

Message from Your ACHE Regent  
Fall 2017

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I trust that this note finds you well amidst this season of thanks and gratitude.

This is a wonderful time of year for reflection and anticipation. An opportunity to reflect on what has passed, and prepare with hope, optimism, and above all gratitude for all that is to come in the new year.

**ACHE of MA Fall Conference**

On November 2 the Chapter hosted its annual Fall Conference.

A heartfelt nod of thanks to the programming committee, led by John Christoforo, FACHE and a special note of thanks to Donna Powell for her hard work pulling off another wonderful meeting.

**Martha Coakley, Former Massachusetts Attorney General** and now partner with Foley Hoag, was our keynote speaker and we had the opportunity to welcome Edward H. Lamb, FACHE, Immediate Past Chairman of the Board of Governors of ACHE to participate in the panel discussion.

Five distinguished members of the chapter were recognized with service awards. If you have an opportunity to see them, please congratulate:

- Rachel Rosenblum
- Christine Schuster
- Jack Bailey, FACHE
- Alan Goldberg, FACHE
- Ken Guilbault, LFACHE

The meeting concluded with a well-deserved recognition of Lynn Nicholas, FACHE who has retired as President and CEO of the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association (MHA). Andrea Paciello announced that in recognition of Lynn's service to our chapter, we started a Lynn Nicholas, FACHE ACHE of MA Early Careerist Educational Travel Scholarship. We designed a luggage tag that will be presented to the scholarship recipient each year, and presented Lynn with the same.

On behalf of the chapter Lynn, we are sad to see you go, forever grateful for all you've done, for your servant leadership and for your encouragement of all those that choose to contribute to improving health care in the commonwealth. Wishing you all the best for a happy and healthy retirement!

**ACHE of MA Mentor/Mentee Match**

On October 18 the Mentorship Program Committee held its event for matched mentors and mentees to meet. Mentoring, at its core, helps our early career professionals know that there is someone who cares about them, assures them they are not alone in dealing with the challenges of "what's next", and helps many realize that there is a community of friends and colleagues here to help.

For those of you serving as mentors, thank you for the time, energy, insight and help.

For those of you being mentored, thank you for committing to wanting to grow, learn and work to leave this field better than when you found it.

Regardless of whether you are involved in the “formal” program, putting the title of mentor or mentee aside, the truth is we have all benefited from learning from and with the experiences of others. We all benefit from seeing the world through a different lens.

### **Looking forward to the spring**

As we look forward to the New Year, many of us will be making plans to attend Congress in Chicago in March. If your schedule allows, I hope you’ll be able to join us for another MA Chapter dinner on Monday, March 26 – stay tuned for more details.

### **Giving Back**

As usual, at this time of the year, I am writing this note shortly after #GivingTuesday, the unofficial nod to the holiday giving season. Perhaps you would consider giving back to your profession with a donation to the Foundation of [ACHE's Fund for Healthcare Leadership](#). Your contribution supports our mission to develop the next generation of leaders by providing scholarships, education and resources needed to impact the future of healthcare.

Please consider a donation to the Fund at [ache.org/Fund](http://ache.org/Fund).

Wishing you a holiday season filled with joy and laughter.

With love and respect,

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