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AHRA Education Foundation Announces 2003 Amersham Health Award for Excellence and AHRA Education Foundation Board of Directors

(Sudbury, MA, September 11, 2003) – The American Healthcare Radiology Administrators (AHRA) Education Foundation recognized the 2003 Amersham Health Award for Excellence recipients and the Osborn Scholarship recipients, in addition to installing the 2004 AHRA Education Foundation Board of Directors at the 31st Annual Meeting & Exposition held in Anaheim, CA on August 10-14, 2003.

The AHRA Education Foundation and Amersham Health sponsor a prestigious award program to recognize radiology administrators for exceptional innovation, leadership, administrative capabilities and sharing of expertise and experience. Nominations came from the administrator's staff and colleagues. Five AHRA members were honored this year and presented with a crystal award, and in addition, Amersham Health donated \$2,000 in each award recipient's name to the AHRA Education Foundation. The 2003 recipients are:

- **Kent Johnson**, Director of Radiology, Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus, IN;
- **Lauri MacDonald**, Imaging Manager, Oak Lawn MR & Imaging Center, Oak Lawn, IL;
- **Darlene May**, Director Medical Imaging, Northcrest Medical Center, Springfield, TN;
- **Lynn McVey**, Director of Radiology, Beth Israel Hospital, Passaic, NJ;
- **James Miller**, Radiology Services Director, Mission Hospitals, Asheville, NC.

Education Foundation Board of Directors:

The 2004 AHRA Education Foundation Board of Directors were also installed during the annual meeting. The AHRA Education Foundation Board is comprised of:

- Chair: **Judy Dye**, Vice President, University Medical Center, Tucson, AZ;
- Vice-Chair: **Elizabeth McKnight**, PACS/IT Program Director, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL;
- Secretary / Treasurer: **Mel Allen, CRA, FAHRA**, Strategic Business Program Director, Philips Medical Systems, Shawnee Mission, KS;

Directors:

- **Michael Albertina, FAHRA**, Administrative Director of Imaging Services, Saint Louis University Hospital, Saint Louis, MO;
- **Wanda Casady, CRA, FAHRA**, Medical Imaging Director, Banner Baywood Medical Center, Mesa, AZ;
- **Roberta Edge, CRA, FAHRA**, Director of Imaging, Sutter Gould Medical Foundation, Modesto, CA;
- **Bradley Reed**, Diagnostic Imaging Director, Holy Cross Hospital, Chicago, IL;
- **Sheila M. Sferrella, CRA, FAHRA**, Administrator, Radiology, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, PA;
- **Mark Viau, CRA, FAHRA**, Director of Imaging Services, Boca Raton Community Hospital, Boca Raton, FL.

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AHRA's Education Foundation also presented three Royce and Paula Osborn Scholarships to AHRA 31st Annual Meeting and Exposition. The Osborn Scholarship Fund, created in memory of Royce R. Osbon, FAHRA, one of the first radiology technologists to make the transition to radiology administrator, recognizes the importance of and a commitment to education. The scholarship funds may be used for travel, meeting registration, hotel and meal expenses. The 2003 Osborn scholarship recipients are:

- **Kelly Denton**, Director of Radiology Services, Shriners' Hospital for Children, Houston, TX;
- **Chris Threadgill**, Radiology Director, Montfort Jones Memorial Hospital, Kosciusko, MS;
- **Sharon White**, Director of Radiology, Southern Maryland Hosp Center, Clinton, MD.

AHRA, the premier association of managers in imaging sciences, provides the information, education, and networking opportunities needed to succeed in today's rapidly changing healthcare environment. Through the efforts of hundreds of active volunteers, AHRA brings information about the most current and complex topics to its members and interested others.

The AHRA Education Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to education in the field of radiology management and related disciplines. Since its inception in 1990, it has offered hundreds of seminars to managers at all levels across the country. In addition to sponsoring seminars, the foundation also offers several educational scholarships as well as providing other educational opportunities for members.

For more information about AHRA or the AHRA Education Foundation, visit <http://www.ahraonline.org>

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