



CAHME AWARDS CEREMONY

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A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE:
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF
INNOVATION AND IMPACT IN
HEALTHCARE EDUCATION



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Awards Program

Congratulations from Anthony Stanowski, CAHME President & CEO



On behalf of CAHME, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you as recipients of the 2025 CAHME Awards. This year's theme, *A Decade of Excellence: Celebrating 10 Years of Innovation and Impact in Healthcare Education*, marks a significant milestone in our collective journey. Your exceptional achievements in advancing healthcare management education stand as a testament to your dedication, innovation, and unwavering commitment to shaping the future of healthcare leadership.

The CAHME Awards have played a pivotal role in accelerating this progress, sparking innovation in healthcare management programs, inspiring students to lead with purpose, and encouraging institutions to raise the bar for excellence. This momentum continues to build, fueled by the dedication of our award winners and the generosity of our sponsors, all committed to creating lasting change in healthcare education and beyond.

As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we honor not just a decade of achievements, but the ongoing impact of those who push boundaries and set new standards for the future. Congratulations once again on this well-deserved recognition. Your contributions are shaping the next era of healthcare leadership, and we look forward to the continued momentum you will bring to the field.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Stanowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.





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About the 2025 CAHME Awards

CAHME/Dolores Clement Fellow of the Year Award

This award is given in recognition of the long-time service to CAHME and healthcare management education of Virginia Commonwealth University Sentara Professor Emerita Dr. Dolores Clement, DrPh. The award will recognize a CAHME site visitor that exemplifies CAHME's mission of advancing the quality of healthcare management education. Awardees are chosen based on nominations from site visit teams and from programs that had a site visit in the past.

CAHME/Baldrige Foundation Award for Leadership Excellence

The Baldrige Foundation promotes leadership excellence by encouraging strategies that align mission, vision, and values to drive innovation and achieve sustainable results. It supports leaders through educational programs, resources, and recognition initiatives, empowering them to foster a culture of continuous improvement and resilience, ensuring their organizations can adapt and thrive in a competitive environment. The CAHME/Baldrige Foundation Award for Leadership Excellence recognizes a program director who has made significant strides in improving the quality of their program and advancing the quality of healthcare management education.

CAHME/Canon Award for Excellence in Sustainability in Healthcare Management Education and Practice

Canon's corporate philosophy is embodied in the Japanese concept of *kyōsei*, defined as "all people, regardless of race, religion, or culture, harmoniously living and working together into the future for the common good." Canon sought to advance its sustainability goals from a holistic perspective and felt that the future leaders of healthcare should play a part. Awarded annually since 2017, the award highlights the partnership of CAHME and Canon to advance sustainability and community engagement within healthcare management education. The awardees have been institutions that demonstrate their past, present and future readiness to sustainably prepare students for their future challenges — as they enter the healthcare arena. CAHME acknowledges Paul Murphy, Vice President, Major Accounts & Vertical Markets, Debra A. Gillmeister, Business Development Executive, and Julie McMahon, Senior Vice President of Marketing, for their guidance, support, and ongoing commitment to developing ethical leaders committed to sustainability in healthcare management education.

CAHME/George and Regi Herzlinger Award for Innovation in Education

The CAHME/George and Regi Herzlinger Innovation Education Award recognizes George and Regi Herzlinger's breakthrough contributions in creating and inspiring medical innovations that changed patients' lives and helped entrepreneurs globally. It highlights the significant impact that CAHME Accredited programs can have in providing the foundation for the principles of innovation for future leaders to be the change needed in healthcare.

Faced with rising costs, unpredictable quality, and thousands of uninsured and underinsured individuals, there is no doubt that healthcare innovation is necessary. Yet, as Regi Herzlinger notes, "focusing primarily on what we need, rather than on how to make it happen, is a mistake." When healthcare management programs teach their students how to implement healthcare innovation, equipping them with the skills to identify solutions and put them into practice, extraordinary things ripple into the industry. For this reason, the Herzlingers chose to recognize programs that embody this ability in the next generation of healthcare leaders.



CAHME/The Joint Commission Fellowship Award for Advancing Sustainable Health Care

Recognizing the vital impact of sustainability, a well-educated workforce, and healthcare quality and safety, CAHME and The Joint Commission have created a unique one-year fellowship. Awarded to a graduating student from a CAHME-accredited or certified program, this fellowship honors a commitment to sustainability, quality, safety, and process improvement in healthcare.

