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## **ACHE Announces 2013 Higher Education Awards**

**CHICAGO, March 8, 2013**—The American College of Healthcare Executives announced the winners of its 2013 higher education awards, which consist of the Higher Education Network Awards and the Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management.

The awards will be presented on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at the Leon I. Gintzig Commemorative Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE's 56th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

The 2013 winner of the **Higher Education Network Award** is:

- **Army-Baylor University**, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for being the graduate program that demonstrated the highest level of ACHE engagement.

ACHE established the Higher Education Network Awards to recognize those Higher Education Network participants whose programs have demonstrated a commitment to engagement with ACHE.

Following are the 2013 winners of the **Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management:**

**Prashant K. Dilwali** of Johns Hopkins University won first place in the graduate division for his essay, "From Acute Care to Home Care: The Evolution of Hospital Responsibility and Rationale for Increased Vertical Integration." In the undergraduate division, **Michael A. Ewing** of The University of Alabama won first place for his essay, Dilwali and Ewing each will receive \$3,000 and a plaque. Their schools each will receive \$1,000. The first-place essays will be published in the

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In the graduate division, **Hilary E. Griffin** of Baylor University took second place for her essay, "Ready...Set...Transition: A Case for Accountable Care." In the undergraduate division, the second-place prize went to **Alyssa Leyritz** of Ohio University for her essay, "Planetree Model: Planting the Seed for Patient Personalization." The second-place winner in each division will receive \$2,000 and a plaque.

**Rajiv Ahuja** of Carnegie Mellon University won third place in the graduate division for his essay, "Toyota Style Medicine: A Lean Approach to Improving Healthcare." **Drew Weil** of Central Michigan University won third place in the undergraduate division for his essay, "Motivating Factors in the Formation of Accountable Care Organizations: Profiles of Success." Both third-place winners will receive \$1,000 and a plaque.

The purpose of the Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management is to stimulate and demonstrate the ability of future healthcare executives to identify and describe important issues and developments in their chosen profession. It is open to all ACHE Student Associates enrolled in either a graduate or an undergraduate U.S. or Canadian health administration program that is part of ACHE's Higher Education Network. The competition was named in honor of ACHE's fourth CEO, Richard J. Stull, FACHE, who served from 1965 to

1979. For more information and submission guidelines, contact Desmond J. Ryan, FACHE, CAE, associate director of ACHE's Division of Regional Services, at (312) 424-9325 or [dryan@ache.org](mailto:dryan@ache.org).

### **About the American College of Healthcare Executives**

The **American College of Healthcare Executives** is an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management. ACHE's established network of more than 80 chapters provides access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and its career development and public policy programs. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery. **The Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives** was established to further advance healthcare management excellence through education and research. The Foundation of ACHE is known for its educational programs—including the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,500 participants—and groundbreaking research. Its publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on health services management including textbooks for college and university courses.

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