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Capstone Health Alliance Celebrates Education and Partnership

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, November 1, 2022 – What better place to celebrate education and partnership than at the annual Capstone Forum, held October 18th – 20th at the Sheraton Convention Center in Myrtle Beach, SC, where hundreds of industry professionals gathered to learn and build networks of support.

The Capstone Forum kicked off with President and CEO, Tim Bugg’s opening remarks and the challenge to adapt healthcare to today’s ever-changing environment. Bugg was followed by Kindra Hall with the first keynote address centered on strategic storytelling, and general session speakers Blair Childs, Soumi Saha, and Mike Schiller. Then on Wednesday it was time to celebrate as the 2022 graduating class of Capstone Leadership Institute crossed the stage to accept their diplomas, just before keynote speaker, ABC News Chief Meteorologist, Ginger Zee, and general session speakers, Dr. Randy Bradley, and Libby Cole.

The Capstone Leadership Institute is a value-added education platform built to empower and prepare the future leaders of the healthcare supply chain. CLI is a comprehensive program designed specifically to expand the knowledge base of all healthcare professionals and its curriculum explores the importance of physician and provider relationships, contract management, value analysis, forecasting, group purchasing organizations and inventory management through engagement and dialogue with a wealth of subject matter experts.

Capstone President and CEO, Tim Bugg congratulated the class of 2022, stating, “What an incredible group of individuals. I am enormously proud of the year’s CLI class for the hard-work each person put into the course and their growth both professionally and personally. Congratulations class of 2022! You are indeed the future leaders of healthcare.”

The 2022 Class of the Capstone Leadership Institute:

Valedictorian Louis Brecht IV, Supply Chain / Contracts Coordinator, Atlantic General Hospital

Class MVP Nekeya Sanders, Procurement Supervisor, BayHealth Medical Center

Tod Hager, Director of Materials, Pleasant Valley Hospital

Faith Halford, System Analyst Coordinator, St. Joseph's/Candler Health System

Gabriel Lawson, Shipping and Receiving Specialist, Jefferson Regional Medical Center

Lisa Rock, Administrative Specialist, Grafton City Hospital

Loukisha Russ, Material Management Specialist, Jefferson Regional Medical Center



Daniel Smith, Supply Chain Purchasing Agent, Conway Medical Center

Cynthia Stephens, Senior Buyer, Jefferson Regional Medical Center

I. Shane Trent, 340B Pharmacist, University of Tennessee Medical Center

Applications for the Capstone Leadership institute are now being accepted from Capstone members for the Class of 2023 through December 1, 2022. Please email kscott@capstonehealthalliance.com for more information.

Following a success supplier showcase of truly “Superheroes,” the Capstone Forum marked further celebration on the evening of October 19th, honoring the true value of partnerships thanks to generous sponsors, including Platinum Sponsors: bioMerieux, Grace Care, and Profit Advisory Group. During the three-day event’s climatic “Capstone Goes Country,” Chief Customer Officer, Yolandi Myers, and Chief Contracting Officer, Robin Lincoln announced this year’s Elevate Award and Innovative Partner Award winners.

Elevate Award Winners:

Lucas Han, Adventist Health

Fred Genter, Commonwealth Health

Jay Wright, Moffitt Cancer Center

Barb Isner, Davis Health System

Angela Devericks, Stonewall Jackson

Innovative Partner Award Winners:

Beekley Medical <https://beekley.com/>

caresfield <https://www.caresfield.com/>

Honorable Mentions went to acumed, AmerisourceBergen, ConMed, and Grifols.

Capstone Health Alliance is dedicated to offering a vast array of educational opportunities for healthcare professionals and is ever appreciative of the partnerships it shares with its members and suppliers. Congratulations to all and we look forward to celebrating the next class of healthcare leaders and partners next October.

About Capstone Health Alliance

Headquartered in Asheville, NC, Capstone Health Alliance is a group purchasing organization with hundreds of hospitals and thousands of other healthcare providers in all 50 states. We deliver real savings and provide actionable data that enables better supply chain decisions. With a focus on helping our membership reduce cost, improve quality, and share best practices, Capstone members enjoy consistent price parity regardless of size or location, exclusive educational opportunities, and a dedicated team of supply chain professionals. To learn more about Capstone: www.capstonehealthalliance.com