CAHME/Laura Sachs Family Foundation Scholarship in Honor of Michael A Sachs for Entrepreneurs in Healthcare Management

Established in honor of Michael A. Sachs, this scholarship supports students with the vision and drive to innovate in healthcare management. It recognizes emerging entrepreneurs who have the potential to transform the future of healthcare.

The CAHME/Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy

Judy Baar Topinka began her career in journalism and went on to blaze a pioneering path as a public servant in Illinois. First elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1980, Judy later became a state senator and was elected as the first woman to serve as the state's Treasurer. As a legislator and civic leader, Judy was an advocate for the health and welfare of the residents of Illinois. Many of her legislative achievements focus on improving healthcare quality and access. Her expertise in health policy led her to chair the Health and Welfare Committee of the Illinois Senate. She believed in public service and was tireless in her advocacy of those in need. She believed in passion, hard work, ethical leadership, and persistence. The successful applicant will share these qualities and characteristics.

CAHME/Tim Campbell Scholarship for Selfless Service to Others and the Community

The CAHME/Tim Campbell Scholarship for Selfless Service to Others and the Community is named for Tim Campbell, a CAHME board member who personified a commitment to service and volunteerism. Tim believed in hard work and selfless service in his professional and personal life and believed that true success is measured through relationships that help others reach their full potential.

CAHME/Quint Studer Scholarship for Excellence in Healthcare Mentorship

The CAHME/Quint Studer Scholarship for Excellence in Healthcare Mentorship recognizes graduate students in CAHME-accredited programs who demonstrate exceptional skills in educating, mentoring, and tutoring others in the healthcare field. Named after Quint Studer, this award honors students who actively foster growth and development in their peers, helping shape the future of healthcare leadership. The scholarship highlights the importance of mentorship, collaborative learning, and empowering others, encouraging students to contribute to a knowledgeable, capable healthcare workforce dedicated to improving lives.

CAHME/Fawn Lopez Health Advocacy Communication Excellence

In honor of the Publisher Emeritus Modern Healthcare, this scholarship is presented to students who have demonstrated exemplary skills in communication to promote and advocate for critical health issues. This scholarship recognizes students who exhibit effective communication strategies and impactful health advocacy. This scholarship highlights the crucial role that effective communication plays in driving positive health outcomes. By recognizing graduate students in CAHME Accredited programs who have harnessed the power of communication to shed light on important health concerns, the award encourages the next generation of health leaders to advance communication strategies to create meaningful impact.



CAHME/Robert S. Bonney Scholarship for Veterans of the US Armed Forces

This scholarship is granted to an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Services who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and service throughout their military career. This scholarship recognizes those who have not only excelled in their military duties but have also exhibited qualities that align with the core values of healthcare leadership. Candidates for this scholarship must show a strong commitment to pursuing a career in healthcare leadership, demonstrating the same qualities of integrity, resilience, and service that they exhibited in their military roles. The scholarship aims to support veterans who aspire to transition their skills and experience into the field of healthcare management, where they can continue to make a meaningful impact.

CAHME/Olin Oedekoven Most Improved Student Scholarship

This scholarship is named for Olin Oedekoven, who founded Peregrine Global Services. Peregrine emerged as a global leader and thought partner in higher education services, providing online assessment and instructional solutions to more than 500 higher education institutions worldwide. Olin had strong leadership, an entrepreneurial spirit, and a deep-seated commitment to making a meaningful difference.

CAHME/Gail Matejcic Peace Scholarship

Gail Peace is a speaker, author, and advisor who helps companies motivate employees and create a culture of challenging the status quo. Gail is a health care executive and entrepreneur with more than 25 years of health care industry experience specifically in the technology space. Gail is the founder of Ludi, Inc., a healthcare software solution company. Ludi's signature software DocTime® is Gail's brainchild, having developed the platform in response to a significant yet unmet need she identified during her years as a health system executive.

CAHME/Nancy Rosenthal Scholarship

Nancy Rosenthal was a strategic leader with a passion for the local market and needed services for the communities served. A former executive with the Yale New Haven Health System and a professor at the University of New Haven School of Health Sciences, Nancy also served as a consultant with a consistent record of driving top and bottom-line growth. Nancy's experience crossed all facets of healthcare including strategy, business development and expansion, operations, affiliations, regulatory, innovation, physician relations, population health, marketing, and branding. Nancy was a CAHME Fellow, frequent site visitor, and member of the CAHME Accreditation Council. She had a passion for strategically developing relationships and helping students succeed in the world of healthcare.



