American College of Health Care Administrators Announces 2016 Award Winners

Washington, DC – May 17, 2016 – The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) presented annual awards during a celebratory luncheon at their 50th Annual Convocation and Exposition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. Congratulations to ACHCA’s 2016 Award Winners!

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS
Chair’s Award - Barbara Acello
Chair’s Award - Theresa Sanderson, CNHA, FACHCA
Distinguished Service Award - Susan Farris, FACHCA
ACHCA Outstanding Member Award - Israel Ray, CNHA, FACHCA
Distinguished Nursing Home Administrator Award - Marnie Talamona, FACHCA
New Nursing Home Administrator Award- Kathryn 'Katie' Lasewicz
AIT Preceptor Award - Kathy Pajor, FACHCA
Public Service Award - Dan Cohen
Education Award - Melanie Eaton, FACHCA
Journalism Award - Kathleen Mears
ACHCA Champion Award - Ethica Health and Retirement Communities
Business Partner Award - Harmony Healthcare International

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
District 1
Connecticut Chapter
Georgia Chapter
Indiana Chapter
New Jersey Chapter
Texas Chapter

W. PHILLIP MCCONNELL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Emily Webber
Ilana Weisberg
ELI PICK FACILITY LEADERSHIP AWARD
This award, named in memory of visionary ACHCA member Eli Pick, recognizes administrators who provided leadership throughout the award year. Eligibility for this award is based on three years of skilled nursing facility (SNF) survey data, including the Health, Fire (Life Safety), and Complaint Surveys, as well as top quartile performance on designated Quality Measures. The criteria also included an 80% or greater facility occupancy and a three year avoidance of a Special Focus Facility status. A list of the 2016 recipients can be found here.

Founded in 1962, the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs of today's post-acute and aging services leaders. Focused on advancing leadership excellence, ACHCA provides professional education and certification to administrators from across the spectrum of long term care. For more information about ACHCA, contact the national office at (202) 536-5120 or visit www.achca.org.

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