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Upper Midwest ACHCA Chapter



The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is calling for members to support the revitalization of its Upper Midwest Chapter. ACHCA emphasizes the importance of chapter infrastructure for members' value proposition, providing a sense of community, local engagement, support, and opportunities to strengthen leadership skills. Michael Schumacher (top) and Luke Bjorklund (bottom), who are administrative residency students from the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, are leading the effort. They mention the lack of local support for long-term care administrators in the Upper Midwest and aim to create a local support system through chapter revitalization. ACHCA, founded in 1962, focuses on professional development and networking for long-term care administrators. The Upper Midwest Chapter aims to provide collaborative educational and networking opportunities, promoting professionalism, ethical behavior, and quality care in the health care industry.

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2024 CHAASE Banquet



The 2024 CHAASE Banquet will take place on April 18th at the Lismore Hotel in downtown Eau Claire, Wisconsin. You can register here: <https://blugolds.uwec.edu/CHAASE>.

Please contact Jacob Hall with any questions at halljaco@uwec.edu. We hope to see you there!

Dr. Lindsey Creapeau Named Director of CHAASE

Dr. Lindsey Creapeau, Assistant Professor in the HCAD program, was named Director of CHAASE. CHAASE supports many of the high-impact practices for the UWEC HCAD program, thanks to our generous partners, donors, board members, alumni, and friends.



She says, “After serving as Interim Director since September 2022, I am honored to be named as the CHAASE Director and am fully committed to our mission to develop aging services leaders. Advisory board members, partners, donors, alumni, and friends like you are vital in maintaining our program’s reputation as a national leader. I look forward to continuing advancement of CHAASE’s initiatives together! ”

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UWEC Students as Silver Examiners

Three HCAD students, Kaylee Tauferner (left), Jenna Thieding (center), and Kandis Fieber (right) have partnered with AHCA/NCAL to train as Silver Award Examiners in the 2024 spring semester. These students, along with Dr. Frances Hawes, completed the virtual AHCA/NCAL-led training. Students are now working with examiner teams that include licensed administrators from across the United States to review Silver Award applications.



ACHCA Student Organization



In February, the ACHCA student organization hosted many exciting events, including a fundraiser at Panda Express, a Valentines Day and Cookie Decorating social event, and volunteer events at The Classic at Hillcrest Greens and Dove South. The ACHCA student organization has been a great medium for students who are interested in long-term care to connect and make long-lasting relationships with one another. The student organization has had a large role in a new initiative in helping more students attend the national ACHCA Convocation.

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LeadingAge Minnesota

On Thursday, February 8, 2024, Dr. Johs-Artisensi presented a session at LeadingAge Minnesota's Institute & Expo, Ignite! Her session was entitled, "Policies, Practices, and People: Essential Influencers of Quality of Life and Well-Being" and was based on content from her and Dr. Kevin Hansen's book, "Quality of Life and Well-Being for Residents in Long-Term Care Communities." She enjoys having the opportunity to share research that shows improved outcomes resulting from simple investments in programming and practices that enhance resident well-being. Dr. Johs-Artisensi says it is rewarding to see providers get excited about practical strategies and ideas they can advance within their own care communities. One of her favorite parts about presenting at state conferences is seeing and catching up with so many caring alums who have stayed in the field, and work tirelessly each day, making their care communities great places to live and work.



2024 ACHCA National Convocation

Dr. Creapeau, Prof. McMurry, and 16 students will attend the 2024 ACHCA National Convocation, scheduled from May 6th through the 9th. Several students will showcase their collaborative research efforts at the Dr. Kevin Hansen Student and Health Care Professional Poster Exposition. If you're attending, we encourage you to drop by the expo hall on Wednesday between 12:15 and 2:15 pm.

The HCAD group will have dinner together on Tuesday, May 7th at 7:30 pm. Please reach out to Dr. Lindsey Creapeau if you'd like to join- we'd love to have CHAASE partners and friends connect with us. Dr Creapeau can be reached at creapelj@uwec.edu or (715) 836-2088.

Students Attending:

- Lily Kiffmeyer - UWEC ACHCA Student Chapter President
- Heston Amble - UWEC ACHCA Student Chapter Vice-President
- Jenna Thieding - CHAASE Student Intern, UWEC ACHCA Student Chapter Secretary
- Ryder Arians
- Anna Benishek
- Luke Bjorklund
- Jamie Challes
- Ben Clarke
- Emma Hamilton
- Annabelle Howat
- Ava Johnson
- Carissa Prestholdt
- Delia Pullen
- Michael Schumacher
- Emma Sullivan
- Ella VanderBloemen

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Thank you to the 2023-24 Preceptors!

As we approach 2024 graduation, we extend a huge thank you to the preceptors that have spent the last 10 months mentoring our residency students. We truly appreciate your partnership and support for our program, students, and continuing our legacy.

Thank you for all you've done!

Angela Byrne	Mike Karel
Allan Barr	Becky Kern
Marie Barta	Kris Krentz
Charity Beschta	Ashley Linkert
Jennifer Bever	Carly Loewus
Jackson Bires	Noel Lovas
Justin Birkeli	Megan Mashl
Jenna Butterfield	Candi McConnell
Glenn Carvino	Gavin Middleton
Kenzie Christopher	Katie Plendl
Mya Collins	Randy Rennock
Laurie Edelman	Jon Richardson
Megan Feirtag	Frank Robinson
Allison Gagnon	Beth Schroeder
Kim Gochanour	Erin Sprando
Michaela Hagenow	Katie Trucco
Wanda Hose	Kristi Vater
Jennifer Johnson	Taya Walk
	Jessica Walker

National Symposium for Academic Palliative Care Education

Dr. Hawes shared her study titled "Leading through loss: The training journey of nursing home administrators in navigating grief at work" at the National Symposium for Academic Palliative Care Education and Research in San Diego, California. In February, Dr. Hawes shared how there is a limited understanding and training on end-of-life care among Administrators-in-Training in nursing homes, showing a significant gap in death management education and grief support. Her study underscores the necessity for comprehensive training programs and improved support mechanisms for AITs to enhance the delivery of end-of-life care in skilled nursing facilities.



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