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## **Foundation of ACHE Announces Thomas C. Dolan Diversity in Executive Leadership Program Funding**

**CHICAGO, March 13, 2013**—The Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives announced inaugural funding of the Thomas C. Dolan Diversity in Executive Leadership Program (DELP). Contributions, sponsorships and donations from the Thomas C. Dolan Tribute Dinner Supporting Diversity in Executive Leadership, the DELP's fundraising and honorary event, totaled more than \$1 million. More than 1,000 leaders gathered for the event on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, during ACHE's 56th Congress on Healthcare Leadership, to pay tribute to retiring ACHE President and CEO Thomas C. Dolan, PhD, FACHE, CAE, and support the program.

The ACHE Board of Governors established the scholarship program to honor Dolan for his long-standing service to the profession of healthcare management and to further his strong commitment to achieving greater diversity among senior healthcare leaders.

The healthcare management profession is falling short in efforts to achieve greater diversity at the senior executive level. Potential candidates of diverse backgrounds too frequently leave the field of healthcare management or encounter significant factors limiting their opportunities to achieve advanced leadership positions. "We are a diverse nation and becoming ever more so," Dolan said. "As such, we should develop diverse leaders to serve our communities."

The DELP, an initiative of the Foundation of ACHE's Fund for Innovation in Healthcare Leadership, will provide opportunities for mid and senior careerists who aspire to higher healthcare leadership roles. Programming will begin in 2014 and includes participation in ACHE's Executive or Senior Executive program, customized educational opportunities and access to enhanced career resources, including leadership assessments and mentoring.

"The Thomas C. Dolan Diversity in Executive Leadership Program ensures our members have the experience and education they need to successfully lead the healthcare industry for generations to come," said ACHE Chairman Diana L. Smalley, FACHE, regional president of Mercy in Oklahoma.

Dolan, who has served as ACHE's president and CEO since 1991, will retire on May 10, 2013.

### **About the American College of Healthcare Executives**

The **American College of Healthcare Executives** is an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management. ACHE's established network of more than 80 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 goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery. **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 4,500 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.

For additional information, visit [ache.org/DELP](https://www.ache.org/DELP).

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