CAHME/Dolores Clement Fellow of the Year Award



Steven J. Szydlowski, DHA University of Scranton

Steven J. Szydlowski completed his Master of Business Administration in 2000 and Master of Health Administration in 2001 from The University of Scranton. He received his Doctorate in Health Administration and Leadership at the Medical University of South Carolina. Steven held executive positions at a community hospital, integrative medicine clinic, and physician group practices and works with the Healthy Northeast Pennsylvania Initiative. He serves in faculty capacity at the University of Scranton and as MHA Program Director. He is interested in integrative medicine and community health research.

“It is an honor to be the recipient of the CAHME/Dolores Clement Fellow of the Year Award. Dr. Clement has not only been a friend and colleague over the past two decades, but a mentor. She demonstrates qualities of integrity, rigor, compassion, and commitment to excellence among many others. My service to CAHME as a site member, standards, council member, and other roles have provided me with the invaluable experience to learn and share best practices in Graduate Health Management Education with peers in academia and industry. I am grateful, humbled, and will continue to support the mission of CAHME to advance the quality of Healthcare Management Education.”



CAHME/Baldrige Foundation Award for Leadership Excellence



Soumitra Bhuyan, PhD, MPH **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**

Soumitra Bhuyan, Ph.D., MPH, is the Executive Director of the Health Administration Programs at Rutgers - The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick. His primary teaching and research interests include chronic disease management and health information systems with an overarching emphasis on population health. Dr. Bhuyan has published more than 45 peer-reviewed journal articles as a first author or co-author. Apart from academic writing, Dr. Bhuyan's writing has appeared in various regional and national news outlets such as The Hill, ABC News, Becker's Hospital Review, The Star-Ledger, etc. Dr. Bhuyan is an Associate Editor of BMJ Global Health (2016-present) and serves on the editorial boards of The Journal of Health Administration Education (2022-2025), the flagship journal of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration and Hospital Topics.

Dr. Bhuyan is currently serving as an accreditation fellow for the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). Dr. Bhuyan is also a member of the CAHME Standards Council. The council oversees the accreditation processes and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on accreditation decisions.

"I am deeply honored to receive the CAHME/Baldrige Foundation Award for Leadership Excellence. This recognition highlights the progress we have achieved at the Rutgers Health Administration Program and our unwavering commitment to advancing healthcare management education. It reflects our collective dedication to driving innovation, preparing the next generation of healthcare leaders, and establishing a lasting legacy of excellence at Rutgers."

CAHME/Canon Award for Excellence in Sustainability in Healthcare Management Education and Practice



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**Florida International University -
Healthcare MBA Program**

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Florida International University was selected for its unwavering commitment to cultivating a culture of environmental stewardship. The university is dedicated to reducing its environmental footprint through cross-departmental collaboration, creating valuable student opportunities and internships, and building impactful community partnerships. The FIU Office of University Sustainability promotes best practices that are not only sustainable and economically feasible but also socially just, demonstrating a holistic approach to environmental responsibility.

“I am honored that the Florida International University Healthcare MBA program received the CAHME/Canon Award for Excellence in Sustainability in Healthcare Management Education. The mission of the FIU Office of University Sustainability is to create a culture of environmental stewardship at FIU. In alignment with FIU’s Strategic Plan, the office aims to reduce FIU’s negative impacts on the natural environment by collaborating across university departments, enhancing student opportunities and internships, and developing community partnerships,” said Professor Miriam Weismann, JD, LL.M., HCMA Program Director at Florida International University.

The grant will be used to support student scholarships and faculty research. Student scholarships include the Annual HCMA Student Sustainability Awards and student scholarships for global travel. Faculty in the HCMA program are equally committed to sustainable initiatives through their research.

CAHME/Canon Award for Excellence in Sustainability in Healthcare Management Education and Practice

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Healthcare Management Consortium for Planetary Health*

Healthcare Management Consortium for Planetary Health were selected due to their exemplary collaboration and efforts in advancing sustainability within health administration education. Their work has been particularly impactful in adapting a Planetary Health Report Card for health administration education which shows that this consortium recognizes the deep interconnection between human well-being and environmental sustainability.

