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HLNY represents professionals who manage the business affairs of healthcare organizations throughout the New York Metropolitan area. No other professional association is more essential for meeting the career needs and interests of healthcare executives in New York State. The 1,600+ members come together for networking and events, career advancement, professional enrichment, and continuing education. Our Leadership Team strives to make HLNY the preeminent organization for healthcare business professionals in the Greater New York Area.

The HLNY Mission is to advance healthcare leadership, diversity, and management excellence through professional enrichment and continuing education of our members. We support high ethical standards and conduct, and promote the mission of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Connect, Learn, Lead, Advance, Succeed. Where else but with HLNY.

Connect with colleagues at monthly program events.

Learn more about the most relevant healthcare topics facing healthcare organizations today.

Lead the way in transforming the business of healthcare.

Advance your career.

Succeed as a healthcare leader.
Tonight’s Program

Cocktail Reception

DESSERT AND PROGRAM

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
JASON TENZER, FACHE
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ACHE ADDRESS & REGENT’S AWARD PRESENTATION
MICHAEL J. FOSINA, FACHE
ACHE Regent

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Dear Colleagues and Guests,

The 2015 HLNY Board and I welcome you to our Annual Gala and Awards Program. We are very pleased that you could join us this evening to support HLNY, network with your peers and honor our 2015 Award of Distinction Honoree, Christopher J. O’Connor, FACHE, Executive Vice President of GNYHA Ventures, Inc., President of GNYHA Services, Inc. and President of Nexera, Inc. An honor that is well deserved based on Chris’ years of service and impact within our industry. Chris exemplifies our spirit this year of embracing collaboration as a key to success. I am overjoyed that we will get the opportunity to hear him share his professional journey and personal insights with us this evening.

I also congratulate this year’s ACHE Regent Awardees – John Federspiel, Nicholas Bilas, Elissa Chessari Waliszewski and Christine Soufastai, along with this year’s HLNY scholarship recipients – Dupe Ajayi, New York University - Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service; Kayla Spence, St. John’s University - College of Professional Studies; Jeffrey Ma, Columbia University - Mailman School of Public Health.

Thank you to our Chapter Officers, Board members, Committee Chairs and Committee Members for their tremendous dedication to the vision of HLNY. Thank you to ACHE and our Corporate Sponsors for their unwavering support of our organization as it is their continuous contributions that enable us to provide increased and unique educational and professional development programs, larger venues to support our growth, and additional value to our membership while adhering to our mission.

The entire HLNY Board and our Committees have turned the foci this year to two important initiatives for our chapter. The first being support of our members in their journey to advancement within the college as we continue to encourage more of our members to pursue fellowship. After leading our chapter through an exciting Innovation Grant Award project last year to promote the importance of fellowship advancement, I am very excited to carry us through the next phase of this initiative beyond the grant. We already have over 20 people enrolled in our Fellowship Concierge Program where eligible members are paired up with current fellows to guide them through the advancement process. Additionally, we also hosted a Board of Governors Exam review course in May that quickly filled up and received excellent reviews. HLNY is truly dedicated to advancing our members and I encourage anyone who is interested to email us at FACHE@hlny.org for more information.

The past year has been full of rich programming and educational events, including Integrating the Principles of Patient-Centered Care, our 2015 Diversity Event – Diversity in Healthcare Management: Value-Added Business Sense, and Technology Innovation Changing the Face of Healthcare Delivery, to highlight a few. A significant portion of our membership interactions come through programs like these and to continue pursuit of our other focus this year, engagement and collaboration across our entire membership, we plan to offer more programs that will include and interest a diverse audience. Leveraging the diversity of our membership across all career stages and workplace settings will provide even greater strength to our already robust interactions.

Having been an ACHE member since 2001 and a student chapter President during graduate school, I am honored and humbled to serve you, our membership, as President of HLNY in 2015. I would like to thank each of you for your commitment to our profession and feedback to help HLNY continue our mission and growth. I always seek out any opportunity to engage our members or others interested in becoming members and encourage you to please feel free to reach out to me directly at jtenzer@hlny.org.

