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Wayne B. Sorensen, PhD, FACHE, Receives ACHE's Gold Medal Award

CHICAGO, January 09, 2008—Wayne B. Sorensen, PhD, FACHE, associate professor, Texas State University-San Marcos in San Marcos, Texas, has been named the recipient of one of two American College of Healthcare Executives 2008 Gold Medal Awards. Sorensen will receive the award on Monday, March 10, 2008, at the Arthur C. Bachmeyer Memorial Address and Luncheon during ACHE's 51st Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

The Gold Medal Award is ACHE's highest honor bestowed on outstanding leaders who, through a career of service, have made significant contributions to the healthcare field. The purpose of this award is to identify Fellows of the American College of Healthcare Executives who best exemplify leadership at the organizational, local, state/provincial and national levels. The Gold Medal Award recognizes individuals who go beyond the confines of their own organization to continually contribute to the improvement of healthcare services and community health.

Dr. Sorensen has been associate professor at Texas State University-San Marcos since 1993. Up until 2003 he also served as chair of and associate professor in the Department of Health and Administration, Texas State University-San Marcos.

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Sorensen's healthcare career began in 1965 in the United States Army where he was stationed at Loyal General Hospital in Fort Devens, Mass., as a personal management officer and unit commander. He then served a tour of duty in Pleiku, Vietnam, from 1966 to 1967 as an administrator, Provincial Health Assistance Team, U.S. Agency for International Development and U.S. Army. Sorensen was an Army Medical Department personnel counselor in Los Angeles from 1967 to 1971 and a health benefits manager, Surgeon General's Office, U.S. Army in Washington, D.C., from 1972 to August 1974. He was the executive officer for the 11th Evacuation Hospital in Pusan, Korea, until February 1975. From March 1975 to July 1977 he served as assistant executive officer, Silas B. Hayes Hospital in Monterey, Calif. Sorensen's final military position was as chief, healthcare administrator/executive officer, Directorate of Clinical Services, 7th Medical Command, U.S. Army, Europe; Heidelberg, Germany from 1989 to 1992.

An ACHE affiliate since 1985, Sorensen served on the *Journal of Healthcare Management* editorial board from 1988 to 1991, Regents Advisory Council from 1995 to 1997 and from 1999 to 2005. He was president, Central Texas Chapter from 2003 to 2004 and AUPHA/HAP editorial board member for Undergraduate Studies from 2005 to the present. Sorensen is a member of the AcademyHealth, American Association of the Advancement of Science, American Hospital Association and Texas Hospital Association.

Sorensen has received numerous awards during his illustrious career, among them the Presidential Assignment Award at Texas State University in 2004.

Board certified in healthcare management as an ACHE Fellow, Sorensen received his master's degree in healthcare administration in 1979 from Baylor University and his PhD in hospital and health administration in 1985 from the University of Iowa.

The second 2008 Gold Medal Award recipient is Mark J. Howard, FACHE, president and CEO, MountainView Hospital in Las Vegas.

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The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 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 also is 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.

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