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ACHE Announces Winners of the 2015 Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management

CHICAGO, March 13, 2015—The American College of Healthcare Executives announced the winners of its 2015 Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management. The awards will be presented on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at the Leon I. Gintzig Commemorative Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE's 58th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

Jordan H. Kurtzman of Johns Hopkins University won first place in the graduate division for his essay, "A Community Hospital-County Health Department Partnership to Reduce Preventable Readmissions: Lessons Learned for Population Health Management." In the undergraduate division, Katherine J. Granstra of Minnesota State University Moorhead won first place for her essay, "Nurse Against Nurse: Horizontal Bullying in the Nursing Profession."

Kurtzman and Granstra each will receive \$3,000 and a plaque. Their schools each will receive \$1,000. The first-place essays will be published in the *Journal of Healthcare Management*, ACHE's official journal.

In the graduate division, Andrew Dawson of George Washington University, took second place for his essay, "New Tools for a New Era: Critical Considerations for Strategic Capital Infrastructure in Value Based Healthcare." In the undergraduate division, the second-place prize went to Jessina L. Morhaim of Florida Atlantic University for her essay, "Mentoring: A Leadership Lifeline." The second-place winner in each division will receive \$2,000 and a plaque.

Yvonne Nguyen of Virginia Commonwealth University won third place in the graduate division for her essay, "Leveraging Patient Activation to Improve Health Outcomes." David J. Zandona of James Madison University won third place in the undergraduate division for his essay, "Going Beyond HIPAA: A Proposed Framework for Developing Effective Strategies in Information Security." Both third-place winners will receive \$1,000 and a plaque.

The purpose of the Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management is to stimulate and demonstrate the ability of future healthcare executives to identify and describe important issues and developments in their chosen profession. It is open to all ACHE Student Associates enrolled in either a graduate or an undergraduate U.S. or Canadian health administration program that is part of ACHE's Higher Education Network. The competition was named in honor of ACHE's fourth CEO, Richard J. Stull, FACHE, who served from 1965 to 1979. For more information and submission guidelines, contact Sheila Brown, chapter specialist of ACHE's Division of Regional Services, at (312) 424-9316 or sbrown@ache.org.

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 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. For more information, visit ache.org.

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