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ACHE Announces Award Winners: Gold Medal and Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Awards

CHICAGO, Jan. 16, 2014—The American College of Healthcare Executives announces the following 2014 award winners: **Charles R. Evans, FACHE**, and **Christopher D. Van Gorder, FACHE**, recipients of the Gold Medal Award; and **Delvecchio S. Finley, FACHE**, recipient of the Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award for Young Healthcare Executive of the Year.

Evans, who is president and CEO of International Health Services Group, and senior advisor, Jackson Healthcare, both of Alpharetta, Ga., won the Gold Medal Award in the category of nondelivery healthcare organization, and Van Gorder, president and CEO of Scripps Health, San Diego, won in the category of healthcare delivery organization. Both won for making significant contributions to the healthcare field.

The Gold Medal Award is ACHE's highest honor bestowed on outstanding leaders. The purpose of this award is to identify 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.

Evans served as Governor from 2004 to 2007 and as Chairman-Elect, Chairman and Immediate Past Chairman from 2008 to 2011. He is a member of ACHE's Counselors Committee.

Van Gorder served as Governor from 2006 to 2009 and as Chairman-Elect, Chairman and Immediate Past Chairman from 2009 to 2012. He is a member of ACHE's Counselors Committee.

Evans and Van Gorder will receive their awards on Monday, March 24, 2014, at the Opening Session during ACHE's 57th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

Delveccchio S. Finley, FACHE, CEO of Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, Calif., won the Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award for Young Healthcare Executive of the Year for outstanding achievement in the field of healthcare management. The award is given to an exceptional healthcare executive who is less than 40 years old, is a Fellow of ACHE and holds a CEO or COO position in a healthcare organization. Finley will receive his award on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at the Malcolm T. MacEachern Memorial Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE's 57th 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 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 4,000 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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