

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER July - September 2021

A Message from Your Chapter President

Mission-Driven and Member-Focused

Greetings, ACHE of South Florida members, supporters, and friends.

Even though the Delta variant derailed our ability to move forward with in-person events over the summer, it did not prevent us from continuing to offer virtual events that kept many of us connected and engaged. I am truly grateful for the members of the Board, volunteers, participants, and sponsors that continue to support this year's efforts of being *mission-driven and member-focused*.

Since the start of the year, our chapter has welcomed nearly 200 new members, 10 new Fellows and 1 Life Fellow. Several hundred members and supporters have participated in more than a dozen events, and we have grown our online presence and engagement to a new level. As I often say, nothing can replace a handshake or a hug, but operating virtually this year has eliminated geographical boundaries and South Florida's traffic challenges, drawing event attendees from throughout Florida, the U.S., and other countries. I am looking forward to connecting with all of you again face-to-face very soon.

Several weeks into the last quarter of the year, we have already held two excellent virtual faceto-face educational programs, with another scheduled for <u>November 17th</u>. Please join us!

Check out the rest of this newsletter to learn about many of the activities that we hosted and members that we celebrated throughout the third quarter.

For the latest news, including upcoming <u>events</u>, member and sponsor spotlights and much more, please bookmark our chapter's <u>website</u> and follow us on <u>LinkedIn</u>!



Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Wong, FACHE

About ACHE of South Florida

ACHE of South Florida, known as the South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum (SFHEF) until 2020, is the local chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). Its origins date back to 1972 and serves over one thousand healthcare executives, students, and supporters spanning seven counties throughout southeast Florida, from Monroe to the Treasure Coast.

The mission of ACHE and ACHE of South Florida (ACHE-SFL) is to advance our members and healthcare leadership excellence.



Chapter Highlights

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For the first time, ACHE of South Florida dedicated several activities to recognizing, celebrating, and connecting *ALL* of its Fellows. This was done through recognition on LinkedIn and the chapter's website, along with the first Fellows-only Networking Event. We also held the chapter's first Fellow Advancement and BOG Exam Informational Session, hosted by Paula Zalucki, FACHE, FACMPE.

I wish to extend my gratitude to President-Elect Oyinkansola "Bukky" Ogunrinde for her assistance with organizing these special activities. Thank you, as well, to the Board members and chapter members that attended.

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Kenneth C. Wong, FACHE, 2021 Chapter President





The Distinction of Board Certification

July 21, 2021 | 6pm - 7:30pm | VIA Zoom

Honorary Guests



Ashley R. Vertuno, FACHE FK Medical Center North Campus Regent for Florida - Eastern



Matthew A. Love, FACHE President & CEO Nicklaus Children's Health System



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Join us for the chapter's first Fellow Advancement & **BOG Exam Informational Session**



Are you interested in learning about the qualifications and application process to become a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives®? In this virtual and interactive session, we'll explore how the FACHE credential can benefit you professionally and personally, the requirements of an applicant, and how to submit an application.

Applicants who submit their online application by June 30th will receive several incentives, including an exam fee waiver and financial credit towards continuing education

JUNE 30TH, 2021 | 6PM-7:30PM | VIA ZOOM

Presented by Paula Zalucki, FACHE, FACMPE



Paula is senior manager with ECG Consultants. She has been a member of ACHE for over 30 years and a Fellow (FACHE) since 1992.

Paula has served as a chapter past president, past regent and served on several national committees, including the Chapters' Committee She assisted with the development of ACHE's BOG exam review course curriculum available to chapters and has taught many BOG review courses, helping hundreds of candidates prepare for the BOG exam. Paula is also a Fellow with MGMA.



Membership



On September 2nd, Zunner Rios, CPA, FACHE, Membership Chair-Elect, and Kenneth C. Wong, FACHE, Chapter President, organized and hosted the chapter's second "New Member Orientation and Networking Event."

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the more than 50 new members that joined ACHE and our chapter in the third quarter of 2021.

Educational Programs

On September 18th, an expert group of panelists from our local healthcare community discussed the pandemic's impact on the healthcare supply chain.

