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ACHE Announces Recipients of Highest Individual Awards

CHICAGO, Feb. 11—The American College of Healthcare Executives announces the following 2019 award winners: Christine M. Candio, FACHE, and Kenneth R. White, PhD, RN, FACHE, are recipients of the Gold Medal Award; Alan B. Keesee, FACHE, is the recipient of the Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award for Young Healthcare Executive of the Year.

The Gold Medal Award—ACHE’s highest honor bestowed on outstanding leaders—identifies 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.

Candio, president and CEO, St. Luke's Health Corporation, St. Louis, served as ACHE Chairman from 2014 to 2015 and on the Board of Governors from 2010 to 2013.

White, associate dean for Strategic Partnerships & Innovation at The School of Nursing, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., served on the Board of Governors from 2004 to 2007 and as a Regent-at-Large from 2002 to 2004.

Candio and White will receive their awards Monday, March 4, 2019, at the Opening Session during ACHE’s 62nd Congress on Healthcare Leadership.

The Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award for Young Healthcare Executive of the Year honors outstanding achievement in the field of healthcare management. The award is given to an exceptional healthcare executive who is younger than 40, is a Fellow of ACHE and holds a CEO or COO position in a healthcare organization.

Keesee is president and CEO, Capital Regional Medical Center, Tallahassee, Fla. He will receive his award on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at the Malcolm T. MacEachern Memorial Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE’s 62nd Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.
About the American College of Healthcare Executives

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 48,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE’s mission is to advance our members and healthcare management excellence. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management. ACHE’s established network of 78 chapters provides access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, Healthcare Executive, and its career development and public policy programs. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its vision of being the preeminent professional society for leaders dedicated to improving health. The Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives was established to further advance healthcare management excellence through education and research. The Foundation of ACHE is known for its educational programs—including the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants—and groundbreaking research. Its publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on health services management including textbooks for college and university courses.

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