“The Healthcare Management Consortium for Planetary Health is honored to receive the CAHME/Canon Award for Excellence in Sustainability in Healthcare Management Education. We believe the student-led PHRC-MHA initiative holds tremendous promise for helping healthcare management programs meaningfully integrate sustainability broadly across their education, research, and service initiatives. We plan to use this grant funding to support development of the pilot and spread of the initiative in subsequent years.”

*Application submitted by RUSH University, including the Master of Healthcare Administration program at University of Minnesota, the Master of Health Administration program at Virginia Commonwealth University and the Master of Health Science in Health Administration program at the University of Toronto



CAHME/George and Regi Herzlinger Award for Innovation in Education



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George Mason University
MHA Program



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George Mason University was selected for its innovative response to the evolving healthcare landscape. The innovative intercollegiate case collaborative competition brings together MHA students from multiple top-tier universities, teaching them collaboration and problem-solving skills across institutions. This not only enhances teamwork but also prepares students to tackle complex issues in the diverse, multidisciplinary healthcare sector.

“I am honored that George Mason University received the CAHME/George and Regi Herzlinger Award for Innovation in Education. We define innovation by continually assessing the changing nature of healthcare delivery and responding with innovative educational solutions that embrace informed risk, pilot program changes and cutting-edge technology. In November 2023, George Mason University designed an intercollegiate case collaborative competition and partnered with four CAHME-accredited MHA programs that were located within our region to pilot an intercollegiate case collaborative. This was the first-of-its-kind in the nation and MHA Program Directors from Johns Hopkins, Virginia Commonwealth University, Uniformed Services University and George Washington University worked together to divide the educational content, leadership roles, time frame, and scoring rubric. The grant money will be used to fund ‘Strike Teams’ of national healthcare industry experts that could come to campus or via Zoom to participate in curriculum development brainstorming sessions to form the foundation of ideas for future healthcare curriculum. Students will be included on the Strike Teams to design pilot projects together and present them to the Strike Team experts for review which would provide 360 inputs for the curriculum of the future,” said Dr. Brenda Sheingold, PhD, FNAP, Division Director, Health Administration Programs at George Mason University.

CAHME/The Joint Commission Fellowship Award for Advancing Sustainable Health Care



**Tanashiya Randall,
MHA Candidate at
Texas State University**

Tana has a background in pharmaceutical laboratory quality and completed an administrative internship at Ascension Seton hospitals. Her experiences have allowed her to better understand health systems and to address challenges that impact healthcare daily. Tana strives to become an impactful healthcare leader who will guide patient safety and quality improvement on a global level.

"I am sincerely honored to receive the CAHME/The Joint Commission Fellowship for Advancing Sustainable Health Care Award for 2025. Achieving this opportunity is not only a demonstration of my hard work but also my determination to improve health systems. This award is motivation for me to keep moving forward and do my best to become a strong healthcare leader. I would like to thank my professors at Texas State University for supporting my educational journey, as well as my mom and best friend for always being there for me. I could not have done it without all their continuous support. Thank you so much!"

"Everyone in the world has the right to better health. My goal for driving momentum in healthcare is to advocate for equitable health systems on a global scale. Through genuine leadership, I aim to improve patient outcomes by lasting sustainable endeavors."

CAHME/Fawn Lopez Scholarship for Health Advocacy Communication Excellence



Modern Healthcare

**Laura Madarász,
MHA Candidate at
University of Cincinnati**

Laura Madarász has 15 years of experience in the healthcare industry, the last 9 of which were concentrated in clinical research operations. She currently serves as the Research Manager of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery at Inova Fairfax Medical Campus. She chose to pursue an MHA degree to develop leadership skills and gain a deeper understanding of the critical stakeholders in health policy needed to drive meaningful improvements in health equity.

“I am honored to receive the Fawn Lopez Health Advocacy Communication Excellence award. With this recognition, I hope to bring more visibility to healthcare inequities and the importance of diversity and inclusion in clinical research. I am immensely grateful to my professors, mentors, family, and fellow advocates who supported me throughout my career, and I especially want to thank Fawn Lopez for her inspiring words of encouragement to continue working for meaningful change.”

