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Scholars Selected for ACHE's Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity Program

CHICAGO, November 9, 2018—Six scholars have been selected for the 2019 Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity Program, which is administered by the American College of Healthcare Executives. Nearly 50 outstanding executives applied for this prestigious national program that celebrates its sixth year in 2019.

The year-long program will help further prepare these mid- and senior-level careerists to advance to higher leadership roles. Scholars will benefit from a specialized curriculum that includes strategies for navigating challenges in career advancement and enhancing 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:

- **Michelle L. Edwards, DNP, FNP, ACNP, FAANP**, System Vice President, Advanced Practice/National Clinical Enterprise, Catholic Health Initiatives, Englewood, Colo.
- **Kelly Brian Flannery, FACHE**, Chief Planning Officer, VA Sierra Pacific Network (VISN 21), Mare Island, Calif.
- **Astrid Gonzalez-Parrilla, OTD, FACHE**, Executive Director-Rehabilitation Services, Halifax Health Brooks Rehabilitation, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- **Paul S. Myoung, FACHE, CLSSBB**, Senior Administrative Director, Transplant Center, Division of Transplant Surgery, Mechanical Circulatory Support Program, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston
- **Tiffany Simpkins Northern, FACHE**, Vice President, Operations, Medstar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C.
- **Marc Trajan**, Regional Market Manager/Leader, HCA Inc., Parkland, Fla.

"We are pleased to continue playing a role in efforts to diversify the leadership ranks in healthcare, and we are grateful to the donors who make this possible," says ACHE President/CEO Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE. "ACHE is gratified by the continued interest in and support for the Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity program. The 2019 scholars will benefit tremendously from the program's offerings and will make significant contributions to our field as they advance in their careers."

The Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity Program was established by the Foundation of ACHE's Fund for Innovation in Healthcare Leadership 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 2019 Congress on Healthcare Leadership and 2019 Senior Executive and Executive Programs. Enhanced self-awareness, critical leadership skills and an expanded network of leaders will prepare scholars for their future roles.

For more information about the 2019 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 48,000 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 78 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 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.

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