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### ACHCA Announces 2024 Award Recipients

**Washington, DC. (March 8, 2024)**—The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is pleased to announce its 2024 Award recipients. The awards will be presented during the Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 8th, at the ACHCA Annual Convocation & Exposition in Myrtle Beach, SC, Embassy Suites.

“Each of these winners exemplifies our mission: to be the catalyst for excellence in post-acute and aging services leadership. Their efforts in support of our profession are exceptional, and I congratulate each of them for this achievement,” comments Bob Lane, CNHA, FACHCA, ACHCA’s President and CEO.

Individual Awards	Award Recipient
Distinguished Nursing Home Administrator	Russell C. Schwartz, FACHCA
Distinguished Assisted Living Administrator	Michael Lacasse, FACHCA
Distinguished Service	Mitchell Teller, FACHCA
New Nursing Home Administrator	Jamie L. Sanford
New Assisted Living Administrator	Kendra A Mayall
ACHCA Outstanding Member	Leah Klusch, FACHCA
AIT Preceptor	Robert J. Reyes, CNHA, FACHCA
Public Service	Richard E. Gamache, FACHCA
Education	Kris B. Harmony
Journalism	Kevin Hansen Ph.D., FACHCA (Posthumous Recipient)
Mentor	Norda A. Bellantoni, CNHA Retired Emeritus, Retired FACHCA
Partner Awards	Award Recipient
Business Partner Award	Link-age Solutions, Inc.
Champion Award	Broad River Rehab

Chapter Achievement Award	
ACHCA Connecticut, Erica Roman (President)	Breakfast with the Board
ACHCA Massachusetts, David Bell, FACHCA (President)	ECHOES from Administrators
ACHCA Upper Midwest Chapter (Wisconsin), Natalie McMurry (President)	Chapter Revitalization
Texas State University Student Society, Dr. Keya Sen (Faculty Advisor)	Reducing Social Isolation (RSI): A Community-based, intergenerational, multicultural program.

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### About ACHCA

Founded in 1962, ACHCA is a non-profit professional membership association that provides superior educational programming, networking, and career development opportunities. Guided by the vision that dynamic leadership fosters meaningful, successful, and efficient long-term health care services, ACHCA identifies, recognizes, and supports post-acute and aging services administrators, advocating for professional development and promoting excellence in their profession.

The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is the catalyst for excellence in post-acute and aging services leadership. For more information about the ACHCA awards program, visit [www.achca.org/achca-awards](http://www.achca.org/achca-awards).