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ACHE Announces Winners of the 2017 Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management

CHICAGO, March 28, 2017—The American College of Healthcare Executives announced the winners of its 2017 Richard J. Stull Student Essay Competition in Healthcare Management. The awards will be presented Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at the Leon I. Gintzig Commemorative Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE's 60th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

Mira A. King of George Washington University won first place in the graduate division for her essay "The PII Solution to Mental Health Care Delivery: Prevention, Intervention & Integration." In the undergraduate division, **Natalie L. Birkelien** of James Madison University won first place for her essay "A Strategic Framework for Improving the Patient Experience in Hospitals."

King and Birkelien each will receive \$3,000 and a plaque. Their schools each will receive \$1,000. The first-place essays will be published in the *Journal of Healthcare Management*, ACHE's official journal.

In the graduate division, **MAJ Joseph R. Yancey, MD**, of Army-Baylor University, took second place for his essay "Can Planning Ahead Save Health Care Costs at the End of Life?" In the undergraduate division, the second-place prize went to **Zachary Mauricio** of The University of Texas at Dallas for his essay "Quality Labor Program: Physician Leadership following the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA)" The second-place winner in each division will receive \$2,000 and a plaque.

Emma L. Ravenscroft of The University of Iowa won third place in the graduate division for her essay "Analyzing the Impact of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act on the Hospital-Physician." **Julia Alton Tubbs** of Auburn University won third place in the undergraduate division for her essay "Sustaining the Healthcare System through New Staffing Models, Community Relationships, and Multidisciplinary Outpatient Facilities." 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 Sheila Brown, chapter specialist of ACHE's Division of Regional Services, at (312) 424-9316 or sbrown@ache.org.

About the American College of Healthcare Executives

The **American College of Healthcare Executives** is an international professional society of 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE's mission is to advance our members and healthcare management excellence. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management. ACHE's established network of 78 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 vision of being the preeminent professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving health. **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 4,000 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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