On behalf of the HLNY Board, Committees and ACHE Leadership, congratulations to all of our awardees and best wishes for continued success!

Warm regards,

Jason Tenzer, MPH, FACHE
President, Healthcare Leaders of New York
Dear Healthcare Leaders of New York,

While I am not able to join you in person for your signature annual event, I am honored to be able to contribute a few words to your celebration of another year of success for the Healthcare Leaders of New York, and through it, the American College of Healthcare Executives. As you gather together tonight in person, please celebrate each other, for all of you are leaders championing the groundswell of transformation that our industry needs.

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to those being honored for their service to the health care profession this evening. Of particular importance to me, your tradition of honoring individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to mentoring those around them commands my utmost respect. The College has been a powerful force in my career and professional development, and, when I look back, it is my mentors to whom I owe my biggest debt of gratitude. I also want to acknowledge the singular work being done by your local leaders, including your Regent, Michael J. Fosina, FACHE, as well as your District 1 Governors, Kathleen A. Bizarro-Thunberg, FACHE, and James W. Connolly, FACHE. I know that they will be with you this evening and advance my good wishes as well as their own.

On behalf of each of the elected leaders of the College, I extend my hearty congratulations to you for another impactful year—for helping others realize their professional goals and demonstrate their dedication to healthcare management excellence. I wish you a wonderful gala and commend each of you for your commitment to your own success and that of the industry that we all proudly serve.

Sincerely,
Richard D. Cordova, FACHE
ACHE Chairman
Dear HLNY Members, ACHE Affiliates, and Guests,

It is a privilege to represent and support the HLNY chapter as an ACHE Governor serving our District 1. On behalf of all the ACHE Governors and the ACHE leadership team we wish you a very successful and fun event! Tonight is a special celebration and recognition – especially for Christopher O’Connor who is receiving this years “Award of Distinction”. Congratulations to Christopher and to each of tonight’s 2015 honorees.

A few years ago Dan Sisto, the former President of HANYS, shared an observation with me about the American College of Healthcare Executives. Dan noted that the ACHE was the only organization he knew of that was committed to the individual health executive’s personal and professional success. That remains true today! Tonight’s theme – “Collaborating For Success” – is a frequent topic of conversation within ACHE’s leadership as we seek to support you in reevaluating alliances, population health and who our partners need to be in the future.

Over the past year ACHE had introduced its new strategic plan with three key goals:

- **Preserve and Enhance** ACHE’s core offerings that make it your trusted partner
- **Extend and Adapt** ACHE’s offerings to (i) meet the needs of emerging health care leaders across the continuum of care, and (ii) foster greater diversity, and
- **Innovate and Educate** by (i) delivering meaningful solutions, (ii) identifying emerging competencies, (iii) fostering career planning, and (iv) convening thought leaders

The ACHE staff, Board of Governors and chapter leaders are committed to critically evaluating ACHE products and services with a focus on both the current and future needs of the professions we serve. We know we need to convey relevant and thought-provoking information so that your ACHE membership will help you excel professionally and advance healthcare management.

I congratulate the HLNY Chapter on doing such an outstanding job in continuing to offer events such as the one you’re attending tonight and I commend the terrific group of dedicated individuals who represent you in leading our HLNY Chapter. We hope you too will be inspired to give back to your healthcare professional colleagues by volunteering for your chapter.

We thank you – our members – for all your support and your dedication to improving healthcare delivery and the health of your patients and communities.

Congratulations!

James W. Connolly

James W. Connolly, FACHE
ACHE Governor
ACHE/HLNY Colleagues:

The Healthcare Leaders of New York annual gala is always one of the best events of the year. It is great to spend time networking with colleagues, meeting new friends and most of all honoring those that are making a difference in our chapter and in ACHE. Tonight’s gala is the highlight of a busy and fulfilling year for the chapter, filled with so many great programs and events. As a team, Jim Connolly, your Governor, your HLNY Board and I bring your issues forward to be sure they are heard on the national level at ACHE. We are all fortunate that the leadership of ACHE is wonderful at listening and working with us to make your affiliation with Association much more rewarding.

