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American College of Healthcare Executives Announces 2019 Publishing Awards


Amer Kaissi, PhD, is the recipient of the 2019 James A. Hamilton Book of the Year Award for Intangibles: The Unexpected Traits of High-Performing Healthcare Leaders (Health Administration Press, 2018). In this book, Kaissi demonstrates through stories, interviews and research findings that healthcare leaders can embrace humility and still be excellent at their jobs. Intangibles offers an engaging exploration of evidence-based practices from an array of leaders in different settings.

Kaissi is professor, healthcare administration, Department of Health Care Administration, Trinity University in San Antonio.

The recipients of the 2019 Dean Conley Award are Judy K. Blauwet, DNP, RN, FACHE, and Mandy Bell, for their article “Technology’s Role in Quality Improvement and Operational Efficiency,” published in the spring 2018 issue of Frontiers of Health Services Management. The article explores how Avera Health has fostered change by aligning care into service lines that help ensure care quality and consistency.

Blauwet is chief clinical information officer, Avera Health in Sioux Falls, S.D. Bell is eCARE quality and innovation officer, Avera eCARE, Sioux Falls, S.D.

The recipients of the 2019 Edgar C. Hayhow Award are Aaron C. Spaulding, PhD, Nicholas Edwardson, PhD, and Mei Zhao, PhD, for their article "Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Performance: Do Organizational and Market Characteristics Matter?" published in the January/February 2018 issue of the Journal of Healthcare Management. The study employs an institutional theory lens to test whether certain organizational structures and market characteristics mediate hospitals’ ability to perform across hospital value-based purchasing domains.

The James A. Hamilton Award is given to the author(s) of a management or healthcare book judged outstanding by ACHE's Book of the Year Award Committee. The award is underwritten by the Alumni Association of the Graduate Program in Healthcare Administration of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, in honor of the late James A. Hamilton, FACHE, the program’s founder and course director from 1946 to 1966 and ACHE's 1939–1940 chairman.

The Dean Conley Award, named for ACHE's executive director from 1942–1965, is granted annually to recognize the contributions made to healthcare management literature and to
encourage healthcare executives to write and publish articles. This year's winning article was selected by ACHE's Article of the Year Awards Committee.

The Edgar C. Hayhow Award is given to the author(s) of an article judged the best from among those published in the *Journal of Healthcare Management*, ACHE's official journal. Named in honor of ACHE's 14th Chairman, Edgar C. Hayhow, the first practicing administrator to earn a doctoral degree, the award recognizes outstanding contributions to healthcare management literature. The winning article was selected by ACHE's Article of the Year Awards Committee.

**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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