



Welcome to HEF 2024!

Message from the President, Michael Ayanbadejo

Dear HEF Members,

I am happy to report that HEF is going strong with continued in-person programs, and a revamped sense of community, that will serve us well as we aim to expand our membership. I am glad to be working with such incredible colleagues to plan a course forward for HEF that all members can appreciate, serving you while also serving this great WNY community of ours.

This issue of the HEF Newsletter holds something for everyone. Like many who came out, I was pleased to be able to spend time in person with members at our recent HEF Fall event. The discussion was deeply insightful, with WNY leaders like Independent Health's John Rodgers, Kaleida Health's Wendy Allen-Thompson, Catholic Health's C.J. Urlaub, and D'Youville's Renee Cadzow. In this newsletter, be sure to check out the message from our Regent, details about our upcoming events, a call for sponsors, and some interesting news in the world of healthcare leadership. I know you will enjoy it.

Your Expertise Can Shape the Future of Healthcare Leadership! The Healthcare Executive Forum thrives on the passion and dedication of volunteers like you. Every insightful panel, groundbreaking discussion, and opportunity for growth you see is powered by individuals who donate their time and expertise. Join us as a volunteer and be at the heart of driving change in healthcare. Together, we can continue to make the Healthcare Executive Forum a beacon of innovation and leadership. Volunteer today—because we can't do this without you! Opportunities exist for any level of involvement – whether you have a few minutes a month or a few hours a week, we have something for you to be more involved!

We are really planning some wonderful programming, with an upcoming in-person and virtual event on "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Healthcare" on Friday, March 15, 2024 at Seneca One Tower. Make sure to sign up at the link enclosed. We also will likely try to have another in-person networking event this coming April. Please stay tuned by frequently checking out our HEF website for the latest news and events. Follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram. Please attend one of our upcoming events so that I can get to know you better and serve and support you along your healthcare career. I wish everyone a joyful ending to your winter as we welcome spring with family, friends, community, and peace.

Sincerely,

Michael Ayanbadejo, MBBS, MPH

Winter 2024

Message from Your ACHE Regent



Dear Colleagues,

Did you know that ACHE is celebrating an anniversary? On February 13, 1933, 18 hospital administrators met in Chicago to establish “an organization to elevate the standards of hospital administration.” 91 years later, ACHE has expanded to include many different disciplines in health and healthcare delivery.

The 2024 Congress on Healthcare Leadership is upon us, happening in Chicago from Monday, March 25-Thursday, March 28. For additional information, registration, and to see the exiting line up [click here](#). During Congress, it is my honor to participate in the 2024 Convocation Ceremony for advancing Fellows. Out of 714 fellows, we are celebrating eight local leaders from ACHE of Upstate NY that have earned their Fellow distinction. Please join me in applauding these leaders who have signified their lifelong commitment to change and improvement. To explore your own personal advancement, visit the [ACHE website](#) for additional information.

In addition to Congress, we have some great local offerings coming up:

- **February 29, 5-7pm:** Networking Event at The Copper Crow in Albany – RSVP to sarah.paparella@gmail.com
- **March 5, 5-7pm:** Cocktails & Conversation at Babe’s in Utica – RSVP to sarah.paparella@gmail.com
- **International Women’s Day on March 8, 1-4pm:** Women in Leadership: Empowering Leadership at Casa Larga Vineyards in Fairport. I am delighted to be the moderator for the



event and hope to see all of you there. Register

here: <https://web.cvent.com/event/0a3e0088-1538-4455-bbaa-c5da0d73a335/register>

In honoring the legacy of the eighteen hospital leaders that founded our organization, I encourage you to find time to prioritize your development in 2024. Whether that be in Chicago or in local events, let's continue to elevate our own standards.

All my best,

Meg



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Upcoming Events

Catholic Health presents

Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Healthcare



This Women's History Month, join Catholic Health for an engaging panel discussion focused on the achievements of women in healthcare and the work that lies ahead to ensure equal access to care services and career development opportunities. Our industry leading panelists will comment on a range of topics, including addressing social determinants of health, creating inclusive career development initiatives, and empowering women to lead.

Panel Speakers:



Dr. LaVonne Ansari
CEO & Executive Director
of Community Health
Center of Buffalo



Dr. Nancy Nielsen
Sr. Associate Dean for
Health Policy, Jacobs
School of Medicine &
Biomedical Sciences



Joyce Markiewicz
President & CEO of
Catholic Health



Claudine Ewing
Anchor/Reporter
at WGRZ

Discussion Moderator:



Claudine Ewing
Anchor/Reporter
at WGRZ

Friday, March 15, 2024
Seneca One Tower
1 Seneca Street, Buffalo
10:30am – 2:00pm

Presentation will be
live-streamed at:
[Facebook.com/CatholicHealth](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicHealth)



**Diversity,
Equity & Inclusion**



Join us for an exciting event sponsored by Catholic Health, coming up in just a couple weeks on March 15, 2024! Please register by clicking [HERE](#) by March 13, 2024.

