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One of my favorite quotes is from David McKay, a religious leader and educator who once said, "Let us realize that: the privilege to work is a gift, the power to work is a blessing, the love of work is success!" I think this is a wonderful testimony on the power of leadership and what our roles in life should be concerning being a leader. As healthcare executives we have the ability to work with others who serve our patients, our communities, and each other.

ACHE truly provides us with tools to enjoy our work. What an incredible honor it is to serve as a leader in an organization that assures each of us that we have the capacity, ability, and acumen to serve humankind.

For the past three years, I've had the pleasure and the honor of serving you as Regent for South Carolina. I now pass this torch over to Karen G. Schwartz, FACHE, Vice President at Bon Secours-Mercy Health in Greenville, South Carolina. Karen is truly a servant leader who cares about her community, her healthcare system, and most importantly patients they serve at BSMH. I encourage you to reach out to Karen and ask her how you can support her initiatives that she wants to accomplish in this role. She is an incredible leader and will serve you well as Regent.

One of the greatest pleasures that a Regent has is to bestow two awards to our outstanding healthcare executives each year. The two awards are our Early Careerist Award and our Senior Level Executive Award. This year, my decision was very easy as I looked across our South Carolina landscape. Criteria for the **Early Careerist Award** include being a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, demonstration of leadership ability, demonstration of innovative and creative management, executive capability in developing his or her organization and promoting its growth and stature in the community, participation in local, state, or provincial hospital and health association activities, participation in civic/community activities and projects, and finally; demonstration of participation in ACHE activities and interest in assisting ACHE in achieving its objectives. For the Senior Level Executive all attributes above are included in addition to being a Fellow of ACHE, and being a CEO, COO, or other senior-level executive title within the organization.

This year, my Regent's Awards go to Mr. Carl H. Kennedy, FACHE as Early Careerist. Mr. Kennedy serves as Global Chief of Strategy at Medidata, Dassault Systèmes. The Senior Level Executive Award was provided to Mr. William Kenley, FACHE, CEO and President of AnMed Health in Anderson, SC. Congratulations to both well deserving healthcare executives.

I would encourage you all to consider attending the [2023 Congress on Healthcare Leadership](#) that is scheduled for March 20-23 in Chicago. Karen and I, along with other healthcare executives and students from our Higher Education Network partners will be attending, learning, and working alongside other executives from across the national landscape. This is an incredible experience and if you can make it happen, please go! You can find the itinerary on the [Congress website](#). It will be one of the best experiences as you connect with other leaders who have the same joys and challenges as you. I'd also like to congratulate the following new members to the South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives since our Fall Message was published.

- Heather Walker
- Dr. Elizabeth S. Sheridan, DNP
- Dr. Kristin R. Wise, MD
- Nathan Marberry
- Scott Hunter
- 1Lt. Zachary H. Rankin
- Melissa Bley
- Dr. Victoria Bhardwaj, DNP, RN
- HM2 Nicholas B. Reddoch
- Coleman K. Habib
- Michelle A. Ferber

The following members are new to the South Carolina ACHE Chapter.

- Dr. Jose A. Quiros, MD
- LTJG Darinka Dettling
- John W. McClellan, III
- Dr. Elaine Lindsay Twedt, PharmD
- Sarah A. Burdick
- Ann Allen
- Tony Bull
- Bryce Butikofer
- Samantha Griner, FACHE
- Pamela L. Dunley
- Zachary Kirby

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for what you do for our community, our patients, our caregivers, and our colleagues in healthcare leadership. What you do as an executive truly makes a difference. Even though I will no longer be your Regent as of March 18, 2023, please continue to let me know how I may serve you as a member of the SC ACHE Board of Directors.

Respectfully,



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