I would like to thank the panelists for their time and dedication to making this event a success on a Saturday morning.

If you missed it, you may watch the program <u>HERE</u> and receive FREE Qualified Education Credit. Remember that you must self-report QECs in your ACHE profile.





COVID-19 and the Supply Chain Challenge: What We Learned

The COVID-19 outbreak created a major increase in demand for commonly used supplies required to provide patient care, including personal protective equipment (gowns, gloves, masks), nasopharyngeal swabs, viral test kits, and ventilators.

This panel discussion will provide insight on what organizations were able to accomplish to protect employees and to optimize care delivery for patients and the community and discuss mitigation strategies moving forward.

Moderated by:





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Member Updates & Recognition

New Fellows





Earning the **FACHE** credential signifies meeting eligibility requirements over several years, demonstrating competency in all areas of healthcare management.

To learn more about becoming a Fellow with ACHE, visit <u>ACHE.org/FACHE</u>.

ACHE of South Florida celebrates these individuals who recently earned board certification in healthcare management!

Thank you for your commitment to integrity, lifelong learning, leadership, diversity and inclusion.

Saima Aftab, MD, FACHE, FAAP Ela Lena, FACHE Terra Preston, FACHE Felicia C. Turnley, FACHE

All new Fellows are invited to be recognized for this amazing professional accomplishment. Thank you, Dr. Aftab, for sharing why you became a member and a Fellow and why you would encourage others, including physicians, to to do the same!



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EXECUTIVE SPOTLIGHT



Saima Aftab, MD, FACHE, FAAP VP, Organizational Initiatives, NCPS Chief, Section of Neonatology



How long have you been a member of ACHE? ACHE of South Florida?

I joined in March of 2020 and received Fellow status in August of 2021.

Why did you decide to join the organization?

I was encouraged to join ACHE by many of my colleagues. ACHE is an excellent platform which brings together a diverse group of healthcare leaders to network and share experiences. ACHE also offers excellent educational sessions and webinars that have helped me grow as a healthcare executive.

As a physician, why did you pursue becoming a Fellow?

As a physician and as an administrator I found ACHE to be an excellent forum. It draws membership from both the clinical and non-clinical side of healthcare with a shared goal of improving the quality of healthcare and advancing healthcare leadership. In short ACHE has something for everyone no matter what part of healthcare you come from.

Why would you encourage others, especially physicians, to join and pursue Fellowship?

I would encourage others especially physicians to join ACHE and pursue Fellowship. It has allowed me to gain the knowledge and skills needed to be an effective leader. My Fellowship journey helped solidify my understanding of the healthcare industry and its challenges. It also helped me improve my knowledge in a variety of different areas of healthcare management such as operations, finance and digital transformation just to name a few. In short, I feel that the Fellowship designation has helped me become a better leader, a better administrator and above all a better physician.

If you are exam-eligible, NOW is a GREAT time to schedule your BOG exam!

Take a look at the incentives that ACHE of South Florida and ACHE have in place for those that become Fellows before the end of *this* year!



REMINDER

You are only 1 step away from becoming board certified in healthcare management as a Fellow with ACHE.

HERE ARE 2 GREAT REASONS TO PASS YOUR EXAM THIS YEAR

ACHE of South Florida will reimburse you \$225 towards the cost of attending 2022 Congress!

Send a picture of your "PASS" results to Info@ACHEofSouthFlorida.org.

*Only available to candidates that pass prior to December 31, 2021.

**You must be an ACHE of South Florida member for at least the past year to qualify.

***Proof of payment for and attendance at 2022 ACHE Congress must be submitted by April 10, 2022. ACHE is offering a New Fellow Welcome Coupon worth up to \$200!

Members who advance to Fellow status (as of Jan. 1, 2021) are eligible for a one-time discount of up to \$200 toward the registration fee for an ACHE Face-to-Face Education credit program of their choice.

