American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) – Student Chapter

Overview:
American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) – ACHCA is the only professional membership society dedicated to the individual long-term care administrator. ACHCA membership is open to all degrees-seeking students who enroll full or part time in long term care programs in colleges and universities. Student members work closely with our faculty advisor Darlene Yee, Ed.D. CHES who is the coordinator Gerontology Program at SFSU.

Purpose:
1. To promote the development of knowledge, positive attitudes, and ethical principles in long-term health care administration education.
2. To provide a vehicle for constructive student involvement, recognition and representation in the profession of long-term care administration.
3. To gain exposure to professionals in long-term care administration.
4. To inform students and the community of ACHCA’s purposes, goals and programs and benefits.
5. To provide faculty and students in long-term care administration a forum for professional dialogue.

Benefits:
1. Official recognition by your fellow professional administrators as a committed long-term care professional.
2. Educational programs that will help prepare you for the long-term care field.
3. Exposure to professionals in long-term care administration.
4. Participation in a pre-professional organization

Meetings:
Club meetings are held once a month during the fall and spring semesters. Meetings are held with the student group of Gerontological Society of America (GSA). Together with GSA we share an agenda and work together co-hosting club events. The exact meeting times are set up at the beginning of each semester based on when the majority of members can attend.

Events/Projects:
Newsletter: Annually in the fall semester we work together with GSA to a newsletter. The newsletter is distributed to current student, alumni and community members.
Spring Forum: For the past nine years every spring semester the ACHCA co-hosts with GSA, the Spring Forum & AIT Reception. The Spring Forum allows the two clubs to work together with a specific theme, a panel of speakers on the theme and a recognition ceremony for the Administrators in Training Program.

Special Guest and Site Visits: Through out the academic year we invite professionals working in the field to come to our meetings and present their experiences and knowledge. In addition site visits to local long-term care facilities are arranged for students to see first hand the long-term care facilities in the area.

Conferences: The ACHCA national organization hosts an annual conference that our members have attended in the past. This past conference was held in Cleveland Ohio in April. Student scholarships are available to members. One of our student members received a full student scholarship to attend this past year in Cleveland.

Membership: Even though members are not required to be ACHCA members to belong our student club, we strongly encourage members to join. For a student membership the annual cost is only $50. Checks can be mailed to ACHCA 300 North Lee Street, Ste.301 Alexandria, VA 22314 or call them for information at (703) 739-7908

Contact: For more information stop by the Gerontology Program at HSS 227 or call (415) 338-3558. For more information about ACHCA visit their website at www.achca.org