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Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity Program Scholars Selected

CHICAGO, October 10, 2013—Six scholars have been selected for the inaugural Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity Program from a pool of 85 applicants. The year-long program will help further prepare these mid- and senior-level careerists to advance to higher leadership roles. Scholars will benefit from specialized curriculum opportunities addressing barriers in career attainment and developing executive presence, one-on-one interaction with a specially selected mentor and participation in formal leadership education and career assessments. The scholars and their respective organizations are:

- Leslie Burnside, system director, network development & physician relations, UNC Health Care, Chapel Hill, N.C.
- Jaquetta B. Clemons, DrPH, system director, community health/benefit, CHRISTUS Health System, Irving, Texas
- Heriberto “Eddie” Cruz, vice president, operations, Access Community Health Network, Chicago
- Gayathri S. Jith, FACHE, senior vice president, strategy and operations, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif.
- Patrick Ramirez, administrative director, UCSF Medical Center, San Francisco
“This is an impressive group of healthcare executives to compose our inaugural cohort,” says ACHE President/CEO Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE. “We are confident these scholars will not only benefit from the program offerings but will make strong contributions to healthcare as they advance in their careers.”

The Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity Program was established by the Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives to honor Dolan, who served as president and CEO of ACHE from 1991-2013, for his long-standing service to the profession of healthcare leadership and to further his strong commitment to achieving greater diversity among senior healthcare leaders. Scholars will receive tuition to attend ACHE’s most notable educational offerings, including ACHE’s 2014 Congress on Healthcare Leadership and 2014 Senior Executive and Executive Programs. Enhanced self-awareness, critical leadership skills and an expanded network of leaders will prepare scholars for their future roles.

“ACHE is pleased there has been tremendous interest in and support for the Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity program,” says Bowen. “We are thrilled to be able to expand our support to diversify the leadership ranks in healthcare and we are enormously grateful to the community of ACHE leaders that supports this program and made this possible.”

For more information about the selected scholars and the Executive Diversity Program, visit ache.org/ExecutiveDiversity.

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.

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