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The South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum



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Message from the President



Charles Felix
2019 Chapter President

Dear Colleague:

With 2020 right around the corner, the transition reminds me of the importance of renewal as well as reflection. Let's reflect first. It's been an exciting year for SFHEF with many great educational and networking events. We've run the gamut from such important topics as Physician Satisfaction and Reducing Burnout to our sold-out November Networking at Chops & Hops, an axe-throwing lodge!

This will be my last message in the SFHEF Newsletter, and I can't thank you all enough for giving me a "another bite of the apple." Being President for the second time was a great honor and experience. I am proud of the work our Board has done and its many exciting future plans. There is a lot of work involved in moving an organization forward and upward and no one does it alone. And while it's too late to become a 2020 Board member, I encourage all of you to think ahead to 2021. Being on the Board of Directors or a SFHEF committee allows you to guide the direction of our organization, determine what activities are in the best interests of the membership, and to collaborate with leaders in the healthcare field. And the best way to achieve a Board position is to spend the coming year volunteering, volunteering, volunteering. I can't emphasize enough how important SFHEF involvement and experience is to be considered for a future position. Board members are not just "pretty faces" — these positions require a lot of work, time and commitment though out the entire year. But, at the same time, the rewards are tremendous.

Over the next year, we should all prepare for many disruptive conversations about the state of our industry which will hold us all even more accountable to positively influence healthcare in South Florida as well as our entire country. Let's never forget that we all will make a difference ... so let's connect!



Ashley R. Vertuno, FACHE
Regent for Florida – Eastern

Autumn 2019

Dear Colleague:

We have a lot to be thankful for this year with ACHE through all the accomplishments in our very own chapters. I am proud to see both chapters moving the needle with the reinstatement membership campaign. Central Florida reinstated 66.9% and South Florida 55.4% of members who had lapsed membership accounts. These percentage points of reinstatement go to all the hard work over the last year on the programming, networking, and chapter events that seek the appeal of our members. What a great accomplishment to each chapter. ACHE is now offering an auto-renewal option. This is a great feature and I hope you will take advantage of this. Login to ACHE.org now to activate this membership option today.

We have a total of 1,680 members between the two chapters of Central and South Florida, of which 12.6% have the credentials of FACHE. With the efforts of programming over 40 programs this past year have assisted in more than 200 of the 1,680 members becoming eligible for Fellow advancement. I hope all our members and especially our Fellows will reach out to the 200 eligible for advancement to encourage them to apply for Fellow advancement within ACHE.

Vigorous work has gone into this year to be thankful for all the achievements. At the ACHE Chapter Leaders Conference in September, South Florida Healthcare Executives Forum took home the Diversity Award for the year. Way to go to this chapter for dedicating their programs, networking, and board to Diversity. At this conference, both our Chapter Presidents had an opportunity to highlight the chapters and the successes that are happening within Central and South Florida. Thank you to both Victor Rosenbaum, FACHE and Charles Felix for their service and commitment to ACHE. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you.

Two service awards have been given out this year as well. These two individuals have received the ACHE Service Award for their volunteer activities throughout all of ACHE activities.

I offer a special thank you to Jake Poore and Gloria I. San Miguel.

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Message from Your ACHE Regent (continued from previous page)

Annual Regent Awards - This is one of the hardest parts of being a Regent, selecting the senior and early careerist awards with over 1,680 members to choose from as I know everyone is dedicated to their career and the mission of ACHE. This could not have been done without the Regent Advisory Council, which is made up of five individuals, plus me, who assist in nominating and selecting the award recipients for the Regent awards - Victor Rosenbaum, FACHE, Charles Felix, Haroula Protopapadakis, FACHE, Kenneth Wong, and Daniel Honerbrink, FACHE. Thank you for serving ACHE and assisting my role in selecting these profound recipients.

Central Florida:

- Senior Career Award: Daniel C. Honerbrink, FACHE
- Early Career Award: Neil A. Mangus, FACHE

These two recipients received their award at the Annual Florida Hospital Association Meeting, ACHE Luncheon with their peers and our other Florida Chapters in October.

There is still time to get involved. See the list of upcoming events that are near your areas. Keep reading, watch your emails for the session reminders and invites, continue to attend events and stay engaged. It's all part of ACHE's values of continuation of learning!

SAVE THE DATES - 2019:

December 9-12

- ACHE Orlando Cluster

SAVE THE DATES - 2020:

January 18

- ACHE Central Florida Annual Gala, Orlando, FL

January 22

- South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum- Installation Dinner, Davie, FL

March 23-26

- Annual ACHE Congress, Chicago, IL

I wish each of you a warm and safe holiday season and I am looking forward to all the new and exciting activities that we are moving forward with for 2020. Have a great holiday and I will see all of you in the New Year!

If I can help you in any way in my role as Regent, please call on me.

Best,

Ashley R. Vertuno, FACHE
Regent for Florida - Eastern
Chief Operating Officer
Westside Regional Medical Ctr-HCA

South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum 2019 Scholarship

The South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum (SFHEF), Inc. Board of Directors has established the funding of two (2) health care management scholarships:

- one graduate scholarship (\$1500)

- one undergraduate scholarship (\$1000)



Click [HERE](#) to download Fall 2019 Scholarship Application Form.

Upcoming Events



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Florida Atlantic University is classified by the **Carnegie Foundation** as a research university with high research activity. The university offers more than 180 undergraduate and graduate degree programs within its 10 colleges in addition to a professional degree from the College of Medicine. Programs of study cover arts and humanities, the sciences, medicine, nursing, accounting, business, education, public administration, social work, architecture, engineering, and computer science.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - *Let's Connect*

The South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum (SFHEF) is the local chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). SFHEF's mission is to improve healthcare delivery by providing members with access to educational, networking and career development activities.

Heather Havericak's health care journey started at the age of 12, when her mother was diagnosed with Stage 4 head and neck cancer. Though she had originally planned to go into elementary education as a college freshman, she soon changed her major to nursing, and began working her way up the ranks as a nurse while earning more advanced degrees. Today, she is the CEO of Broward Health Medical Center and Salah Foundation Children's Hospital, where she is responsible for overall strategic planning and functional operations.

"I was introduced to the healthcare community at a young age, and realized that I wanted to be a part of it after experiencing my mother's journey," she said of her passion for the field.

Originally from Chicago, Havericak attended the College of DuPage School of Nursing to get her associate degree before moving to Florida, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Florida International University. She received her Master of Science in Nursing Administration from Indiana State University.

"I started as a nurse at Miami Children's Hospital, (now Nicklaus), and later joined Broward, where I've been for 14 years," she said.

"What I like most about my role as the CEO are the people I work with and the community we serve," she said of the medical center that cares for the northern two-thirds of Broward County. "Many of the people that we work with do not have the means for health care, so our mission is very important. And I continue to be impressed by the people at Broward who carry out this mission every single day."

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Heather Havericak, FACHE

The South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum, Inc. (SFHEF), the local chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), is organized to improve healthcare delivery by providing opportunities for the professional development of its members through educational and social activities.

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