

THANK YOU NOTE: 2020 ACHCA EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Thank you so much to the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) for this most humbling honor and recognition. In the past 28 years, I have been blessed with the unique opportunity to work in diverse clinical settings, assume different roles/positions, and be guided by wonderful mentors and partners in the Industry. These experiences made me understand the various facets of operations in Health Care (Clinical, Financial, Administrative) and has enabled me to develop utmost respect for each member of the Health Care Team. It has also given me a more global perspective and motivated me to employ more practical approaches when conducting educational sessions, trainings, and seminars.

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As we grapple with these trying times in our industry, I join ACHCA in its on-going commitment to support our dedicated colleagues in serving and caring for our most vulnerable residents. Knowledge is power! And together, by learning and connecting - we shall overcome all the challenges that come our way and we will continue to make a difference!

Sincerely,

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