Restrictions apply. This special offer is awarded to new Fellows upon advancement and is valid for one year from the date of issue. New Fellows should navigate to <u>My Discount</u> <u>Programs</u>, located under Helpful Links on their My ACHE page. They will see the coupon code(s) listed under "Discount Program Coupons" at the bottom of the screen. They can select an ACHE Face-to-Face education program, add it to their shopping cart and apply the coupon code. Questions related to this promotion should be directed to ACHE customer service. Credit not valid towards the cost of local programs.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2021 ACHE Service Award Recipients Geness Lebron Bump Haroula Protopapadakis Norden, FACHE Isabell Pacheco, FACHE Ashley Vertuno, FACHE Kenneth C. Wong, FACHE Jeff Ritter, PhD

Thank You for Your Commitment to Service

Congratulations on achieving the 2021 American College of Healthcare Executives Recognition Program: Service Award.

The past 18 months have been a remarkable time in the history of our country—and an especially challenging time for all of us in healthcare. The work you continue to do in the face of a constantly changing COVID-19 landscape, continued challenges around race relations and helping our young people navigate returning to the physical classroom is incredibly important—and makes your unwavering commitment to advancing the field that much more impressive. I am honored to recognize your contributions to healthcare leadership excellence.

As always, we appreciate your commitment to volunteer service, the healthcare leadership profession, your chapter and ACHE. Your efforts to give back to our community are a hallmark of our organization.

Sincerely,

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Carrie Owen Plietz, FACHE Chair, ACHE Board of Governors

Why Become/Remain a Member of ACHE?

Join 48,000+ healthcare leaders from across the country and around the world, dedicated to improving health for their patients and their communities. Learn more about membership <u>HERE</u>.

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KRISTEN PALANZA VICE PRESIDENT, DEVELOPMENT, PARK SHORE DRUG INC.

Palanza joined ACHE while finishing her master's degree and believes that it has helped her excel in her position. She said, "My ACHE membership is the most valuable thing I've ever done, it's not about career advancement—it's about learning. My ACHE colleagues make me a better leader."

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"As a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), I am constantly looking at the 'big picture' in healthcare to assist in meeting the needs of the underserved population in behavioral health. Managing a specialty hospital, ACHE pulls me out of my zone to see what's going on in healthcare in general, and gives me a better grasp of the overall industry. While the fellowship path was demanding, it was important to my mission of making a difference in behavioral health. It shows my commitment to my profession, my career, to ACHE and to continuing education moving forward."

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Ralph Rios, FACHE VP, Professional Services West Kendall Baptist Hosptial VP, Academic Affairs Baptist Health South Florida

"When I'm involved in an activity, I want to reach the highest level of certification/accreditation available, take an active role, and be engaged and involved. That's why, as a healthcare leader, I joined ACHE and later pursued and obtained the Fellow credential - board certification in healthcare leadership. I believe that the Fellow credential demonstrates my commitment to the profession. When others see it, they not only know that I am an advanced professional, but it also acts as a conversation piece. Talking about being a Fellow both encourages nonmembers to get involved, and helps remove some of the mystique behind earning board certification in healthcare leadership and the perceived barriers for members who might be considering it. While challenging to earn, becoming a FACHE is achievable and rewarding."

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Thank You, 2021 Sponsors!

To kick off this Fall season, we are excited to bring you a very special newsletter that features this year's <u>Platinum and Gold Sponsors</u>.

In this prolonged and challenging healthcare climate, ACHE of South Florida continues to provide timely educational programs and events for members and the healthcare community to stay connected. The support from our annual sponsors gives our organization the opportunity to continue offering these programs and events, along with scholarships and financial assistance, that help us achieve our mission. Our sponsors represent the healthcare continuum, from leading healthcare systems and hospitals to premier academic institutions and companies that specialize in various facets of the overall healthcare industry.

Together, our sponsors are a dynamic group of companies that shape our local healthcare community. Each of our <u>Platinum and Gold Sponsors</u> provided us with a special message that they wanted to share with our ACHE of South Florida community.

Check out the Annual Salute to Sponsors

We are extremely grateful to you, our sponsors, for the support you provide not only to ACHE of South Florida but to our overall South Florida community.

Sincerely,

Kristen Palanza, MHSA, Sponsorship Chair Michelle Marsh, MHSA, Sponsorship Chair-Elect Kenneth C. Wong, FACHE, Chapter President



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