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### **THOMAS DOLAN, Ph.D., FACHE, CAE TO RECEIVE AHA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

WASHINGTON (April 11, 2013) – The American Hospital Association (AHA) will present its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, to Thomas Dolan, Ph.D., FACHE, CAE, president and CEO of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). This award recognizes significant lifetime contributions and service to the nation's health care institutions and associations. Dolan will receive the award at a ceremony on Monday, April 29 at the AHA Annual Membership Meeting in Washington, DC.

For more than two decades, Dolan has reshaped health care delivery by expanding the knowledge and capabilities of those who lead hospitals and health care delivery systems by keeping their professional development on the forward edge. In doing so, he has pointed health care toward continuing a future of inclusion, professionalism and service.

“Tom has been an incredible leader in our field, guiding and challenging us all in how to be the best health care executives possible,” said AHA President and CEO Rich Umbdenstock. “As the field has expanded and the challenges have become more numerous, he has been a voice for leadership, diversity, collaboration and life-long learning.”

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Before his appointment as president and CEO, Dolan served as ACHE's executive vice president. Prior to joining ACHE, he held a variety of teaching, research and administrative positions at St. Louis University, the University of Missouri-Columbia, the University of Washington and the University of Iowa. He also served in the U.S. Army as a field artillery officer.

He has served as chair of the American Society of Association Executives, the Association of University Programs in Health Administration, the Association Forum of Chicagoland, the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and the Institute for Diversity in Health Management. He has also served as president of the Mental Health Association in Missouri and as a member of the board of trustees of Alexian Brothers Hospital in St. Louis. Dolan is president of the International Hospital Federation and serves on the Association Committee of 100 of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Dolan is board certified in health care management and a fellow of both the American College of Healthcare Executives and the American Society of Association Executives. He is also a Certified Association Executive. He received his doctorate in hospital and health administration from the University of Iowa and his bachelor's degree from Loyola University Chicago.

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### **About the AHA**

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes more than 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 42,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information, visit the AHA Web site at [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org).

### **About The American College of Healthcare Executives**

ACHE is an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management. ACHE's established network of more than 80 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 goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery. 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 4,500

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.