We are also fortunate to have such highly accomplished leaders and early careerists to honor here tonight. They are each playing a large role in helping New York improve the quality and access to care in an ever changing healthcare environment. Congratulations to tonight’s Regent award winners.

**Award of Distinction Honoree**
Christopher J. O'Connor

**Senior Level Healthcare Executive**
John Federspiel

**Early Career Healthcare Executive Regent's Awards**
Nicholas Bilas
Christine Soufastai
Elissa Chessari Waliszewski

Healthcare is changing on a daily basis. Leaders, like the ones we are honoring tonight, will help guide us on this path to continued success. Congratulations again to our honorees, keep up the excellent work that you do, we are fortunate and honored to work alongside you.

I am honored to work with our HLNY Board - an outstanding group of committed individuals. We are truly lucky to have them lead the Chapter. Thank you on putting together such a successful gala and thank you for all the work you do throughout the year.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

**Michael J. Fosina, MPH, FACHE**
*Regent for New York- Metropolitan New York*
HLNY/ACHE
The Healthcare Leaders of New York Membership Committee is responsible for recruiting new members and orienting them to the organization, ensuring that existing members are engaged in the activities of the organization and that seasoned members are enabled with the tools to enrich their careers through advancement opportunities.

HLNY is one of the largest ACHE chapters with over 1,600 members!

The Board of HLNY would like to thank the Membership Committee for their hard work and great results for the 2014/2015 HLNY program year.

**Membership Committee Members:**

Christine Soufastai, Chair  
Waseem Akhtar  
Michael Yen  
Alyeah Ramjit  
Marquise Jimenez  
Dolores Mendez  
Jessica Lake
The Healthcare Leaders of New York offers high quality and timely educational programs throughout the year. HLNY’s programs are designed to foster interaction and networking among healthcare management professionals. The Program Committee is responsible for organizing all educational and networking events, including monthly didactic programs, student networking, and career development events. It is our mission to provide the HLNY membership with the most interesting, up-to-date, career-enhancing programming presented by true leaders in the healthcare field.

In addition, the Program Committee is committed to offering Face-to-Face or Qualified Education credits to those who attend educational programs as a means to assist members in advancing to and maintaining ACHE Fellow (FACHE) status.

The Program and Events Committee Chair oversees the planning and execution of all HLNY programs as well as collaborating with other professional associations to enhance HLNY’s educational offerings.

The Program Committee is responsible for:
• Developing annual program schedules
• Identifying and selecting speakers
• Developing program agendas
• Collaborating with other HLNY Committees to promote programs and events
• Applying for ACHE educational credits
• Selecting venues and program logistics
• Preparing and rehearsing speakers
• Registering attendees at events
• Conducting post-event surveys
• Reporting attendance numbers and satisfaction scores
• Developing new Face-To-Face Discussion Topics

**Program Committee Members:**

Pam O’Brien, Chair  
Manav Surti  
Rebecca Wellman  
Stewart Ault  
Paul Bousquet  
Christine Going  
Kayla Spence
Charged with overseeing the financial operations of HLNY, the Treasurer works closely with the Chapter President, President-Elect and Immediate Past-President to ensure the organization is financially sound. The Treasurer leads the Finance Committee and supports the chapter in its fiduciary responsibilities. In its planning role, the Finance Committee is responsible for setting and maintaining HLNY’s annual budget. The Finance Committee is also responsible for monitoring and identifying potential conflicts of interest between Chapter leaders and the organization. Additionally, the Finance Committee collaborates with the Membership Committee in fundraising through the annual gala and corporate sponsorship efforts to provide financial support for HLNY educational programs, community activities, and the Emerging Healthcare Leaders Scholarship program.

**Finance Committee Members:**

Paige Dworak, Treasurer, Chair  
Jason Tenzer, FACHE  
Stephanie Meier, FACHE  
Alison B. Flynn, FACHE  
Samuel Lin
The Marketing Committee is responsible for identifying innovative and effective marketing plans, promoting the HLNY brand, and establishing communication methods and media options for HLNY members. The committee works to shape, guide and refine the organization’s image and reputation. They address internal as well as external marketing and strategic communication issues and needs.

