



SDHEG NEWSLETTER

South Dakota Healthcare Executive Group

November 2022

MESSAGE FROM SDHEG PRESIDENT

Ashli Danilko, MHA, FACHE | PRESIDENT

Thank you SDHEG membership for your attendance at the SDAHO annual convention in September. We held our annual meeting, offered onsite, face-to-face education, and sponsored a networking event.

The panel was offered in partnership with SDAHO, with focused sharing on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion efforts around the state. Thank you, Jessica Aguilar, SDHEG Education Chair for moderating the panel. Thank you, Dr. Sandra Ogunremi, Julie Ward, Natasha Smith, & Dr. Brook Sydow.



A special part of our SDHEG annual meeting is celebrating a year of work and recognizing members. Congrats to **Kyle Richards** on receiving the Senior Level Healthcare Executive Award, and **Teri Bergeleen** on receiving the Early Careerist Healthcare Executive Award.



Additional information shared at the annual meeting included our 2021 financial report, election of officers, and board of directors.

Please let me know how we can better serve you as an ACHE and SDHEG member. I can be reached via email at Ashli.Danilko@avera.org or 605-589-2152.

Regards,
Ashli Danilko, MHA, FACHE



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Message from your ACHE Regent November 2022

For those of you that have been members for a while, ACHE is returning to in-person clusters. Check out the ACHE website to review the details of upcoming sessions in Orlando and New York.

ACHE 2023 Congress on Healthcare Leadership will be held March 20 -23, 2023. Registration opens Wednesday, November 16, 2022.



**Mark Longacre, FACHE - Monument Health
Regent for South Dakota**

SDHEG Chapter Stats

- 157 ACHE State Chapter Members
- 43 FACHEs in State Chapter
- 54 Senior-level executives in SDHEG
- 12 active student members
- 44 members eligible to advance as Fellow



Welcome New Members

Ayodele Ogunremi, MD, FACP
Monument Health, Physician

James Woodhead
Monument Health, Director of Nursing

Lisa Curnes
Veterans Health Administration, Medical
Center Director

Nathaniel Graff
Veterans Health Administration

Lt Col Robert Corby
Air Force Medical Support Agency, Director
Medical Service Corp

The SDHEG chapter earned the **Award of Chapter Distinction & Award for Sustained Performance** for 2021 performance standards.



SDHEG MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



James K Woodhead

**DIRECTOR OF NURSING
MONUMENT HEALTH - CUSTER MARKET**

Tell us about your current role and what it entails.

As the Director of Nursing for the Custer Market, I am responsible for the overall nursing operations and performance within our market (Custer Hospital, Custer Clinic, Hill City Clinic and Hot Springs Clinic). I am also responsible for all business operations of the Custer Hospital (Inpatient, Observation and Emergency Dept). This includes but not limited to yearly budget development, real-time budget management, daily management of staffing and productivity, patient relations, quality oversight and development and provider relations.

What prompted you to pursue a career in healthcare?

I had an affinity towards science since high school, so once I was about a year into college and starting my second year, I knew I needed to start focusing on what I was going to make a career of after college. I had a calling towards healthcare due to the science side of it, and I began volunteering some time in a local Emergency Department. This experience solidified my calling to the healthcare field, I absolutely loved it. The next step was deciding what to do exactly within the medical field. At first, I thought about the medical school route, but decided quickly that I did not want to spend that much time in school. I have an aunt that is a nurse, and I started talking to her about that route; she quickly convinced me of the opportunities I could have if I went that route, so that is when I decided to become a Nurse.

What advice would you offer to students or other early careerists?

I have 2 pieces of advice for any careerist that I believe will make success a little easier: 1) Always be open to learning and feedback regardless of how long you have been doing something; as there are different ways of doing any one task, it shows to those around that you are engaged and open to opinions, feedback and learning. 2) "The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people" President Teddy Roosevelt. I find this quote exceptionally true in my experience. You must find a way to connect with individual people; this will help accelerate success and make the journey a bit easier.

What have you gained most from your ACHE membership and participation thus far?

I am very new to ACHE (2 weeks in). I appreciate the opportunities I am now being offered for continuing my leadership growth. There are so many education opportunities for CE's and also opportunities to collaborate/meet other healthcare leaders. This will not only help me to grow professionally, but also to help improve my healthcare organization and our ability to provide amazing patient care.

How do you recharge and avoid burnout?

Balance is key for me in all aspects of life; this includes work-life balance, family-friends-me time balance and balance in my diet/health choices. I have learned through my life and career the art of saying "no," but with the caveat of giving those I serve an alternative solution. I have a very good balance currently and in general through my career while also preserving relationships. This is my recipe for recharging and avoiding burnout.

SDHEG STUDENT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Emily Kokales

USD Student

Beacom School of Business | Health Services Administration 2024

Health Executives Advancing Leadership (HEAL) President

Pi Beta Phi Vice President of Recruitment

Hometown: Aberdeen, SD

Why are you pursuing a degree in health care administration?

