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Key:
- Organizational Milestones
- Certification Framework
- Industry Involvement & Advocacy
- Internal Engagement
- Publications & Communications

Lifetime Achievement Award

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Memorable Moments

2000
- First ACHA exam created and offered
- First Examination Committee convened
- First ACHA Newsletter published
- ACHA Founders established
- Council of Fellows established and held their first meeting
- ACHA website launched
- ACHA published an announcement of its founding fellows and certificate holders in Modern Healthcare magazine
- First ACHA Exam Seminar held
- "Locator Service" launched (now referred to as the "Certificant Directory")

2001
- ACHA offices move to Kansas City, and AMP selected as association management firm
- Addressed the AIA Board of Directors on the value of specialization
- ACHA "Architecture & Design" articles become a feature in Health Facilities Management Magazine (HFM)

2002
- The University of Maryland Medical Center lists ACHA Certification as a recognized personnel qualification in two RFPs
- HFM Magazine and ACHA roundtable held on "Issues in Emergency Department Design"
- ACHA offers Leading Edge Educational Track Sessions at the 2004 ASHE PDC
- First ACHA Planning & Programming Workshops

2003
- Successfully supported the defeat of a proposed AIA resolution opposing specialty practice at the national convention
- Presented on "Emerging Trends in Healthcare Facilities" at the 2005 ACHE Congress in Chicago
- HFM/ACHA Roundtable held on "Nursing Unit Planning & Design"
- Inaugural Past Presidents' Workshop
- E-memo Service launched
- ACHA ED Design Roundtable published in HFM Magazine

2004
- Taught the first ACHE seminar on "Emerging Trends & Successful Strategies for the Planning and Design of Healthcare Facilities"
- Organized the first ACHA Past President Council meeting at the PDC
- First Master Series Workshop on "Project Implementation of Evidence-Based Design"
- Health Facilities Management (HFM) & ACHA roundtable: Replacement Hospitals, A New Beginning for Aging Facilities

2005
- ACHA Programming & Planning Workshop at Healthcare Design '07
- ACHA President John Pangrazio presents "Healthcare Public Spaces & the Power of Design" at the AAH SLS
- First ACHA Certificant Luncheon at the AAH/AIA Fall Conference
- HFM/ACHA Roundtable on "Designing for the Aging Healthcare Workforce"

2006
- ACHA board participated in the first annual Architecture for Health Educators Summit at the SLS in Chicago.
- ACHA co-sponsored the SLS Keynote Speaker
- ACHA website redesigned and launched
- HFM/ACHA Roundtable on "Creating Environments for Cancer Care"

2007
- ACHA first co-hosted the Summer Leadership Summit (SLS) in Chicago with AIA AAH
- First Annual California Health Facilities Forum co-hosted with the AIA California Council
- ACHA Value Proposition established
- ACHA Practice Exam live online
- Master Series Seminar on Proton Therapy Centers
- First Certicant Survey to examine areas of improvement and emerging trends
- ACHA/HFM Roundtable on "Lean and Green: Creating Environmental Efficiency with Limited Resources"

2008
- Co-hosted the SLS in Chicago
- Published Five-Year ACHA Strategic Plan
- Created a timeline of significant events in the first 12 years of ACHA
- ACHA Regional Initiative held a Forum on "Art and Architecture's Place in the Healing Environment" at the Cleveland Clinic's Annual Conference
- Master Series at PDC on "Health Facilities Planning and Design from the C-Level Perspective"
- Master Series at HCD on "Trends and Considerations for Comprehensive Cancer Center Design"
- Organized five tours of health facilities at the PDC Summit in the Phoenix area
- Contributed to multiple events, including:
  - Cleveland Clinic Patient Experience Conference
  - AIA Ohio Convention in Columbus
  - Forum of the California Council of the AIA in San Francisco
  - HCD12 Master's Series Session

2009
- Refined the ACHA Mission, Vision, and Value Proposition
- ACHA President Peter Bardwell selected as Keynote speaker at Singapore Ministry of Health, HiTech Conference
- ACHA offered five events throughout the US, including presentations at the:
  - Cleveland Clinic Patient Experience Summit
  - Annual California Health Facilities Forum
  - Central Texas Healthcare Leadership Summit
  - Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)
  - Florida Healthcare Engineering Association (FHEA) 2013 Conference
- Strategic Planning Retreat in Dallas to craft detailed short-term and long-term action plans for the year

2010
- Engaged a communications consultant to develop a plan for enhancing ACHA's visibility within the healthcare community
- Offered the first ACHA mobile exam in Chicago
- First ACHA Legacy Project Awards bestowed to Griffin Hospital and the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center at the PDC
- Invited committee leaders (who were not on the board of regents) to strategic planning meetings
- Conducted Master Series Programs on:
  - "Next Practices: The 'So What' of 3-D Printing and Regenerative Medicine"
  - "Targeting How Healthcare Can Meet the 2030 Challenge"
  - "Transforming Healthcare Design Using Practitioner-led Research."

