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Capstone Health Alliance Hosts Successful Healthcare Leadership Forum in Myrtle Beach

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, October 31, 2023 - Capstone Health Alliance, one of the largest regional purchasing organizations, recently concluded its highly anticipated event for healthcare leaders from October 17th to 19th at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center. The 2023 Capstone Forum brought together industry experts, thought leaders, and key stakeholders to discuss emerging trends, share best practices, and foster collaborative partnerships within the healthcare supply chain sector.

Throughout the three and a half days, attendees participated in engaging sessions, interactive panel discussions, a Supplier showcase, and several networking opportunities, offering multiple platforms for insightful conversations and knowledge sharing. The event focused on topics such as cost optimization strategies, supply chain management advancements, value-based care initiatives, and innovative solutions to address the evolving challenges faced by healthcare providers.

The event boasted an array of inspiring keynote speakers including Robyn Benincasa, Elise Mitchell, and Ford Koles, a renowned healthcare economist. Attendees also benefited from an informative Town Hall led by Capstone President and CEO, Tim Bugg, featuring industry leading experts, Dr. Randy Bradley, and Dr. Soumi Saha.

In addition to the educational talks, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities, Capstone proudly celebrated the graduates of the Class of 2023 from its esteemed Leadership Institute and honored outstanding Members and Suppliers with the 2023 Elevate and Innovative Partner Supplier Awards, acknowledging their commitment to excellence and pioneering contributions.

The Capstone Leadership Institute is a prestigious program designed to nurture and develop the next generation of healthcare supply chain leaders. Throughout the program, participants engage in comprehensive professional development activities that focus on core leadership competencies, industry knowledge, and innovative approaches to healthcare supply chain management. During the graduation ceremony, participants from the Class of 2023 were acknowledged for successfully completing the program and for their commitment to advancing their leadership capabilities. The graduates can now leverage their enhanced skillsets to drive positive change and innovation within their respective organizations and overall healthcare delivery.

For more information and to register for the Capstone Leadership Institute Class of 2024 visit capstonehealthalliance.swoogo.com/CLI2024

In addition to celebrating the accomplishments of the graduates, Capstone recognized exemplary Members and Suppliers with the 2023 Elevate and Innovative Partner Supplier Awards.

The Elevate Awards, established in 2015, hold special significance within Capstone's community. They honor Members who live and breathe the core values of Excellence, Collaboration, Respect,



Innovation, Agility, Integrity, and being Member-Driven. The award pays tribute to those Members who constantly elevate their work performance, setting a high bar in the healthcare sector.

Additionally, the Innovative Partner Supplier Awards, first launched in 2014, acknowledge Suppliers who have shown exceptional performance, outstanding service, and a commitment to innovation in their respective area. Winners were selected based on their collaboration with Capstone Health Alliance Members to provide new solutions that drive value and improve patient care.

Capstone Health Alliance remains dedicated to fostering leadership development and promoting innovation within the healthcare sector. By nurturing future leaders and recognizing the accomplishments of exceptional Members and Suppliers, Capstone reinforces its commitment to continually driving excellence and positive change in healthcare delivery, all while hosting a hauntingly good time for all attendees.

The 2024 Capstone Forum will be hosted once again in Myrtle Beach from October 15th through October 17th.

Capstone Leadership Institute Class of 2023

Roberta Bailey - Cone Health (Class MVP)
Jason Barr - Jefferson Regional Medical Center
Susan Blackwell - Woman's Hospital
Emily Childress - Cabell Huntington Hospital
Whitney Edwards - Conway Medical Center
Dylan Ghion - Adventist Healthcare
Ryann Gunter - CHAMPS GPO
Anjelica Hall - Baton Rouge General Medical Center
Elizabeth Howard - Doctors Community Hospital, Luminis Health
Elizabeth Johnson - TidalHealth
Meredith Manning - St. Joseph's-Candler Health System
Diane Mueller - Cape Fear Valley Health System
Karen Peters - Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital
Mark Porter - Jefferson Regional Medical Center
Pamela Setzer - Catawba Valley Health System (Class Valedictorian)
Angela Vancel - Woman's Hospital

Elevate Award Winners

Roberta Bailey - Cone Health
Louis H. Brecht IV, MBA, RRT, RPSGT, RST – Atlantic General Hospital

Raneesha Ford, PharmD, MBA, MHA – Baton Rouge General
Rose Jensen, MBA, BSN, RN – The University of Tennessee Medical Center
Scott Justice, Pharm. D., RPh – Buchanan General Hospital
Karen Seigel – Vantage Partners
Amanda Smith – Riverside
Ben Wolfe – North Oaks Health Systems

Innovative Partner Supplier Award Winners

Most Innovative Value Proposition Award – Ambu
Capstone Loyal Partner Supplier Award - Cook Medical



Diversity Partner Supplier Award - Prestige Ameritech
Long-Term Partner Supplier Award - Applied Medical
New Partner Supplier Award – Amsino
Shared Values Award - DeRoyal
Capstone Loyal Pharmacy Partner Award - CSL Seqirus
Diversity Pharmacy Partner Supplier Award - Somerset Pharma
New Pharmacy Partner Supplier Award - AV Kare
Most Innovative Pharmacy Partner Supplier Award - Bright Path Laboratories

About Capstone Health Alliance

Headquartered in Asheville, NC, Capstone Health Alliance is a leading regional group purchasing organization (GPO) that collaborates with hundreds of hospitals and thousands of healthcare providers nationwide. Our primary goal is to deliver tangible savings and provide actionable data to enable informed supply chain decisions. Capstone is committed to helping our Members reduce costs, enhance quality, and foster the exchange of best practices. We achieve this through our unwavering dedication to price parity, offering consistent savings regardless of organizational size or location. Moreover, our Members gain exclusive access to educational opportunities and benefit from the expertise of our dedicated team of supply chain professionals. To learn more about Capstone Health Alliance and how our innovative solutions can benefit your organization, please visit capstonehealthalliance.com.

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