

For Immediate Release

Contact: Douglas A. Klegon, Ph.D.
(312) 424-9420

Garth A. H. Pierce, LFACHE, Receives ACHE's Lifetime Service Award



American College of
Healthcare Executives
for leaders who care®

Suite 1700
One North Franklin Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-3424
(312) 424-2800 Phone
(312) 424-0023 Fax
ache@ache.org

CHICAGO, January 17, 2006—Garth A. H. Pierce, LFACHE, has been named the recipient of the American College of Healthcare Executives Lifetime Service Award. Pierce will receive the award on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at the MacEachern Memorial Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE's 49th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

The Lifetime Service Award was established in 2000 to recognize a healthcare executive who has made substantial contributions to ACHE during his or her career. It is awarded to a Life Fellow, Life Diplomate, Retired Fellow or Retired Diplomate who has made significant contributions to ACHE through elected office, served on ACHE committees or task forces and participated in ACHE activities or affiliated groups.

Pierce served as president of Quinte Healthcare Corporation, Belleville, Ont., from 1998 to 1999 and as president and CEO of Grey-Bruce Regional Health Center, Owen Sound, Ont., from 1980 to 1998. He began his career in 1966 as an administrative resident at Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital in Oakville, Ont. In 1967 he was named assistant to the executive director of University Hospital, London, Ont., rose to assistant director in 1972 and then became executive director of Sudbury Memorial Hospital, Ont., in 1976.

-more-

NEWS RELEASE

Board certified in healthcare management and an ACHE Life Fellow, Pierce has been active in ACHE for 40 years, joining as a Student Associate in 1966. He became an ACHE Fellow in 1975 and assumed a number of leadership roles. Pierce served as the ACHE Regent for Ontario from 1980 to 1986, was a Governor from 1989 to 1993 and served as Chairman from 1995 to 1997. In addition to his leadership roles with ACHE, Pierce, a Fellow of the Canadian College of Health Service Executives, was chairman of the Canadian Healthcare Association, was chairman of the Ontario Hospital Association and served as a surveyor for the Canadian Council on Health Facilities Accreditation for 20 years.

Pierce has received numerous commendations throughout his career, including the Canadian College of Health Service Executives Chairman's Award for Distinguished Service, an Honorary Fellowship in the Canadian School of Management, ACHE's Regents Award and the University of Toronto Alumni Association President's Achievement Award.

Pierce received his master's degree in healthcare administration from the University of Toronto and his bachelor's degree from Concordia University, Montreal.

-more-

American College of Healthcare Executives

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE is known for its prestigious credentialing and educational programs and its annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants each year. ACHE is also known for its journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management* and its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, as well as ground-breaking research and career development and public policy programs. ACHE's publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on all aspects of health services management in addition to textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare leaders by providing exceptional value to its members.

###