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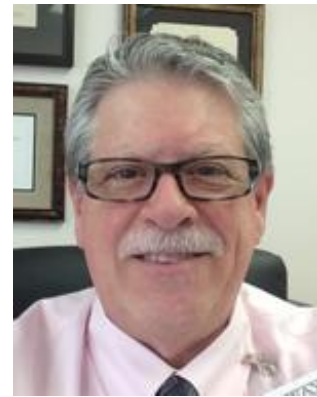
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ALLEN YEARICK MHA, NHA

Colleagues and Members,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I thought Florida had enough Mother Nature in 2017 then came scarves, gloves, snowflakes and frozen Iguanas falling out of trees!

As you read this, your Florida Chapter is hard at work planning for our 2018 Convocation in Orlando. I promise you our new CEO Bill McGinley and myself are anticipating this years Convocation will be "the best one yet!" Start making your plans and reservations now and particularly before the early bird deadline to save some dollars. **For those of you who register by March 21st, you will be entered and eligible for 5 prize winner drawings, the least of which is valued at no less than \$250.** More information and updates are coming in the February Chapter News.



Cant wait to see all of you in Orlando!

(See the Convocation Planning Committee section below for more information and updates.)

FEATURED FL ACHCA MEMBER

Christopher P. Mulrooney, M.P.S., Ph.D., FACHCA, CNHA, CALA

Chris Mulrooney has been in the field of long-term care since the age of 16 when he chose to work as an orderly in an intermediate care facility in Massachusetts, from where he hails. When his great-aunt, to whom he was very close, died the year before, he felt a strong calling to pursue a career working with older adults. Nursing homes seemed like the logical place to go to work with elders in need.



Following college (B.S., Gerontology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA) and grad school (M.P.S., Gerontological Services Administration, New School for Social Research, NY, NY), Chris spent seven more years working in a skilled nursing facility, this time as Administrator, in Rhode Island where he was first licensed. Fascinated by how so much of the quality issues in our field come down to the relationship between care partners, Chris pursued deeper knowledge in that area and was awarded a National Institute on Aging traineeship to get his PhD in Psychology and Gerontological Studies. His dissertation research focused on the creation of a recruitment and development competency model for nursing assistants across long-term care settings. "The Person- and Relationship-Centered Caregiving Trait and Other Characteristics of Outstanding Nursing Assistants in Long-Term Care" earned Chris researcher-of-the-year awards from two agencies, including the Foundation of ACHCA.

[Read More](#)

If you'd like to nominate a Featured FL ACHCA Member to be featured in our newsletter, please email: allenyearick@earthlink.net

MEMBER NEWS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service Project by USF Students

- USF Student members made a special effort to brighten Residents this year by giving out gifts to many, as you can see by the pictures. This project earned high praises from Opis Sr Management at the center.



- Congratulations to FL Chapter Board member Suresh Pai on his new challenges at the 120 bed Care Center of Pinellas.
- The FL Chapter Board wishes to extend a sincere belated "thanks" to last month's Member of the Month, Rudy Michalek for his role as Interim ACHCA CEO until new CEO Bill McGinley was selected.

If you have an announcement you'd like to share in this newsletter, please email: allenyearick@earthlink.net

ELDERSOURCE

ElderSource Institute is offering an opportunity to learn more about how you can own a unique training designed to build competencies when working with

LGBT elders. Join us for a FREE webinar where we will give a brief overview of the training program, the benefits to bringing this training to your area as well as what is included when you purchase the full Train-the Trainer Package.

Around the country this training package is being used as:

- staff and volunteer training
- the subject to apply for grant funding
- a revenue generating program

Two Webinar Dates Available

Thursday- February 8, 2018 3-3:30 pm EST

Wednesday- February 7, 2018 3:30-4:00 pm EST

Click below to RSVP via email and include the date you would like to participate.

RSVP VIA EMAIL

COUNTDOWN TO CONVOCATION - Dr. David Wolf We need your help!



We are so excited to be hosting this year's National Convocation from April 21-24, 2018 in Orlando! Your Florida chapter will be active participants in many of the activities planned and we want you to consider helping us represent the great state of Florida! We are seeking volunteers to help us represent the Florida chapter while you are attending convocation. Our next issue will highlight some of the areas where you can help. *Did you know that you can get up to 22 NAB CEU credits needed to maintain your license at this event?*

For more information, and to register for this year's convocation, please go to <http://www.achca.org/convocation>.

If you are interested in being part of the Convocation Planning Committee, please send an email to dwolf@barry.edu and be eligible for a Convocation registration bonus from our Chapter. All Convocation Planning Committee member volunteers will receive an exclusive T-Shirt as our way of saying thanks

for your help!

WIN A 5-NIGHT STAY AT DISNEY'S OLD KEY WEST RESORT!

All Florida Chapter Members attending the Convocation are eligible to WIN!
Click below to learn more and to register for Convocation!

[LEARN MORE](#)

[Register Online](#)

[Download Registration Form](#)

For general registration information, [click here](#).
Or for instructions on accessing the Member Portal, please
email achcamarketing@achca.org.

ABOUT ACHCA

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 administrators and executives. Focusing on advancing leadership excellence, ACHCA provides professional education and certification to administrators from across the spectrum of long-term care. For more information about ACHCA, contact the national office at (202) 536-5120.

Florida Mission Statement

To enhance the professional development of American College Healthcare Administrators in Florida through networking and education in order to improve the quality of care provided to those we serve.

For more information about ACHCA, be sure to visit the website at achca.org, or contact the National office at [\(800\) 561-3148](tel:8005613148).

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