In addition, the Marketing Committee has ongoing responsibility of the HLNY website, print and electronic communications, and for social media outlets which includes the LinkedIn and Twitter HLNY pages.

**Marketing Committee Members:**

Nicholas Bilas, Chair  
Craig Mayer  
Melida Martinez  
Christopher Riley  
Clarence Bell
As a guest at the HLNY Gala, you are presented with the final product of what is the culmination of months’ worth of planning, anticipation, negotiations, preparation, and promotion. The HLNY Board, Sponsorship Team, Journal Team, and Gala Planning Team have worked diligently to ensure that the event comes together seamlessly. We have thoroughly thought out design aspects, food selection, expedited registration, and the awards presentation program to ensure that our guests have the best experience possible. Our team has constructed and edited the gala journal to showcase numerous HLNY and ACHE accomplishments. We are grateful for the support we receive from our sponsors, and also for the opportunity to work with this exciting group of individuals.

The Sponsorship and Gala Committee is honored to have had the chance to once again make this event as special and memorable as possible for you and your colleagues. It is our hope that you have enjoyed your time at the 2015 HLNY Gala and we hope to see you at one of our monthly programs soon!

**Sponsorship and Gala Committee Members:**

Brittany Drake-Koo, Chair  
Elissa Chessari Waliszewski  
Keith Hoffman  
Alex Lentini  
Sahar Malek
The “Award of Distinction” began in 1989 to recognize healthcare executives who have demonstrated a sustained and outstanding contribution to the advancement of healthcare administration as a profession. Recipients of this award have a tradition of mentoring the people around them and of working to ensure that the next generation of executives is prepared to meet the challenges of the future.

2015
Christopher J. O’Connor, FACHE

2014
Susan Fox

2013
Wayne M. Osten

2012
Alan D. Aviles

2011
Daniel Sisto

2010
Gail F. Donovan

2009
Louis Shapiro, FACHE

2008
Stephen S. Mills, FACHE

2007
Michael J. Dowling

2006
Arthur A. Klein, MD

2005
John R. Spicer

2004
John E. Baer, DPA
Arthur E. Weintraub
John P. Sganga, FACHE
Carla E. Herman

2003
James R. Tallon, Jr.
Henry R. Karpe, FACHE
Bernard Weinstein, LFACHE

2002
Cosmo J. LaCosta, FACHE

2001
Robert Levine, FACHE

2000
Fred S. Sganga, FACHE

1999
Salvatore J. Russo, Esq.

1998
Mark Mundy, FACHE

1997
John Ferguson, FACHE

1996
Frank Maddalena

1995
David Rosen

1994
Jeffrey Frerichs

1993
Lee H. Perlman, FACHE

1992
Ronald B. Milch, FACHE

1991
Gary S. Horan, FACHE

1990
Joseph S. Orlando, FACHE

1989
Frank Camerano, FACHE
MR. CHRISTOPHER J. O’CONNOR, CMRP, FACHE
Executive Vice President
GNYHA Ventures, Inc.

Mr. O’Connor has worked in the consulting and healthcare industry for over two decades. He has held a variety of leadership positions over the course of his career and has built a reputation as an innovative and growth-oriented thought leader. Mr. O’Connor has worked within the provider side of healthcare and at some of the top consulting firms across the globe.

Currently, Mr. O’Connor serves as Executive Vice President of GNYHA Ventures, Inc., the parent company for a number of for-profit businesses, and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA). GNYHA is a unique trade association comprising over 300 hospitals and continuing care facilities, both voluntary and public, in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Puerto Rico.

Mr. O’Connor also serves as President of GNYHA Services, Inc., an acute care group purchasing organization. In his role as President, he is responsible for the management and growth of the GNYHA Services/Premier portfolio, as well as the Business Solutions Group, Business Strategy, Pharmacy Services, and Strategic Contracting Services divisions. Mr. O’Connor, along with his team, has been a critical component in client base expansion, strengthening, and growth. Under his tenure, the company’s profitability has grown exponentially. Most importantly, through GNYHA Services, the cost curve has been positively impacted.