“By engaging with healthcare leaders, policymakers, community leaders, and patients, I aspire to break down systemic barriers to address health inequities. Through effective leadership, I aim to improve patient outcomes and access to care.”



CAHME/Olin Oedekoven Scholarship for Most Improved Student



Merry Jiang, MHA Candidate at Johns Hopkins University

Merry Jiang is an Administrative Resident at the University of Maryland Medical System, where she spearheads projects to improve patient satisfaction and stakeholder engagement, while analyzing data to support strategic planning. She chose a CAHME-accredited degree to further her expertise in healthcare operations, strategic planning, and leadership. With a passion for optimizing systems and improving outcomes, Merry aims to drive impactful change in patient care and organizational performance within healthcare.

“I am honored to receive the CAHME/Olin Oedekoven Most Improved Student Award. This recognition is not just a personal achievement, but a testament to the guidance, support, and inspiration I’ve received along the way. Winning this award strengthens my resolve to continue working toward improving healthcare systems and optimizing operational efficiency, as I’ve done through my project management and data-driven initiatives as an Administrative Resident at UMMS. It provides me with the motivation and resources to keep pushing forward in my studies and future career. I am grateful to the MHA program at Johns Hopkins University, and to my family and friends for their constant belief in me.”

“I envision driving momentum in healthcare by focusing on patient-centered initiatives and improving healthcare processes. Through collaborative leadership and a commitment to continuous improvement, I aim to enhance the quality of care and expand access to diverse communities.”



CAHME/Laura Sachs Family Foundation Scholarship in Honor of Michael A Sachs for Entrepreneurs in Health- care Management



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Isabella Cipolla-Pruitt, MHA Candidate at Saint Louis University

Isabella Cipolla-Pruitt is a community health worker and has been involved in community outreach and health education, gaining experience in addressing patient care inequities. Her health policy work focuses on advocating for mental health initiatives that improve access to care. Currently, as a graduate research assistant, she researches ways to enhance health outcomes by reducing racial bias. She chose this program to expand her knowledge of healthcare management and to develop the leadership skills necessary for improving patient outcomes and healthcare delivery.

“I am truly honored to have been chosen for the CAHME/Laura Sachs Family Foundation Scholarship in Honor of Michael A Sachs for Entrepreneurs in Healthcare Management. As the first female recipient for this award, I’m deeply grateful for this recognition. I’d like to thank the scholarship committee, Laura Sachs, and Michael Burke for believing in my potential. This award will empower my academic endeavors as I aspire to become a leader in healthcare. Thank you to my professors and mentors. I wouldn’t be here without your guidance and support. To my family and friends, I can’t thank you enough for your love and encouragement. I am committed to honoring this scholarship by working diligently to create meaningful change within healthcare. Thank you!”

“I strive to make a lasting impact in healthcare by finding innovative ideas that promote health equity. My goal is to foster meaningful connections and drive progress toward creating a more equitable healthcare system for everyone.”

CAHME/Gail Matejic Peace Scholarship



Toluwase Olufadewa, MHA Candidate at University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Toluwase Olufadewa has a background in Veterinary Medicine and Public Health spanning 7 years as the One Health Team Lead and Partnership Officer, working in the field as a public health advocate and at the management level, she has firsthand experience addressing patient care challenges and operational inefficiencies. She chose this program to deepen her understanding of healthcare systems and gain the leadership skills needed to drive meaningful improvements in patient outcomes by promoting health equity and improving organizational performance.

“I am deeply honored to receive the CAHME/Gail Matejic Peace Scholarship. This scholarship marks a significant milestone in my professional journey as I strive to make a lasting impact in the healthcare industry. Winning this scholarship reaffirms my commitment to promoting health equity and provides vital support as I continue my educational journey. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to CAHME for this opportunity, as well as to my professors, mentors, and colleagues at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and my family for their invaluable support. This award inspires me to continue championing equitable, innovative, and sustainable solutions in healthcare. Thank you for believing in my potential to create meaningful change.”

“My goal is to promote health equity via technological innovations to improve access to care, patient satisfaction, and outcomes. I aim to create patient-centered innovation to enhance improved access to care.”

