ASAHP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions will hold its 2017 Annual Conference on October 18 – 20 at the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX. The theme of this year’s conference is: ASAHP At 50 - Reflections On The Past, A Window To The Future Of Healthcare.

Rooming rates start at $209 per night. Attendees may book within the room block through Monday, September 25, 2017. The special room rate will be available until the group block is sold-out. Rooms can be reserved online at https://aws.passkey.com/event/49276087/owner/13181/landing?gtid=bf388d33587faf5ebd95f3e0c80593d5 or by telephone at 1-800-648-4462. Attendees should make sure to indicate they are with the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions to identify being part of the room block.

Approximately 100 concurrent session and poster session presentations will be offered that involve a wide range of allied health topics. Along with those offerings, the program will feature plenary session addresses by:

David S. Chernow, President and Chief Executive Officer, Select Medical

David Leonhardt, Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist and Op-Ed Columnist, New York Times

P. Kevin Rudeen, Professor Emeritus & Dean Emeritus, College of Allied Health, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Ronan Tynan, Multi-Platinum Recording Artist, Orthopedist, Alltech Visiting Artist in Residence, University of Kentucky

Barbara Jacobsmeyer, Executive Vice President of Operations, HealthSouth

The Mary E. Switzer Lecture will be presented by: Lieutenant Colonel Kathleen Vancosel, Director, Center for the Intrepid, San Antonio, TX.

J. WARREN PERRY AWARD

The winners of the Journal of Allied Health’s 2017 J. Warren Perry Award are:

Jennifer L. Saylor
Susan Flannery Wainwright
E. Adel Herge
Ryan T. Pohlig

Their manuscript is entitled, “Development of an Instrument to Assess the Clinical Effectiveness of the Debriefing in Simulation Education.” It appeared in the Fall 2016 issue. The award will be presented during the Awards Dinner on October 18 at the ASAHP Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX.

The late J. Warren Perry was a founding member of ASAHP, became the Association’s 2nd President, and was the founder of the Journal of Allied Health. The selection of this year’s winning manuscript was based on rankings developed by several members of the Journal’s Editorial Board, who did not know who else was involved in producing scores. They each reviewed the top five articles that emerged, based on scores by reviewers on nine different criteria that are used during the pre-publication assessment process.

VALUE OF ACCREDITATION

Accreditation plays an essential role in higher education, but just how widely understood is it? To enable various audiences, such as parents and employers, to understand the contribution that accreditation makes to education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) has produced a pair of documents to help academic administrators to discuss this matter. One resource addresses the basics of what accreditation does and how integral it is for higher education. It can be obtained at http://www.chea.org/userfiles/PDFs/ten-ways-accreditation-serves.pdf. The other resource addresses student achievement and success; access; affordability; and innovation in colleges and universities. It can be obtained at http://www.chea.org/userfiles/PDFs/Talking-Points-2017.pdf.
INSTITUTIONAL AND STUDENT SUCCESS

As colleges and universities strive to develop an optimal approach for student success and both short- and long-term sustainability amid a shifting and increasingly competitive landscape, they must be focused and intentional when it comes to planning for the future. The American Council on Education (ACE) and Huron formed a partnership to present a five-part webinar series that will occur every Tuesday from September 12 until October 10, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Eastern Time to explore how to learn more about how an integrated approach to planning and execution can drive both institutional and student success.

Session topics are:
- Setting the Strategy for Your Institution (September 12)
- Leadership and Governance (September 19)
- Financial Sustainability (September 26)
- Student Experience (October 3)
- Implementing Strategy and Tracking Success (October 10)

Registration is available at http://www.acenet.edu/events/Pages/ACE-Huron-Leadership-Series.aspx.

COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION

Eduventures, Ellucian, and the American Council on Education (ACE) have teamed up for their second annual review of competency based education (CBE). In 2016, a survey of more than 250 schools was conducted in order to assess their current or planned implementation of CBE. This endeavor resulted in the publication of Deconstructing CBE in July 2016.

In 2017, the effort turned to qualitative research involving interviews with key CBE stakeholders at seven institutions selected from the 2016 survey. In 2017, the primary goal is to better understand why some CBE programs have moved beyond an experimental phase in Deconstructing CBE: Portraits of Institutional Practice, a report that can be obtained at http://www.eduventures.com/deconstructing-cbe/.

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS WEEK

Allied Health Professions Week will be observed on November 5-11, 2017 to honor the work of educators and practitioners. Each year, several ASAH and institutions use the occasion to highlight their academic programs. An upcoming issue of the ASAH UPDATE will provide examples of how to celebrate this event.