Networking, an exciting panel discussion, open forum for questions, and lunch round out this event.

Can't join in person? No worries, this event will be live-streamed for virtual participation.

This event will be worth 1.5 Qualified Education Credits. Please login your ACHE account and self-report these credits post event.

Social Networking Events are in the works!

Our next SNE is planned for April – keep your eyes peeled for the date, as we work with local leaders to ensure a meaningful event for all. We are working to include local leaders in all of our SNEs this year, to make these an even more beneficial event for all.



Board of Governors Exam Prep Course



HLNDV's 2024 Spring BOG Exam Prep Series Starts May 7: Two Week Crash Course!

Preparing for the Board of Governors Exam as you work toward becoming a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives*(FACHE)?

HLNDV wants to help you prepare, study and connect!

HLNDV will host a BOG Exam Prep Series, covering all ten topic areas and featuring FACHE expertise across the region! The Series will be held in a virtual forum over two weeks! Session will occur between 6PM and 9PM during the second and third weeks of May.

BOG Exam Prep Sessions* held between 6PM-9PM

- Tuesday, May 7
- Wednesday, May 8
- Thursday, May 9
- Tuesday, May 14
- Wednesday, May 15
- Thursday, May 16 (if needed)

*All topics will be covered throughout the class. However, specific topics covered during each session will be confirmed, pending speaker availability.

Presenters will cover key elements of the topics, share practice questions and provide time for discussion and Q&A. Attendees will receive contact information of all Series participants to support connecting for study groups outside of schedule sessions, copies of the session presentations along with the recordings from each session, as available.

ACHE members can register for HLNDV's BOG Exam Prep Series for only \$150 per person! HLNDV members who take the BOG Exam Prep Series AND pass the BOG Exam by December 31, 2024 will receive \$100 refund of the Prep Series registration fee!

Register today! Space is limited.

Proof of payment for HLNDV BOG Prep Course, BOG Exam date and passing score must be submitted by January 31, 2025.

Registration: \$150

 www.hlndv.ache.org

Are you interested in pursuing your ACHE Fellow credential? Our friends at the Healthcare Leadership Network of the Delaware Valley are offering a BOG Exam Prep Series in May for just \$150! This is a great opportunity to get this course at a really reasonable price.

Register Today at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hlndv-2024-spring-board-of-governors-exam-prep-series-tickets-803297794327>

Congress

Congress is a GREAT time and there is still time to sign up for this amazing event.

Joining National for Congress? Send an email to info@hef.achechapter.org and let us know you'll be there, so our Western New York crew can get together in Chicago!



ACHE 2024 CONGRESS
on Healthcare Leadership



Call for Sponsors

Are You Ready to Be a Catalyst for Change in Healthcare Leadership? Join us as a sponsor for the Healthcare Executive Forum and play a pivotal role in shaping the future of healthcare. This is your opportunity to connect with industry leaders, share your expertise, and make a lasting impact. Act now—become a sponsor today and transform healthcare leadership together! Email info@hef.achechapter.org for more details.

What's Trending in Healthcare News

[Factors Associated with Healthcare Clinician Stress & Resilience: A Scoping Review](#) – ACHE Journal of Healthcare Management

[Hospitals show decline in Fitch's early 2023 analysis, but should improve \(a little\)](#) – Chief Healthcare Executive

[AHRQ Releases Technical Brief on Documentation Burden for Comment](#) – AMIA

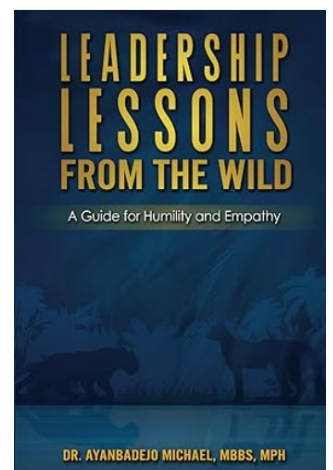
[Q&A: Sheila Kee leans on five-decade career to help guide Niagara Falls hospital into future](#) – Buffalo News

[CMS Issues Guidance on AI Use for Determining Medicare Advantage Care](#) - HIMSS

[Financial Performance of Accountable Care Organizations: A 5-Year National Empirical Analysis](#) – ACHE Journal of Healthcare Management

Book Release – Leadership Lessons From the Wild

Looking for something interesting to read, to support your growth as a leader? Look no further than our very own president, whose book *Leadership Lessons From the Wild* has just been released and is available on [Amazon](#). A book release party is being planned for this spring.





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