LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Association’s Board of Directors in 2005 approved the creation of a leadership development program. The seventh iteration of this offering will occur in 2018. Part I will take place March 14-15 at the Charleston Marriott in South Carolina. Part II will occur at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort in St. Petersburg, Florida on October 8-9, immediately prior to the 2018 Annual Conference that is scheduled for October 10-12.

Individuals who are accepted for the program also will be expected to participate in both the Spring and Fall sessions as well as pay the full registration fees to attend the Annual Conference.

The program will feature outstanding guest speakers who possess significant expertise and experience in various aspects of higher education administration. The period between the March and October meetings will be devoted to a combination of team and individual projects. Participants will have an opportunity to pursue issues of interest while also developing personal leadership skills.

No fewer than 10 and not more than 15 participants will be selected. Normally, no more than one person will be chosen from any single member institution.

Priority will be given to department chairpersons/directors, associate/assistant deans, and new deans (appointed within the previous 24 months at the time of applying). Others would be considered based on space availability. Self-nominations are permissible.

The registration fee for each participant is $1,500. Expenses for lodging, travel, and meals will be the responsibility of either the individual participant or the institution.

Applications must be submitted electronically by the close of business on Thursday, December 21, 2017 to jacoby@asahp.org

Applications can be submitted at https://asahp.squarespace.com/leadership-development-program/.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

ASAHP joined members of the Federation of Associations of Schools of the Health Professions (FASHP) in sending a letter to the House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairwoman Virginia Foxx and Ranking Member Bobby Scott ahead of the Committee's December 12 markup of H.R. 4508, the Promoting Real Opportunity, Success and Prosperity through Education Reform (PROSPER) Act. The letter encourages the Committee to consider higher education policies that support and strengthen health professions education and the future health care workforce as negotiations on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act progress.

The Committee subsequently voted 23 to 17 along party lines on that date to approve its bill to reauthorize the Higher Education Act (HEA), less than two weeks after the measure was introduced. The next step is for the legislation to be approved by the full House of Representatives.

The purpose of the bill is to update the primary federal law governing colleges and universities, which last was reauthorized in 2008. Yet, within the higher education community, there are major concerns not only about the accelerated pace at which this legislation is progressing, but also about the potential to change the system of federal financial aid by eliminating programs, restructuring policies, and imposing new regulations that could harm students and their families.

Programs that face the prospect of being either reduced or eliminated include:

- The in-school interest subsidy for undergraduate students
- The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program
- Loan forgiveness and other benefits currently available in student loan programs, including the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

Both the Association’s Newswire and the ASAHP UPDATE will serve as vehicles to keep readers abreast of developments involving this important legislation.
VIZUALIZING HEALTH EQUITY

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) has tapped the skills of many different kinds of artists to illustrate what health equity looks, sounds, and feels like to them. By sharing insights directly from individuals in diverse communities around the U.S., the goal of this project is to increase the amount of thinking and talking about health equity and the social determinants of health. Art work can be viewed at http://nam.edu/visualizehealthequity/?utm_source=HMD+Email+List&utm_campaign=98f6e330f9-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_12_08&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_211686812e-98f6e330f9-180272941&mc_cid=98f6e330f9&mc_eid=24d54e7091#artwork.

POST-TRADITIONAL LEARNERS

A paper issued by the American Council on Education (ACE), The Post-traditional Learners Manifesto Revisited: Aligning Postsecondary Education with Real Life for Adult Student Success, reveals that post-traditional learners make up nearly 60% of the undergraduate population in the United States. The paper is a sequel to the Center for Policy Research and Strategy’s previous study, Post-traditional Learners and the Transformation of Postsecondary Education: A Manifesto for College Leaders, which can be obtained at http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Documents/Post-Traditional-Learners.pdf.

Building on ACE’s long history of supporting both post-traditional learners and the higher education institutions that serve them, the current paper digs deeper into the needs of these college-goers and offers recommendations to help institutions, researchers, and policymakers better help this growing population of postsecondary students complete their degrees. http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/pages/the-post-traditional-learners-manifesto-revisited.aspx.

IPE CONFERENCE REMINDER

The 2018 Interprofessional Education & Practice Conference Addressing Health Disparities, themed "Moving Toward Health Equity: From the Neighborhood to the Global Communities” will be hosted by Howard University's College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences on Thursday, February 22 and Friday, February 23, 2018. The Abstracts Submission deadline has been extended to today--December 15, 2017.

Additional information can be obtained at http://healthsciences.howard.edu/education/colleges/nursing-allied-health/iepc/abstracts.

HOSPITAL CEO SURVEY

The health care industry is moving at an exceptionally fast rate, facing disruption and change from nearly every angle. The firm Deloitte is addressing these changes by examining the biggest trends and issues that hospital CEOs need to prioritize. Six particular issues need to be faced in order for health care executives to move more confidently into an uncertain future. The issues are:

- Uncertainty about the future of Medicaid and health care policy
- Population health and value-based care
- Margin pressure and the search for new revenue streams
- How health systems invest in talent to create forward-looking leaders
- Enabling care transformation and mitigating cyber risks through technology
- Making the business of health care consumer-centric


HEALTH RESEARCH AWARDS

Funds are being made available from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to encourage innovative health services research that directly and demonstrably can contribute to the improvement of minority health and the reduction of health disparities at the health care system-level as well as within clinical settings. Individuals from racial/ethnic minority populations, socioeconomically disadvantaged populations, and rural populations continue to experience a disproportionate burden of disease and other adverse health conditions. Research is needed that moves beyond an exclusive focus on the health status of individuals to examine and address how larger systemic factors cause, sustain, or minimize health disparities in communities, regions, and the nation as a whole.

The earliest submission date is March 12, 2018. The due dates for applications are April 11, 2018 and April 11, 2019 by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. Additional information can be obtained at https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/PA-18-286.html.