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**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES
ANNOUNCES ESSAY COMPETITION WINNERS**

CHICAGO, March 11, 2008— Cathy Bryan of the University of Missouri-Columbia won first place in the graduate division of the American College of Healthcare Executives Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management for her essay, “Provider and Policy Response to Reverse the Consequences of Low Health Literacy.” In the undergraduate division, Allison A. Chilgren of Oregon State University won first place for her essay, “Managers and the New Definition of Quality.”

Bryan and Chilgren each will receive \$3,000 and a plaque. Their schools each will receive \$1,000. The first-place essays will be published in the *Journal of Healthcare Management*, ACHE’s official journal.

In the graduate division, Walter E. Brodis, MD, of Weber State University, took second place for his essay, “Evidence-Based Medicine: Challenges, Issues and Potential.” In the undergraduate division, the second place prize went to Steven Spiehler Jr. of the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa for his essay, “Repairing the Individual Health Insurance Market.” The second-place winner in each division will receive \$2,000 and a plaque.

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Travis L. Scott of the University of Oklahoma won third place in the graduate division for his essay, "Implementing an Electronic Health Record: A Comparison of the Perceived Barriers Between Administrative and Clinical Personnel." Joshua M. Dameron of James Madison University won third place in the undergraduate division for his essay, "Hospital-Acquired Infections: Sources, Effects and Implications for Administrators." Both third-place winners will receive \$1,000 and a plaque.

The six winners will accept their awards on Wednesday, March 12, at the Leon I. Gintzig Commemorative Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE's 51st Congress on Healthcare Leadership at the Hyatt Regency Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.

The essay competition was developed to stimulate student writing about important issues and developments in healthcare management. It is open to all ACHE Student Associates enrolled in either a graduate or an undergraduate U.S. or Canadian health administration program that is part of ACHE's Higher Education Network. The competition was named in honor of ACHE's fourth CEO, Richard J. Stull, FACHE, who served from 1965 to 1979. For more information and submission guidelines, contact Reed L. Morton, PhD, FACHE, associate director of ACHE's Division of Research and Development, at (312) 424-9444 or rmorton@ache.org.

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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 4,500 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.

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