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## ACHE Announces Winners of the 2018 Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management

**CHICAGO, April 3, 2018**—The American College of Healthcare Executives announced the winners of its 2018 Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management. The awards will be presented March 28, 2018, at the Leon I. Gintzig Commemorative Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE's 61st Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

**Greg Bauer** of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai won first place in the graduate division for his essay "Deliver Value-Based Care With eHealth Services." In the undergraduate division, **Hannah-Kaye Fleming** of Auburn University won first place for her essay "Improving Quality and Lowering Cost Through Community Care Teams."

Bauer and Fleming 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.

**Alexis G. Meyer** of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, took second place in the graduate division for her essay "Price Transparency in Healthcare: Opportunities to Adopt a Retail Approach and Respond to Patients' Demands." In the undergraduate division, the second-place prize went to **Katie Louise Plampton** of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for her essay "A Prescription for Misunderstanding: Addressing Low Health Literacy in Healthcare Delivery." The second-place winner in each division will receive \$2,000 and a plaque.

**Capt Jean-Paul Puryear** of The University of Texas at Tyler won third place in the graduate division for his essay "Treatise on Effective Performance Management: A Healthcare Executive's Guide." **Alexa J. Karkhanis** of James Madison University won third place in the undergraduate division for her essay "Improving the Effectiveness of Root Cause Analysis in Hospitals." 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

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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 leaders 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. For more information, visit [www.ache.org](http://www.ache.org).

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