2011
- Held the first ACHA / AIA-AAH Joint Board meeting to discuss expanding continuing education opportunities, developing joint programs, and exploring global programs
- Partnered with the Advisory Board to provide a webinar on retail specialization
- Held the ACHA Strategic Planning Retreat to establish key goals
- Published three white papers:
  - High Volume Healthcare as a Livable Environment: ED Strategies
  - Patient Population-Based Design: A Wellness Approach for Designing Healthcare Environments
  - Modeling a Next Continuum to Manage Process & Asset Change

2012
- ACHA Legacy Award bestowed on the Northwestern Feinberg/Galter Pavilion
- Updated the Practice Exam to better align with the latest testing criteria
- Cleveland Clinic's Patient Experience: Empathy & Innovation Summit
- Educational program support for various healthcare organizations, including the Cleveland Clinic
- Shifted more aggressively toward digital communication methods for internal and external engagement

2013
- Presented the ACHA Legacy Award to the Bronson Methodist Hospital
- Explored the expansion of Certification to internationally licensed architects through NCARB reciprocity
- Established a mutual agreement with ASHE to advocate for each other's certification programs

2014
- Secured formal recognition by ASHE of ACHA as the Certification for healthcare architecture
- Hosted a two-part ACHA Master Series at HCD titled "How Virtual Connectivity & Care Are Reshaping Architectural Programming & Application of Telemedicine in Population Health"
- Developed an on-demand Exam Prep Seminar, accessible via the ACHA website
- ACHA website updated
- ACHA LinkedIn page created
- Launched two video campaigns highlighting the value of Certification

2015
- Presidential Citation: George Mann
- Announced the kickoff for celebrating the 20th anniversary of ACHA in 2020 at HCD'19 in New Orleans

2016
- SLS cancelled due to COVID
- Updated DEI policies
- ACHA Certificants contributed to the AIA's "COVID-19 Alternative Care Sites Assessment Tool"
- Career Path Committee established
- First ACHA online Town Hall
- ACHA COVID-19 Survey on "The Future of Telehealth"
- Future of Healthcare Task Force report
- HFM article on "Design Challenges & Solutions During the Pandemic"

2017
- Virtual SLS
- ACHA Certificant Group LinkedIn page launched
- Decoupled exam and test sequence
- Updated the Strategic Plan
- Formed the Recruitment Task Force
- Redesigned ACHA website
- Rebooted the Masters Series as panel discussions for ACHA's YouTube channel
- ACHA contributed to the ASHE "Planning, Design, & Construction Handbook"

2018
- Introduced a policy which allowed up to 2,000 hours of HC work experience (completed prior to licensure) to count towards certification requirements
- Co-sponsored the Student Charette at HCD
- Certificant Survey conducted
- Launched a YouTube video series to assist potential Certificants with the process of Certification

2019
- SLS in Denver
- Initiated the Annual ACHA Student Design Competition in 2023
- Agreement with Emerald as sponsor for the Healthcare Design Conference
- Published the VA Task Force Report
- Presidential Citation: Doug Erickson

2020
- SLS in Denver
- Achieved notable growth (24.85%) and engagement (12.87%) on the ACHA LinkedIn page
- ACHA supports the 2024 AIA Resolution for Health & Well-being
- ACHA's year-long 25th Anniversary Celebration kicked off at HCD
- Published a Whitepaper on "AI & Its Impact on Health Facility Design & Planning"
- Presidential Citation: Ann H. Adams

2021
- Revised ACHA's Policy & Procedures and By-Laws
- Certification Handbook updated

2022
- Renewed and updated collaboration agreement with ASHE
- Co-sponsored a Healing Spaces Exhibition at the Nightingale Museum in London
- Collaborated with the AIA College of Fellows to craft the 2025 Latrobe Prize, focused on Health & Wellbeing
- Initiated defining "What we stand for" as an organization

2023
- Deborah H. Smith, Vince Avallone, Marc Rowland, Steve Templet

2024
- Brenna Costello, Sandy Tkacz

2025

New Certificants became Certified after passing the ACHA exam

Signed the ACHA-AIA Memorandum of Understanding to establish the first and only Certification program recognized by AIA

ACHA Candidate Program launched

Formed the 4 Pillars of Healthcare Architecture: AIA AAH, ACHA, FHER, and FDI

ACHA Certification endorsed by ASHE

ACHA Tagline revised to: "Advancing Health Environments Through Design"

ACHA 25th Celebration at WWI Museum

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155

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