I decided to pursue a health care administration because of the opportunities it would bring. As a child with very severe allergies, I was constantly in and out of the doctor's office during that. I knew I wanted to go into healthcare to help people. As I grew up, I realized that the patient side of health care with blood and trauma was not where I was supposed to be, but I loved business and was interested in growing a business. This is where I found out that there was a whole side of the health care world that was a business. From junior high on, I knew that I wanted to do health care administration. Coming to USD and being in the program has been everything that I wanted and more this program and the faculty has opened doors I never thought could open. I am excited to see where my future in health care will go.

Are you currently working? If so, where?

Currently I am not working in health care. I work a part time job at a steakhouse in Vermillion where I am a waiter and a bartender. With being a full-time student and having a part time job, it has helped me to gain money throughout the school year to pay for college expenses. I would love to get a job in health care while I am getting my master's degree. This Christmas break, I will be working in the food and nutrition services at Avera Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen to get more experience in health care and I am looking forward to it!

What have you gained most from your ACHE student membership and participation thus far?

The opportunity to gain experience within this organization is something I am very thankful for. This organization wants to see students grow and flourish in the health care community. This spring, I was able to go to the ACHE conference in Chicago, and it was something that sparked lots of excitement for my future to come in health care. The networking skills and relationships I have also gained through the organization is something I will never forget. ACHE is a great organization for students to be involved in throughout college. As the Health Executives Advancing Leadership (HEAL) President this year, I have been trying to help get students more involved in the opportunities that SDHEG can provide for students, and we have been getting great feedback.

Are you looking for an internship experience? If yes, what things are you looking to learn and get out of an internship?

Yes! One of my favorite things to do is continue to learn. Learning more of the everyday life from a preceptor is something that I would like to experience. Also, how to handle conflict in a confident way and ensure that the health care organization that I am working in can move past difficult barriers. Within an internship, I hope to have a preceptor that is willing to give all the knowledge they have and helping me to learn and gain the experiences that I need to succeed. Also, with an internship, there is so much to learn and experiences that cannot be taught in the classroom. Those are the interactions that I would like to have to help me be an efficient and great health services administrator.

ACHE National News

Advancing Diverse Executives

Meet the [37 scholars](#) selected for ACHE's 2022 [Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity Program](#) and [Career Accelerator Program](#), who come from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines.

This year, the Executive Diversity Program will consist of e-learning, including webinars; self-study materials; and three multiday, in-person sessions. The Career Accelerator Program is exclusively virtual. Dolan scholars are empowered through a structured curriculum and activities that cultivate strong leadership presence; sharpen expertise in diversity, equity, and inclusion; build critical leadership skills; and expand one's capacity to navigate career opportunities and challenges. Both programs are six months in duration and are funded by the [Fund for Healthcare Leadership](#).

For more information, visit [ache.org/DiversityandInclusion](https://www.ache.org/DiversityandInclusion) to learn more about the Executive Diversity Program, Career Accelerator Program, and other diversity and inclusion resources.

ACHE Job Center

Did you know the ACHE [Job Center](#) is one of the most frequently visited and valued features on **ache.org**? With more than 3,000 jobs posted, the Job Center features:

- **A contemporary, updated design** improving user experience and interface utilizing a modern look and feel for all pages within the Career Resource Center.
- **Intuitive job search functionality** allowing users to search for, view and apply to jobs on the same page.
- **Customized job alerts** designed to strategically define, and coordinate push notifications based upon job titles, geography, organization name, salary range and more.
- **Job seeker profile creation** available to all members interested in setting up a job seeker account and resume access to ACHE-approved employers for enhanced visibility.
- **Online recruitment and job posting** for members looking to promote open positions, recruit high-caliber candidates and leverage the expertise of ACHE member candidates.

ACHE Blog and Podcast

Gain best practices and learn from your peers through our [blog](#) and the [Healthcare Executive Podcast](#). Both the blog and podcast provide up-to-date content on the issues most pressing to healthcare executives. Be sure to share these with your colleagues. Follow the Healthcare Executive Podcast wherever you access podcasts.

Connect With Your Peers

We are pleased to offer members three free online communities for physician executives, Asian healthcare leaders and LGBTQ healthcare leaders. The community's platform makes it easier than ever for peers to connect in real time, tackle issues together and ask important career-related questions. Members can participate in discussion threads, share resources and best practices, and crowdsource innovative ideas and solutions.

To join, follow these steps:

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1. Under "Helpful Links" on the right-hand side, click the last option, "My Communities."
2. Click the "Add" button to choose the online communities you wish to join. *An MD or DO degree is required to join the Physician Executive Community.*
3. Watch your inbox for your welcome email and instructions to access your new community! The email will arrive within 24 hours.

We hope you will join these communities. If you have any questions, please email

communitymanager@ache.org.