Mr. O’Connor is also President of Nexera, Inc., a healthcare consulting firm he created when he first joined GNYHA in 2003. Nexera’s initial focus was to assist hospitals and long term care facilities to identify and implement strategies to reduce supply chain cost through operational and strategic improvement. Today, the firm’s services have grown to include: Financial Improvement, Performance Improvement, Technology Optimization, Project Management, Strategic Advisory Services, Management & Workforce Solutions, Sterile Processing, Value Analysis, and, through the supply chain, leading providers to the intersection of cost, quality, and outcomes.

In addition to his years at GNYHA, Mr. O’Connor has worked at KPMG and Deloitte. There he spent several years working internationally in Brazil, Holland, and South Africa on supply chain projects in financial services, manufacturing, and transportation. Once back in the U.S., Mr. O’Connor spent a year working with the United Nations and the then-budding Department of Homeland Security. He also successfully worked in the areas of cost reduction, M&A, reorganizations, strategy, system implementations (ERP), technology optimization, and health reform.

Mr. O’Connor is currently a Fellow and the Immediate Past Chair of the Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). He is former Chair of the Premier Purchasing Partners National Technology Steering Committee (2003-2010), as well as a former Board Member of the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA). He is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM).

Mr. O’Connor is an active speaker and author on a variety of healthcare, leadership, and supply chain topics. He has served as an adjunct instructor at Cornell University, Iona College, and SUNY Binghamton teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in Healthcare and Supply Chain Management. In addition, he has guest lectured on the topics of Leadership, Career Management, and Executive Perspectives within the Healthcare Programs.

Mr. O’Connor received his Bachelor of Arts in English Education from Iona College. He also has a Master’s of Business Administration in Production Operation Management and a Post Master’s Certificate in Management from Iona College’s Hagan School of Business.
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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The American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Recognition Program celebrates affiliates’ commitment to the healthcare management profession. Recognition is bestowed at three levels based on a range of specific volunteer activities that demonstrate leadership and contributions to furthering professional excellence. All active ACHE affiliates are eligible to be recognized.

The ACHE Recognition Program is based on points accrued through volunteer activities performed in a convocation year (April–March). Points begin to accrue for affiliates beginning with the 2003-2004 convocation year and are cumulative from year to year.

An affiliate does not need to achieve a set number of points in a single year, but rather points will build over time. In that manner, affiliates have the opportunity to progress through the three award levels.

The three award levels are:
- Exemplary Service Award = 65 points
- Distinguished Service Award = 75 points
- Service Award = 30 points

Of the 1,600+ HLNY members, 62 members received 1-star/Service award, 12 members received 2-stars, Distinguished award and 5 members received 3-stars/Exemplary Service award.

**Exemplary Service Award:**
- Daniel J. Messina, PhD, FACHE (2014)
- MaryAnn Brown, FACHE (2012)
- Emily Marcelli, FACHE (2011)
- Adam K. Weinstein, FACHE (2010)

