

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.

The content of the conference program is designed to address issues of interest to attendees. Approximately 100 concurrent session and poster session presentations will be offered that involve emerging issues, which include "Next Steps in Interprofessional Education" and a wide range of other topics relating to allied health. Along with those presentations, 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

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

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

ASAHP staff members report that the Senate majority is seeking to garner 50 votes for the Republican's newest version of proposed legislation to repeal and replace portions of Obamacare, a vote that has been delayed by as much as two weeks due to Senator John McCain's (R-AZ) recent eye surgery. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) is expected to release its score of the Senate bill that will shed light on its cost, as well as its impact on the number of insured over the course of the next decade. The previous version of the Senate bill resulted in the elimination of insurance for 23 million Americans.

As many as 10 Republican Senators are undecided at this point, several of whom are awaiting the CBO score before making their decision. All Republican Senators will be needed to support this bill to secure passage. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Rand Paul (R-KY) already have indicated that they will oppose the measure.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Evidence for Action (E4A), a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), funds research that expands the evidence base needed to build a *Culture of Health*. The RWJF mission is to support rigorously designed quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research that yields convincing findings regarding population health, well-being, and equity impacts of specific policies, programs, and partnerships.

A special interest is research examining the health impacts of programmatic or policy interventions that address factors outside the domain of health care services or public health practice. Since applications are accepted on a rolling basis, there is no deadline for submission. Generally, applicants can expect to be notified within 6-8 weeks of submitting a letter of interest. More information can be obtained at http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2015/evidence-for-action-investigator-initiated-research-to-build-a-culture-of-health.html?rid=b9DqDr_nbyVqMCzAWLsAxFXYY_WIRNIAH&et_cid=937823.

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

The Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) is offering an innovative new initiative providing deans and other senior academic administrators across the health professions with the opportunity for professional enrichment in the area of interprofessional leadership and engagement. The IPEC *Interprofessional Deans Leadership Program (IDLDP)* will be held on **November 29–December 1, 2017**. The program is customized to the needs of senior academic leaders with three or fewer years of experience from IPEC member association schools. ASAHP is an IPEC member.

A tuition of \$3,600 includes all program materials, meals, and three nights lodging at the Grand Hyatt Washington. The inaugural program is limited to 45 participants, with the selection process beginning in mid-August. To apply or obtain more information, go to www.ipeccollaborative.org or call Tel: 202-463-6930, ext. 269.

JOURNAL OF ALLIED HEALTH

Once an article is submitted to the *Journal of Allied Health* and passes a quality control checkpoint, it undergoes a review. Along with recommendations that reviewers make, they also assign scores on nine different criteria (e.g., importance, documentation, valid conclusions). Based on average scores for 33 original research and commentary articles published in the Fall 2016, Winter 2016, Spring 2017, and Summer 2017 issues, the top five papers were selected and copies were sent to members of the Journal's Editorial Board with a request that these items be ranked.

An average of those rankings will determine the winner of the 2017 *J. Warren Perry Award*. The result will be published in the mid-August 2017 issue of the ASAHP UPDATE.

Shown below are data on the number of articles submitted since 2012:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>
First six months of 2017	65
2016	115
2015	85
2014	87
2013	83
2012	59

A consequence of the growth in the number of papers accepted for publication is that a sizable backlog has developed. Options for reducing it are being explored.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Association received 45 nominations from member institutions for the *Scholarship of Excellence Awards*. As in the past, former members who performed executive functions on the Board of Directors are ranking the nominees. Each individual is conducting an assessment independently of the other members. Their rankings will be averaged to determine 12 scholarship recipients. The results will be published in the ASAHP UPDATE that will be issued at the beginning of August 2017.

Nominees represent the following academic areas: Athletic Training, Audiology, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Exercise Science, Genetic Counseling, Health Sciences, Health Care Administration, Molecular Genetic Technology, Music Therapy, Nutrition and Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, Public Health, Radiography, Recreational Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, and Speech-Language Pathology.

VALUE-DRIVEN CARE

A recent survey of health care professionals, including chief medical officers, clinical quality executives, and chief financial officers at U.S.-based health care providers sheds light on the state of the provider industry, including some prominent factors that are challenging organizations' performance and growth. Health care organizations can address challenges through a total transformation across the continuum of care that will lead to a competitive advantage and better health outcomes.

Survey results can be obtained at http://valuedrivencare.ey.com/bmc/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/07/1706-2337289-Value-Based-Care-Health_v13_interactive.pdf.

STATE FISCAL RANKINGS

The fiscal health of American states affects all citizens. Indicators of fiscal health come in a variety of forms—from a state's ability to attract businesses and how much it taxes to what health and higher education services it provides and how well it keeps its promises to public-sector employees. The report "Ranking the States by Fiscal Condition," has indicators of fiscal health for all 50 states.

The report can be accessed at <https://www.mercatus.org/system/files/norcross-fiscalrankings-2017-mercatus-v1.pdf>.