CAHME/Quint Studer Scholarship for Excellence in Healthcare Mentorship



**Arianna Goss,
MHA Candidate at
Saint Louis University**

Arianna Goss has nearly three years of healthcare experience through internships which has helped her develop a well-rounded skill set spanning long-term care, rural health, and pediatrics. Upon completing her internship at Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital and graduating, she will begin an administrative fellowship at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

"I am truly honored to receive the CAHME/ Quint Studer Excellence in Healthcare Mentorship Scholarship Award. This award is significant to me, as it represents the incredible mentorship I've received from strong, inspiring women who have shaped my journey, which I have passed on to my mentees. As a first-generation graduate student, this scholarship provides critical support as I complete my studies and transition into my career. I want to extend heartfelt thanks to my mentors, Marcea, Ellyn, Kimberly, Gauri, and Sandy, whose guidance has been invaluable, and to my fiancé, family, and friends for their steadfast encouragement. Thank you, CAHME and Quint Studer, for investing in students and future leaders."

"My goal is to create a sustainable impact in healthcare by advocating for whole-person care in mind, spirit, and body for patients, their families, and their communities. Through a leadership service style, I hope to share and inspire momentum in others."



CAHME/Quint Studer Scholarship for Excellence in Healthcare Mentorship



Keshaav Krishnaa Pothapur, MHA Candidate at Cornell University

Keshaav Krishnaa Pothapur's background as a dental practitioner for two years opened his eyes to healthcare accessibility and affordability challenges, driving his transition to administration. He chose Cornell's program for its practitioner-led courses and gifted curriculum, which allows him to deepen his expertise in operations and process improvement. Through this education, he aims to develop innovative solutions that enhance healthcare delivery while ensuring equitable access to quality care across diverse populations upholding organizational performance and values.

"I am honored to receive the CAHME/Quint Studer Scholarship for Excellence in Healthcare Mentorship. This award affirms the transformative role of mentorship in healthcare and strengthens my resolve to drive meaningful change in hospital administration, with a focus on process improvement, operations, and health equity. As I continue my MHA studies at Cornell University, this scholarship inspires hope and propels me toward creating equitable, effective healthcare systems. I am deeply grateful to Julie Carmalt, Michael Richards, Sean Nicholson, Cathy Bartell and my family, peers, and colleagues for their unwavering support. This achievement reflects their belief in me, and I am committed to paying it forward."

"I strive to drive momentum in healthcare by transforming operations and championing health equity. By leveraging innovative process improvements and the power of mentorship, I aim to build resilient, patient-centered systems that deliver lasting, meaningful change and inspire leaders to advance healthcare and improve patient outcomes."

CAHME/Nancy Rosenthal Scholarship



Martha Selmon, MHA Candidate at University of South Carolina

Martha Selmon has a background in healthcare in the dentistry and oral maxillofacial surgical field in the United States Army. With a background in healthcare spanning 3 1/2 years long serving primarily as an oral surgeon's assistant, she has had first-hand experience addressing patient care challenges and operational inefficiencies. She chose this program to make an impact within the healthcare administration community, patient outcomes, and organizational performance within the veteran and underserved populations.

“It is an honor to receive the inaugural CAHME/Nancy Rosenthal Scholarship. Winning this scholarship is a powerful testament to my dedication and hard work throughout my educational journey as a first generation Latinx student. This award provides vital support as I continue my studies and work towards becoming a leader within the healthcare administration sector. I want to sincerely thank my mentors at both the University of South Carolina and Winthrop University for their guidance and encouragement. I also want to dedicate this award to my family and friends for being very supportive throughout my journey. To my husband Michael, my children Mikey and Matthew, my mom Betty, and my father Jose Hernandez. This one is for you!”

“One of my goals is to make an impact within the underserved populations and the veteran community by creating equitable systems and help make a change. Through hard work and dedication, my goals and aspirations are to change and improve patient outcomes within the healthcare sector utilizing innovative leadership, and my unique background in healthcare to help make this happen.”



CAHME/Robert S. Bonney Scholarship for Veterans of the US Armed Services



Taylor Sisk, MHA Candidate at Xavier University

Taylor Sisk is a veteran and a healthcare professional. He combines disciplined leadership with operational expertise. This foundation drives his dedication to improving healthcare systems and patient outcomes. Taylor's commitment to operational excellence and patient-centered care guides his educational pursuits, equipping him with skills to lead effective and compassionate healthcare systems. His long-term goal is to innovate and lead in healthcare, ensuring excellence in patient care and operational efficiency.