**Distinguished Service Award:**
- John Prins, RN, FACHE (2015)
- Sandra M. Iberger, FACHE (2014)
- John E. Sciortino, FACHE (2014)
- Lloyd F. Torres (2014)
- Paul Maguire, FACHE (2012)
- Chantal Volei-Torres (2012)
- Deborah D’Agostino, FACHE (2011)
- Timothy Ols, FACHE (2011)
- Kevin Spiegel, FACHE (2011)
- MaryAnn Brown, FACHE (2010)
- Emily Marcelli, FACHE (2009)
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- Betty Koshy (2013)
- Janet L. Ready, RN, FACHE (2013)
- Rachel I. Spiegel (2013)
- Jason E. Tenzer (2013)
- Vijayan Aroumougame, PhD, FACHE (2012)
- August Cordeiro, FACHE (2012)
- Daniel Kline, FACHE (2012)
- Joseph Marotta, FACHE (2012)
- Kathleen Masiulis, FACHE (2012)
- Aaron Mitra, FACHE (2012)
- Philip Patterson, FACHE (2012)
- John E. Sciortino, FACHE (2012)
- Michael Tretola, FACHE (2012)
- James Connolly, FACHE (2011)
- Maureen DoranMineo, FACHE (2011)
- Elizabeth Eldridge, FACHE (2011)
- Timothy Finan, FACHE (2011)
- John Galati, FACHE (2011)
- Eugenia Karp (2011)
- Rochelle Krowinski, RN, FACHE (2011)
- Kevin Molloy, FACHE (2011)
- Johnathan Prins, RN (2011)
- Lloyd Torres, (2011)
- Patricia Williams (2011)
- Mary Ann Witt, FACHE (2011)
- Maria Favale, PharmD, FACHE (2010)
- Vincent Immiti, FACHE (2010)
- Cosmo J. LaCosta Sr., FACHE (2010)
- Kenneth J. Feldman, PhD, FACHE (2013)
- Todd S. Greenberg, FACHE (2013)
- Betty Koshy (2013)
- Janet L. Ready, RN, FACHE (2013)
- Rachel I. Spiegel (2013)
- Jason E. Tenzer (2013)
- Vijayan Aroumougame, PhD, FACHE (2012)
- August Cordeiro, FACHE (2012)
- Daniel Kline, FACHE (2012)
- Joseph Marotta, FACHE (2012)
- Kathleen Masiulis, FACHE (2012)
- Aaron Mitra, FACHE (2012)
- Philip Patterson, FACHE (2012)
- John E. Sciortino, FACHE (2012)
- Michael Tretola, FACHE (2012)
- James Connolly, FACHE (2011)
- Maureen DoranMineo, FACHE (2011)
- Elizabeth Eldridge, FACHE (2011)
- Timothy Finan, FACHE (2011)
- John Galati, FACHE (2011)
- Eugenia Karp (2011)
- Rochelle Krowinski, RN, FACHE (2011)
- Kevin Molloy, FACHE (2011)
- Johnathan Prins, RN (2011)
- Lloyd Torres, (2011)
- Patricia Williams (2011)
- Mary Ann Witt, FACHE (2011)
- Maria Favale, PharmD, FACHE (2010)
- Vincent Immiti, FACHE (2010)
- Cosmo J. LaCosta Sr., FACHE (2010)
- Irina Lutinger, FACHE (2010)
- Paul Maguire, FACHE (2010)
- Gino Pazzaglini, FACHE (2010)
- Lee Perlman, FACHE (2010)
- Steven Schoener (2010)
- Chantal Volei-Torres (2010)
- James Barrett (2009)
- Karen Lower, RN (2009)
- Bertine McKenna, PhD, FACHE (2009)
- Thomas Nuttle, FACHE (2009)
- Timothy Ols, FACHE (2009)
- Ron Spencer, FACHE (2009)
- MaryAnn Brown, FACHE (2008)
- Charles Conole, FACHE (2008)
- Deborah D’Agostino, FACHE (2008)
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- Emily Marcelli, FACHE (2008)
- Brian Mitteer, FACHE (2008)
- Michael Senf, FACHE (2008)
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- Kevin Spiegel, FACHE (2008)
- Adam K. Weinstein, FACHE (2008)
Regent’s Awards

Senior Level Healthcare Executives Regent’s Award - Recognizes ACHE affiliates who are experienced in the field and have significantly contributed toward the advancement of healthcare management excellence and the achievement of the goals of ACHE. Affiliates are evaluated on leadership ability, innovative and creative management, executive capability in developing their own organization and promoting its growth and stature in the community, contributions to the development of others in the healthcare profession, leadership in local, state, or hospital and health association activities in civic/community activities and projects and participation in College activities and interest in assisting the College in achieving its objectives.

