

Renew your ACHE Membership Today!

2023 Award Recipients Announced

At this year's Fall Healthcare Symposium, the **2023 Lee/Haney Founders Award for Senior Leadership** and **ACHE of Eastern PA Early Careerist Award** were presented.

Cindy Buchman, MHA, was announced as the recipient of our 2023 Founders Award for Senior Leadership. Cindy currently serves as Vice President of Strategic Planning & Operating Services with Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital (Allentown, PA).

David Linhares, MHA, CRCR, CHFP, was announced as the recipient of our 2023 ACHE of Eastern PA Early Careerist Award. David currently serves as Market Director with United Surgical Partners International.

Congratulations to both Cindy and David on your well-deserved award recognition, and for your support and participation in our regional ACHE Chapter!



(L-R) ACHE Regent-at Large, Astrid Gonzalez-Parilla, OTD, MBA, FACHE; ACHE Regent, Danielle Werner, FACHE; 2023 honoree Cindy Buchman, MHA; and Chapter President, Carol Michaels, MPH, MCHES, FACHE.



(L-R) ACHE Regent Danielle Werner, FACHE; 2023 award recipient David Linhares; and Chapter President Carol Michaels, MPH, MCHES, FACHE.

Fall Symposium Wrap-Up

ACHE of Eastern PA's annual Fall Healthcare Symposium took place on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem. The event was a tremendous success, with more than 140 regional healthcare leaders joining us to participate in programs focused on Accountable Care, Patient-Centered Care, Consumer Focused Healthcare, and Supporting the Well-Being of Healthcare Professionals. Also joining us for a lunch-time "Fireside Chat" session was Jack Lynch, FACHE, President & CEO, Main Line Health. Up to six (6) In-Person (*face-to-face*) credits were awarded for attendance at this year's event.

A very special "thank you" to all of our program moderators/panelists, and our 2023 event sponsors including **ARMStaffing, Aveanna Healthcare, DeSales University MBA Program, Evangelical Community Hospital, Lehigh University College of Health, Pain Management of Williamsport, and Pinnacle Cleaning Services.**



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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 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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