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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES ANNOUNCES ESSAY COMPETITION WINNERS

CHICAGO, March 21, 2007— Edwin G. Ibay of Virginia Commonwealth University won first place in the graduate division of the American College of Healthcare Executives Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management for his essay, “Hospital-Physician Informed Consent: New Use for an Old Doctrine.” In the undergraduate division, Alicia S. Gallegos of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale won first place for her essay, “Retail Medicine: The Cure for Healthcare Disparities?”

Ibay and Gallegos 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, Matt Link of Baylor University took second place for his essay, “The Impact of Illegal Immigration: Standing on the Border of Public Health, Ethical and Financial Decisions.” In the undergraduate division, the second place prize went to Daniel S. Astleford of The University of South Dakota for his essay, “Breaking Down Physician Barriers in EHR Implementation.” The second-place winner in each division will receive \$2,000 and a plaque.

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Jillian Harvey of Oregon State University won third place in the graduate division for her essay, "Pay for Performance Programs: Are They the Solution to Our Health Care Problems?" Breanna R. Harris of The University of Alabama won third place in the undergraduate division for her essay, "Fear and Loathing in the Doctor's Office: The Medical Malpractice Crisis." Both third-place winners will receive \$1,000 and a plaque.

The six winners will accept their awards on Wednesday, March 21, at the Leon I. Gintzig Commemorative Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE's 50th Congress on Healthcare Leadership at the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans.

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. 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 4,000 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.

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