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REGENT’S AWARD RECIPIENTS:

**2015**
John Federspiel  
Nicholas Bilas, MBA  
Christine Soufastai, MPH  
Elissa Chessari Waliszewski

**2014**
MaryAnn Brown, FACHE  
Paul F. Maguire, FACHE  
Hunter Greene  
Tim Gorton

**2013**
James Y. Lee, FACHE  
Paul Savage  
Stephanie Meier, FACHE  
Jason Tenzer, MPH, FACHE  
Maija N. Williams, MPH

**2012**
Donna M. McGregor, FACHE, FHFMA  
Barry Kriesberg, FACHE  
Michael J. Gatto, MPA  
John Prins, RN, FACHE  
Rachel Spiegel  
Arun K. Agrawal, MS, MD, MBA, FRCS  
Joseph A. Quagliata

**2011**
Michael J. Fosina, MPH, FACHE  
Robert S. Ross, FACHE  
Gerry Ibay, JD  
Eugenia Karp, MPA

**2010**
Alan H Rosenblut, FACHE  
Deborah Groner D’Agostino, FACHE  
Cheray Burnett, FACHE  
Leroy Francis

**2009**
Annette Choofaian, RN, MPA  
Patricia E. Daye, FACHE  
Sandra M. Iberger, MBA, FACHE  
Kevin Molloy, FACHE

**2008**
Daniel P. Walsh, FACHE  
Maria I. Mendez, MA, MT (ASCP)  
Thomas J. O’Donnell

**2007**
Todd S. Greenberg, FACHE  
Solomon A. Torres, MPA, LNHA, FACHE  
Elizabeth Eldridge, FACHE  
Chantal C. Volel-Torres

**2006**
Frank J. Cracolici  
Dominick M. Stanzione  
Ruth E. Hennessey, CHE
John C. Federspiel is in his 28th year as president of NewYork-Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt Manor, NY.

Since he took the helm, Hudson Valley Hospital has grown from a small community hospital, out-dated and out-moded, both technically and aesthetically, to a state-of-the-art facility that rivals much larger institutions in the quality of care it delivers. During his tenure, the hospital's annual operating budget has increased nine-fold.

After guiding Hudson Valley Hospital through a financial turn-around and winning the American Hospital Association's Turnaround Contest, Mr. Federspiel was responsible for building new ER, OR and Laboratory space with a new $27 million addition in 1995.

As part of his strategy for growing the hospital throughout the 1990’s, Mr. Federspiel directed the opening of several off-site locations in neighboring communities to bring outpatient services and physicians offices to local residents. The medical staff tripled in size during this time.

The hospital in 2010 completed a $100 million renovation, including a four-story, 84-bed, all-private patient tower, new, larger, state-of-the-art operating rooms and an expansion of its emergency department. The hospital’s emergency department was the first no-wait ED in the region. It serves an average of 40,000 patients annually and is the second busiest emergency room in Westchester and Putnam counties.

This was followed in 2011 by the opening of the first comprehensive cancer center in upper Westchester, offering radiation therapy, infusion and support services to patients in one location. In January of this year, the hospital became part of NewYork-Presbyterian, the number one hospital in New York, according to US News & World Report.

Under his tenure the hospital has distinguished itself with a series of awards and recognition. HVH was the first hospital in the region to earn the Magnet Award for Nursing Excellence and the only one to earn it twice - in 2007 and again in 2012. HVH earned the Gold Plus award for Stroke Care from the American Heart Association in 2013, 2014 and 2015 as well as the "Guardian of Excellence" Award from Press Ganey in 2013 and 2014 for patient satisfaction and quality clinical scores.

In 2014, Mr. Federspiel led the development of the Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen, an experiential classroom for school students, the community, and for patients afflicted with cancer, heart disease and diabetes.
Nicholas Bilas is a healthcare professional with demonstrated experience in operations and service delivery. He has held various positions within hospitals, health systems, and associations, and has built a reputation for fostering change and streamlining physician practices in response to healthcare quality and patient-centered care.

Currently, Mr. Bilas serves as a Division Administrator for the Department of Surgery at Columbia University Medical Center, part of the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital system based in New York City, one of the nation’s largest and most comprehensive hospitals, with 2,478 beds. In this role, he successfully leads day-to-day operations, focusing on quality and patient safety, building relationships with staff and physicians while maintaining his division’s financial and operational strength.