"I am deeply honored to be awarded the CAHME/Robert S Bonney Scholarship. This recognition not only acknowledges my academic, military, and professional achievements but also affirms my dedication to improving healthcare. The scholarship significantly supports my studies at Xavier University, fueling my goal to lead with integrity and innovation in healthcare administration. Heartfelt thanks to my professors and mentors for their guidance, my colleagues for their inspiration, and my family and friends for their steadfast support. This accomplishment reflects our collective efforts."

"I aim to drive momentum in healthcare by leveraging my military discipline and healthcare expertise to enhance operational excellence and patient-centered care. Through innovative and selfless leadership, I aspire to implement solutions that improve patient outcomes and system efficiency, creating a lasting impact on the healthcare landscape."

CAHME/Tim Campbell Scholarship for Selfless Service to Others and the Community



Sean Riley, MHA Candidate at Central Michigan University

Sean Joseph Riley has exemplified what it means to have selfless service. Sean enlisted in the U.S. Navy and became a Hospital Corpsman (medic). After serving in the United States Navy and completing his degree at Central Michigan University, he plans to return to Michigan to advocate for health care for veterans. He has found his sense of purpose in health care and is determined to continue to volunteer in his community.

“I am truly honored to be the recipient of the CAHME/Tim Campbell Scholarship for Selfless Service to Others and the Community. I am very appreciative and honored to be selected for this scholarship in Tim’s honor. I will continue to strive to emulate the values of Tim; commitment to service, volunteerism, hard work, selfless service, and connecting with others to reach their full potential. I will continue to apply these values throughout my education at Central Michigan University, military career in the U.S. Navy, and personal life.”

“One of my goals is to become a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy to continue to lead others and manage healthcare for Sailors and Marines.”



The CAHME/Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy



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Elizabeth Kavianian, MSHCA Candidate at California State University Long Beach

Elizabeth Kavianian has a background ranging from patient care initiatives to public health programs, she has firsthand experience engaging communities in a grassroots way and initiating efforts focused on expanding access to health services. She chose this program to deepen her understanding of healthcare systems and gain the foundation to drive meaningful health outcomes and organizational performance improvements.

“I’m deeply honored to receive the Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy. This award embodies values I strive to uphold: equitable healthcare, ethical leadership, and community-centered governance. Judy Baar Topinka’s legacy demonstrates the profound impact of leadership on creating lasting change, and I am humbled to receive an award in her name. This award not only supports my efforts in continuing my education but strengthens my resolve to continue advocating for policies and programs that promote access to essential health services. I am profoundly grateful to my mentors, professors, colleagues, and family for their guidance and encouragement throughout my journey. Thank you for this incredible opportunity.”

“I envision creating lasting impact and driving momentum in healthcare by championing policies that expand access to essential health services and promote equity. By leading with integrity and fostering community-driven initiatives, I aim to dismantle systemic barriers and empower individuals to achieve better health outcomes.”

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Joshua Aune, MHA, Administrative Fellow, CentraCare, 2024 CAHME/Quint Studer Award Recipient

Donald Avery, President and CEO, Fairview Park Hospital

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Dr. Carla Stebbins, PhD, is the program director of health care administration at Texas Woman's University. She teaches marketing, management/leadership, innovation, and degree-capping experiences like study abroad, and supports leadership topics including communication, relationship building, change management, and team building. Before joining TWU in 2023, she spent over 30 years in faculty and administrative roles, including serving as program director for two MHA programs, both of which achieved CAHME accreditation. A CAHME Fellow since 2017, Stebbins also holds certifications in Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® and FLEX Care. She provides training and consulting to education and healthcare organizations and serves on various

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Dr. Eric Richardson, PhD, MBA, MPH, is an experienced leader with 18 years in academic organizations, specializing in building teams and driving initiatives. With a Ph.D. in Organization Management/Human Resource Management, he is a skilled communicator and a CAHME Commissioner and Consultant. His work has earned numerous awards, including the 2023 Academy of Management's Health Care Management Division Excellence in Teaching Award. He holds multiple academic degrees, including an MBA and a Master of Public Health, and certifications in HR and Healthcare HR. A first-generation college student, Dr. Richardson is passionate about supporting students from non-traditional backgrounds. His research interests include

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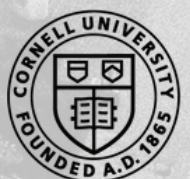
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