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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**American College of Health Care Administrators Announces 2018 Award Winners**

**Washington, DC – April 24, 2018** – The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) presented annual awards during a celebratory luncheon at their 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convocation and Exposition in Orlando, Florida on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Congratulations to ACHCA’s 2018 Award Winners!

**ACHCA INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

Chair's Award - Rudolph L. Michalek, FACHCA  
Distinguished Service Award - Molly Savard, CNHA, FACHCA  
Distinguished Assisted Living Administrator Award — Robert Armstrong, CNHA, FACHCA  
Distinguished Nursing Home Administrator Award — Brenda Lewis, FACHCA  
ACHCA Outstanding Member Award — Phil DuBois, CNHA, FACHCA  
New Nursing Home Administrator Award — Ashley Douglas  
Public Service Award — Michelle Schneider  
Education Award — Maureen McCarthy  
Journalism Award — Dr. Ruth Tappen  
AIT Preceptor Award — Daniel Suer, FACHCA

**ACHCA PARTNER AWARDS**

Business Partner Award — Grandview Pharmacy  
ACHCA Champion Award - Georgia Health Care Association

**ACHCA CHAPTER/DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**Florida ACHCA** — Project/Initiative: To re-energize and increase the presence and role of the Florida Chapter of ACHCA and grow its membership and relationship to present and future ACHCA members in the State of Florida.

**New York ACHCA** — Project/Initiative: Sister Joan Cassidy Ethnic Diversity Fund (recognition of fundraising activities)

**Georgia ACHCA** — Project/Initiative: Recognition of collaborative partnership with Georgia Health Care Association to host several educational and leadership development series that support ACHCA’s mission of being a catalyst for excellence in leadership development in long-term care.

**W. PHILLIP MCCONNELL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Madeline Magee

Makinna Hare

**GEORGE & LEAH HOLLANDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Bethany Camputaro

Chelsea Conner

Maryam Kazempour

Kathryn "Katie" Lasewicz

**YOUNG ADMINISTRATOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Ranyouri Senia

Tara Wild

**STUDENT POSTER EXPOSITION PRESENTERS**

Nathaniel Berg, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Dilli Gautam, Eastern Washington University

Chandler Hulke, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Dylan Jester, University of South Florida

Joseph June, University of South Florida

Lindsey LeClair, George Washington University

Guillermo Mendez, Eastern Washington University

Katelyn Mrozek, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Jessica Ochoa, Eastern Washington University

Kelsea Parker, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Erin Rafferty, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Jacob Rathke, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Alondra Saavedra, Towson University

Andy Siegel, George Washington University

Michelle Yuth, Towson University

**ELI PICK FACILITY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

This award, named in memory of visionary ACHCA member Eli Pick, recognizes administrators who provided leadership throughout the award year. Eligibility for this award is based on three years of skilled nursing facility (SNF) survey data, including the Health, Fire (Life Safety), and Complaint Surveys, as well as top quartile performance on designated Quality Measures. The criteria also included an 80% or greater facility occupancy and a three-year avoidance of a Special Focus Facility status. A list of the 2018 recipients can be downloaded by visiting the website at <http://www.achca.org/2018-award-winners>.

Founded in 1962 the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs of today's long-term care administrator and executive. ACHCA's mission focuses on advancing leadership excellence in long-term care through the provision of leadership education, promotion of professional advancement programs such as Fellowship and Professional Certification, and facilitation of leadership development. ACHCA's diverse membership includes administrators from across the continuum of post-acute and aging services care.

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