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ACHE Announces Recipients of Highest Individual Awards

CHICAGO, February 10, 2017—The American College of Healthcare Executives announces the following 2017 award winners: **Gayle L. Capozzalo, FACHE**, and **Rulon F. Stacey, PhD, FACHE**, are recipients of the Gold Medal Award; and **Nicholas R. Tejeda, FACHE**, is the recipient of the Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award for Young Healthcare Executive of the Year.

The Gold Medal Award—ACHE's highest honor bestowed on outstanding leaders—identifies Fellows of the American College of Healthcare Executives who best exemplify leadership at the organizational, local, state/provincial and national levels. The Gold Medal Award recognizes individuals who go beyond the confines of their own organization to continually contribute to the improvement of healthcare services and community health.

Capozzalo, executive vice president and chief strategy officer, Yale New Haven (Conn.) Health System, served as ACHE Chairman from 2012 to 2013, on the Board of Governors from 2007 to 2010 and on ACHE's Council of Regents from 2004 to 2007. Capozzalo is also a member of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and serves on its audit and compliance committee.

Stacey, managing director, Navigant, Chicago, served as ACHE Chairman from 2011 to 2012, on the Board of Governors from 2007 to 2010 and on the Council of Regents from 2004 to 2007. Stacey also was the 1999 recipient of the Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award for Young Healthcare Executive of the Year. Stacey is the current appointee of the United States Secretary of Commerce as the chairman of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Overseers, and is chairman of the CEO Circle of the International Hospital Federation, Geneva, Switzerland.

Capozzalo and Stacey will receive their awards Monday, March 27, 2017, at the Opening Session during ACHE's 60th Congress on Healthcare Leadership.

The Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award for Young Healthcare Executive of the Year honors outstanding achievement in the field of healthcare management. The award is given to an exceptional healthcare executive who is younger than 40, is a Fellow of ACHE and holds a CEO or COO position in a healthcare organization.

Tejeda, CEO, The Hospitals of Providence Transmountain Campus, El Paso, Texas, is responsible for the development of the nation's newest teaching hospital, a collaboration with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, which opened Jan. 17, 2017. He also is a member of the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board No. 7 and the board of directors for the Institute for Diversity in Health Management. He was previously chairman of ACHE's Early Careerist Committee. He will receive his award on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at the Malcolm T. MacEachern Memorial Lecture and Luncheon during ACHE's 60th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

About the American College of Healthcare Executives

The **American College of Healthcare Executives** is an international professional society of 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE's mission is to advance its members and healthcare management excellence. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management. ACHE's established network of 78 chapters provides

access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and its career development and public policy programs. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its vision of being the preeminent professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving health. **The Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives** was established to further advance healthcare management excellence through education and research. The Foundation of ACHE is known for its educational programs—including the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants—and groundbreaking research. Its publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on health services management, including textbooks for college and university courses. For more information, visit www.ache.org.

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