

MEMBERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

OVERVIEW

Department of Health Administration students automatically become members of HESA when they join one of the four department-recognized healthcare executive groups. HESA is governed by a board of students from the 1st and 2nd year MHA classes. The board is chaired by the 2nd year Vice President; the 1st year Vice President serves as the chair-elect. Each incoming class will elect one student per professional organization to serve on the board. The exception is NAHSE, for which representatives are selected by the Program Director. The board also supports the inclusion of the interest of Ph. D and MSHA students within the department.

CLASS OF 2017 BOARD MEMBERS

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QUESTIONS?

- Contact the Class of 2017 Board Members (Listed above)
- Refer to the MHA Student Guidebook
- Visit the websites for the HESA organizations: ACHE, HIMSS, MGMA, HFMA, and NAHSE
- Visit the HESA website:
<http://sahp.vcu.edu/departments/ha/>

FUND FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WHAT IS IT?

Endowed by the MHA Class of 2008, the Fund is designed to promote professional development of and encourage ongoing excellence among VCU MHA students by providing financial assistance for travel to professional association conferences.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Fund is intended to be awarded to students enrolled in the MHA Program of the VCU Department of Health Administration who go above and beyond in their extracurricular service to their class, program, department, or community-at-large.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Scheduled to begin in the 2015-2016 academic year, students can apply for financial assistance from the Fund by submitting a memo to the Program Director, in 500 words or less, to include the following:

- 1) description of extracurricular services activities to the class, program, department, university, or community-at-large;
- 2) description of the requested conference with location, estimated expenses, registration fee; and
- 3) how they believe the conference will benefit them in their professional development. The deadline to submit the memo is set at the discretion of the Program Director.



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HESA

HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

WELCOME TO VCU.
WELCOME TO VCU HESA.

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HISTORY OF HESA

In 2007, the VCU Health Executive Student Association (HESA) was formed for the purpose of unifying the four professional organizations in which Department of Health Administration students have traditionally participated: MGMA, HIMSS, ACHE, HFMA and NAHSE. The goal of HESA is to effectively and efficiently coordinate the activities of the organization, while collectively garnering interest for each organization's mission and goals.

MEDICAL GROUP MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (MGMA)

MGMA is an organization dedicated to helping medical group practice executives continually improve performance by providing resources for education, networking and advocacy. Student membership benefits include access to online career services, subscription to MGMA Connexion, and access to member area of the MGMA website.

During the 2014-2015 academic year, students visited Virginia Urology to learn about their organization and ambulatory surgery centers around Richmond.

Website: <http://www.mgma.com/>
Student Membership Fee: \$65 annually
Annual Conference: Oct. 11-14, 2015 Nashville

HEALTHCARE INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS SOCIETY (HIMSS)

HIMSS is focused on providing global leadership for the optimal use of healthcare information technology (IT) and management systems to promote quality patient care. Student membership includes subscriptions to *Healthcare IT News* and the *Journal of Health Information Management (JHIM)*, discounts on conference registrations and research tools.

During the academic year, students visited with Dr. Azhar Rafiq of VCU School of Medicine to learn about how VCU Medical Center provides innovative care through their Telemedicine Center. In addition, Jake O'Shea from HCA Capital Division presented on the Role of the CMIO in Today's Healthcare Landscape.

Website: <http://www.himss.org>
Membership Fee: \$40
Annual Conference: Feb. 29-Mar. 4, 2016 Las Vegas



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVES (ACHE)

ACHE is an organization dedicated to the lifelong education of healthcare executives and the advancement of healthcare. Membership in ACHE automatically grants membership in the regional chapter, the Central Virginia Healthcare Executives Group (CVHEG).

During the 2013-2014 academic year, student activities included a site visit to the Martha Jefferson Hospital as well as the annual conference in Chicago.

Website: <http://www.ache.org/>
Student Associate Fee: \$75 annually
Annual Conference: March 14-16, 2015 Chicago

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE EXECUTIVES (NAHSE)

NAHSE is an organization dedicated to improving opportunities for minority groups in the healthcare executive field. During the 2013-2014 academic year, the Class of 2015 and 2016 NAHSE representatives competed in the Everett V. Fox NAHSE Competition held at the Annual Educational Conference (pictured left)

Website: <http://www.nahse.org/>
Student Membership Fee: ~ \$25
Annual Conference: October 13-16, 2015 New Orleans

