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HANYS/CORNELL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CONCLUDES INAUGURAL PROGRAM

Health Care Leaders From Across New York Earn Cornell Certificates

ALBANY, N.Y. — The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) and The Johnson School at Cornell University recently completed their collaborative educational program, *The Academy for Healthcare Leadership Advancement*, with leadership sessions and closing ceremonies held last week on the Cornell campus in Ithaca. The inaugural eight-week program—offered by the Johnson School at Cornell University and HANYS’ Data Academy—was developed for high-level health care professionals to gain greater knowledge and information on the latest strategies being employed across the management, business, and health care sectors.

More than 40 professionals from hospitals and health systems across New York participated in the sold-out executive educational program. Members of *The Academy’s* inaugural class received their Cornell certificates during Tuesday’s closing ceremonies.

“Today’s environment is requiring leaders from every industry to rely on strategic thinkers, innovators, and emerging leaders who are capable of tackling the significant challenges facing their organizations,” HANYS’ Chief Operating Officer Maryjane Wurth said. “I’m proud of the dedication and insightful work that this first *Academy* class demonstrated during the past several weeks. Their efforts, and the expertise brought by HANYS and Cornell, allowed this program to exceed all expectations.”

Elizabeth A. Mannix, Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Management at The Johnson School and Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion for Cornell University, commented, “It was an honor to work with HANYS to develop and deliver *The Academy*. Through *The Academy*, HANYS has worked proactively to provide its members with current knowledge on leadership, strategy, organizational change, and financial management. During these tumultuous times, these skills will help prepare New York State’s health care leaders for the many challenges they are facing.”

During *The Academy*’s three-day, on-site event this week, Cornell faculty engaged participants in discussions and presentations on organizational change and renewal, strategic negotiation and decision-making, and service operations management.

The final program was highlighted by an informative roundtable discussion on the issues, insight, and challenges that shape and develop New York’s health care leaders. The panel discussion was facilitated by Peter McGinn, Ph.D., President, Leadership Impact, and featured Gail Donovan, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Continuum Health Partners; Steven Goldstein, President, Strong Memorial and Highland Hospitals; Joseph Quagliata, President and CEO, South Nassau Communities Hospital, and Dr. Robert Mackenzie, President and CEO, Cayuga Medical Center.

The Academy, which combines HANYS data analytic and health care knowledge with Cornell University’s executive education and business expertise, will kick off its 2009 program with on-site sessions at Cornell on September 20. Participants will engage in “virtual sessions” over the following eight weeks of the course, before returning to Cornell on November 15 for the final three-day program.

HANYS provides advocacy, education, information, and resources to more than 550 hospitals, nursing homes, health systems, and other health care organizations across the state. Since its inception in 2004, HANYS’ Data Academy has rapidly become a much sought-after resource for health care professionals to receive training in the strategic application of financial, quality, workforce, community health, and marketplace data. Through Data Academy courses, today’s health care leaders discover practical approaches to understanding the vast array of health care

information, fostering improved decision-making and successful positioning in the marketplace.

Founded in 1946, The Johnson School is Cornell University's graduate school of management. Consistently ranked as one of the top graduate schools of business, the Johnson School builds upon Cornell's depth and breadth of distinguished research and teaching, and its vast, worldwide network of alumni, faculty, and colleagues. Programs include one- and two-year MBA degrees, an Executive MBA, and the Cornell-Queen's Executive MBA, which offers interactive videoconferencing sessions across the U.S. and Canada.

The Johnson School's Executive Education is a member of the International University Consortium for Executive Education (UNICON). UNICON is an organization of business schools world-wide with a serious commitment to management and executive education and development.

HANYS, the only statewide hospital and continuing care association in New York State, represents more than 550 non-profit and public hospitals, nursing homes, home care agencies, and other health care organizations.