

Background

For more than 53 years, Wisconsin Hospital Association has honored individuals who have served the health care community. WHA's annual awards have recognized a broad array of health care executives, public officials, health care trustees, auxiliaries, clergy, educators, and physicians for their extensive service in support of health care.

Awards are traditionally presented at the WHA convention each fall, although arrangements have been made to present awards at other opportunities throughout the year that may be more convenient to the award recipient.

The Nomination Process

Nominations for award winners should be received no later than July 18, 2008. Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award and the Trustee Award should be submitted to WHA's Nominating and Awards Committee, which will consider them at its summer meeting. Nominations for the ACHE Young Healthcare Executive Award are submitted to the College's Regents Advisory Council Award Committee, which will consider them in late summer.

Distinguished Service Award

This award honors senior health care executives who have made an exemplary commitment to WHA and the communities they serve. Since its establishment, this award has recognized a number of distinguished health care leaders throughout Wisconsin.

Criteria used in assessing candidates includes:

- ◆ Leadership in WHA
- ◆ Leadership in other statewide organizations
- ◆ Leadership in meeting and understanding broad-based community health needs
- ◆ Participation in national activities through associations and societies
- ◆ Leadership growth in the individual's own facility system
- ◆ Recognition shown by others in commitments to broad-based health care activities

"He has established a living legacy of quality of care. Reedsburg has excellent health facilities started by teams of leaders who have committed to excellence in care for the individual patient. His leadership and vision have impacted the quality of life for thousands of people."

-From George Johnson's nomination for the Distinguished Service Award in 2007

Trustee Award

This award honors trustees of WHA-member organizations who have made an exemplary commitment to their hospital and to the community they serve. Since its establishment, this award has recognized a number of distinguished health care leaders throughout Wisconsin.

Criteria used in assessing candidates includes:

- ◆ Long-term service on a health care governing board
- ◆ Leadership in meeting and understanding broad-based community health needs
- ◆ Participation in local, state or national activities through associations and societies
- ◆ Leadership growth in the individual's own facility system
- ◆ Recognition shown by others in commitments to broad-based health care activities

"Mr. Carlson demonstrates all the attributes of a true leader – he values people, is respectful (and in turn is well respected), he is patient, highly ethical and trustworthy, has a vision that he clearly articulates, and has a passion for what Aspirus stands for."

- From Stuart R. Carlson's nomination for the Trustee Award in 2007

ACHE Young Healthcare Executive Award

Established in 1996, this award is presented to **affiliates of the College under age 40 who have shown exceptional professional development.** Awarded by the College's Wisconsin Regents Advisory Council.

Criteria includes:

- ◆ Member of the American College of Healthcare Executives
- ◆ Demonstration of leadership ability
- ◆ Demonstration of innovative and creative management
- ◆ Executive ability in developing his/her organization and promoting its growth and stature in the community
- ◆ Participation in local and state hospital and health association activities
- ◆ Participation in civic or community activities and projects
- ◆ Demonstration of participation in College activities, and interest in assisting the College in achieving its objectives
- ◆ Less than 40 years of age as of September 1, 2008



For More Information

Individuals who would like more information about the awards nomination process should contact WHA President Steve Brenton, 608-274-1820 or e-mail: sbrenton@wha.org.

Inquiries about the ACHE Award should be made to Mary Hansen, Vice President, Acute Care, Berlin Memorial Hospital, 920-361-5501.

Award Nomination Checklist

As you prepare your award nomination, please be sure the following information about the nominee is included at the top of your letter:

- ◆ Distinguished Service Award
Nominee's name and title
Nominee's health care organization

Send your information to:

WHA Nominating and Awards Committee
P.O. Box 259038
Madison, WI 53725-9038

- ◆ Trustee Award
Nominee's name
Nominee's health care organization
Nominee's role on the Board
(e.g., Board chair, Board secretary, Board member, etc.)
Nominee's home address and phone number

Send your information to:

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- ◆ ACHE Young Healthcare Executive Award
Nominee's name and title
Nominee's health care organization
Nominee's ACHE membership status
(e.g., Diplomate, Fellow, etc.)
Nominee's date of birth

Send your information to:

Mary Hansen, Vice President, Acute Care
ACHE Young Healthcare Executive Award
Berlin Memorial Hospital
225 Memorial Drive
Berlin, WI 54923

Individuals submitting nominations are asked to restrict letters of nomination to two pages or less **and provide sufficient background information for the decision-making body to understand the rationale for the nomination.**



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