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ACHE Announces Winners of the 2016 Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management

**CHICAGO, March 11, 2016**—The American College of Healthcare Executives announced the winners of its 2016 Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management. The awards will be presented on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at the Leon I. Gintzig Commemorative Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE's 59th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

**Rebin Zikhani, MD**, of Marywood University won first place in the graduate division for his essay "7-Step Pathway for Preventing Errors in Healthcare." In the undergraduate division, **Savanna B. Williams** of Auburn University won first place for her essay "Strategic Plan for Maximizing Shared Savings in Accountable Care Organizations."

Zikhani and Williams 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, **Angela M. Stoehr** of George Washington University took second place for her essay "The Mother Ship of Population Health Management: Trends in Provider-Owned Insurance." In the undergraduate division, the second-place prize went to **Scott T. Goldschmidt** of James Madison University for his essay "Case Management of Heart Failure Patients: A Strategic Framework for Reducing Readmissions and Improving Patient Outcomes." The second-place winner in each division will receive \$2,000 and a plaque.

**Carolina V. Rayzel** of Johns Hopkins University won third place in the graduate division for her essay "The Health Insurance Marketplaces: Health Plan Success Strategies in a Consumer-Driven Market." **Kevin R. McIntyre** of University of Alabama at Birmingham won third place in the undergraduate division for his essay "Controversies in Improving Surgical Quality." 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](mailto:sbrown@ache.org).

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

The **American College of Healthcare Executives** is an international professional society of 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE's mission is to advance its members and healthcare management excellence. 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 vision of being the preeminent professional society for healthcare executives 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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