In 2014, Mr. Bilas was appointed and continues to serve as Marketing Chair for the Board of Healthcare Leaders of New York (HLNY). He received his Bachelor of Science degree from St. Johns University in Healthcare Administration and holds a Masters in Business Administration in Healthcare from Baruch College.
Elissa Chessari-Waliszewski is the Director of Performance Management at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY. She originally joined Westchester Medical Center in 2002 as a physical therapist. During her tenure at Westchester, Elissa has held various roles, including Rehabilitation Services Manager, Senior Operations Analyst, and Human Resources Operations Manager. In her current role, Elissa participates in organizational business planning and provides strong leadership and coordination for the improvement of operational efficiency. She spearheads operational improvement efforts and management/operational reporting, including external operational benchmarking initiatives. She also manages Westchester Medical Center’s Space and Commercial Real Estate Portfolio.

Elissa received a Master of Physical Therapy and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Scranton. She also holds a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Health Care from Baruch College/Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Elissa has been an active member of ACHE and HLNY since 2007. She served HLNY as the Membership Chair in 2010 & 2011. In 2013 and 2014, she was the Sponsorship and Gala Chair. Elissa is a FACHE designate and also holds a Professional of Human Resources (PHR) certificate from the Society for Human Resource Management.

Elissa lives in Northern Westchester with her husband, Brian, and their two girls, Josephine and Victoria.
CHRISTINE SOUFASTAI, MPH
Project Manager of Operations
NewYork-Presbyterian’s Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital

Christine Soufastai, MPH, is a Project Manager of Operations at NewYork-Presbyterian’s Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital. In this role she manages the day to day operations of large-scale projects and programs that support NYP’s strategic initiative of “Putting the Patient First”. Her responsibilities include the management of three clinics, ensuring compliance with Joint Commission and regulatory surveys, emergency preparedness, and providing direction in the planning and development of cross-campus initiatives that foster patient and family centered care.

Ms. Soufastai received her Bachelor’s Degree from Emory University and her Master’s Degree in Hospital Administration from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. She has served as the Membership Chair of the Healthcare Leaders of New York (HLNY) for two years and has volunteered for HLNY for four years.
The Higher Education Network (HEN) is collaboration between ACHE and higher education programs in healthcare administration. The HEN is designed to broaden students’ knowledge of the various opportunities in career advancement, including networking, continuous education, ACHE membership and participation in mentorship, and scholarship and fellowship programs offered by ACHE.

The goal of the ACHE Regent's Advisory Council is to make an annual visit to all representative schools in the network to share information with the students on benefits of being a member of ACHE and the local chapter. Currently, the New York Metro HEN is headed by ACHE Regent Michael Fosina, FACHE with Jason Tenzer, FACHE as the HEN team leader. In addition to completing these annual visits, HLNY has also successfully collaborated with various HEN programs to provide career oriented mentoring events.

During the visits, HEN's speakers advise students on the importance of continuous education and networking, which can be ultimately be achieved through participation in ACHE and the local ACHE chapter. Students are encouraged to attend educational programs, ask questions, become an active volunteer with ACHE or the local chapter, and build their presence in the professional community.

**East Coast Fellowship Event**

HLNY was proud to co-sponsor the fourth annual East Coast Fellowship Forum, held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 with the Connecticut Association of Healthcare Executives (CTAHE). The evening event focused on fellowship programs in the healthcare sector and was held at the Columbia University Medical Center Milstein Family Heart Center. MaryAnn Brown, FACHE, ACHE Immediate-Past Regent served as keynote speaker to discuss her education and career experience.

The goal of the event was to all current Masters Candidate students to network with administrative fellowship program directors representing hospital, healthcare organization and private industry. The event attracted over 60 students from high education institution and 8 organizations from across the Northeast that have administrative fellowships. Feedback from both the students as well as the program directors was overwhelmingly positive. HLNY looks forward to continuing this annual partnership with CTAHE to host this joint program again next year.

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- **Kayla Spence**  
  St. John’s University - College of Professional Studies
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Elissa Chessari Waliszewski Early Careerist
Nicholas Bilas Early Careerist
Christine Soufastai Early Careerist

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