
Motivated by Mission: Reimagining Curricula to Shape Healers, not Just Practitioners

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Welcome: Thank you to all CHACU members for your time and support and welcome to Orlando. The Spring 2026 CHACU Annual conference is sponsored by AdventHealth University.

Opening Plenary Session and Dinner

Day 1 – Wednesday, March 25, 2026 | Evening Welcome 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM) | Creation Rooms Conference Center

6:00 PM– 6:15 PM – Conference Check-In & Networking Reception

6:15 PM– 6:30 PM – Welcome & Opening Remarks

- **C. Josef Ghosn** | President & CEO, AdventHealth University
- **Monika Bissell** | President, CHACU and Maine College of Health Professions
- **Nate Brandstater** | Executive Director, CHACU

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Dinner

7:30 PM – 7:50 PM – Speaker Introduction by C. Josef Ghosn

Opening Keynote Address

- **Cathy Stankiewicz, DNP, RN, CPHQ** | AdventHealth Central Florida Division | Chief Nursing Officer

7:50 PM – Closing Remarks

- **Monika Bissell** | President, CHACU and Maine College of Health Professions
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Day 2 – Thursday, March 26, 2026 | Full Conference Day | Location: Creation Rooms Conference Center

7:45 AM– 8:15 AM – Coffee, Conference Registration & Networking

8:15 AM– 8:30 AM - Welcome and Opening Remarks

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8:30 AM – 9:05 AM - Speaker Introduction by C. Josef Ghosn

Opening Keynote Address

- **Abel Biri** | CEO of AdventHealth Orlando







9:05 AM– 9:15 AM – Concurrent Session Instructions

- **Nate Brandstater** | Executive Director, CHACU

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM – Break

9:30 AM– 10:10 AM – **Concurrent Breakout Sessions I** | Location: Creation Room Conference Center

Guiding Themes:


-  **Character and Compassion:** Integrating whole-person development – body, mind and spirit.
-  **Whole Person Education:** Linking mind, body, and spirit in health care training.
-  **Mission in Practice:** Institutional initiatives that embody mission in contemporary health care.
-  **Community and Belonging:** Creating inclusive environments of care, learning, and support.
-  **Innovation and Transformation:** Reimagining pedagogy, technology, and curricula to sustain compassionate practice.
-  **Leadership Formation:** Mentorship and reflective practice in developing health care leaders.

Location: Creation Room B

*** *Building Bridges: Creating Symbiotic Relationships between Hospitals and Hospital-Affiliated Institutions***

Andreia Nebel | EdD, PT, DPT, FNAP
President / CEO, Associate Professor of Clarkson College

Eric Riley, EdD, MBA, SPHR
Nebraska Medicine Senior Peoples Strategy Partner, Adjunct Faculty of Clarkson College


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Location: Creation Room C

*** *Recognition That Resonates: Discovering Meaningful Recognition in Higher Education***

Vicki Bautista | EdD, NBC-HWC
Program Director, Healthcare Leadership & Business of Clarkson College

Gretchen Oltman | JD, PhD
Program Director, Master of Science in Organizational Leadership, Associate Professor at Creighton University

 **Community and Belonging:** Creating inclusive environments of care, learning, and support.

10:10 AM– 10:15 AM – Transition


10:15 AM– 10:55 AM – Concurrent Breakout Sessions II | Location: Creation Room Conference Center

Location: Creation Room B

*** *Healing the Healers (HTH) A holistic and Preventative Approach to Promoting Mental Health and Wellness in the Nursing Profession***

Michele Maas | LPCC-S
President and Founder of Another Act of Kindness
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Supervisor, Collaborator with Kent State University

Jonathan Maas
Another Act of Kindness

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*** *Investigating the Integration of Whole Person Education in Graduate Programs at AdventHealth University***

Elizabeth Clark | PT, DPT, EdD, NCS, RYT 200
Board Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy, Professor, Department Chair
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program of AdventHealth University

Will Deiss| Student of the Physical Therapy Program

Julia Popov | Student of the Physical Therapy Program

Elvis Rodriguez | Student of the Physical Therapy Program

Karen Benn Marshall | EdD, MS
Provost, Senior Vice President, Academic
Administration, AdventHealth University

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compassionate practice.

10:55 AM – 11:00 AM – Transition

11:00 AM – 11:40 AM - **Concurrent Breakout Sessions III | Location: Creation Room Conference Center**

Location: Creation Room B

*** *Leading the Way in Online Nursing***

Jennifer Clark | DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
AHU Graduate Nursing Clinical Director,
Associate Professor of Nursing, Family Nurse
Practitioner, AdventHealth University

Aixa Catala-Beauchamp | DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
AHU Associate Professor of Nursing, AHMG APP
Pediatric Hospitalist, AdventHealth University

**Lynelle F. Callender | DNP, RN, INS, PHN,
MPH,C.**

AHU Assistant Dean – RN-BSN, MSN, DNP,
Graduate Nursing Certification, and Post-
Graduate Nursing Certification Programs,
AdventHealth University

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*** *Scaffolding Mission, Vision, and Values
through Competency-Based Education: An
Ethics-Infused Model for Whole Student
Formation***

Mary McNamara | DNP, APRN, CNP, FAANP
Provost and Chief Academic Officer at
OSF Colleges of Nursing

Charlene Aaron | PhD, Rn
President of OSF Colleges of Nursing

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11:45 AM – 1:30 PM – Working Lunch in Professional Groups | Location: Creation Room Conference Center

- President’s Business Meeting |
 - Chief Academic Officers Meeting |
 - Chief Financial Officers Meeting |
- } **Creation Room Conference D**
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- Faculty Priorities and Scholarship |
 - Enrollment and Retention Office Personnel |
 - Support Services Personnel |
- } **Creation Room Conference E**

1:30 PM– 2:10 PM – Concurrent Breakout Sessions IV | Location: Creation Room Conference Center

Location: Creation Room B

****Beyond Competence: Embedding Health Literacy into Healthcare Education***

Jessica Daly | B.S.Ed., MLS
Health Literacy Coordinator, Assistant Professor,
AdventHealth University

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**** Cultural Connection: The Difference Between Graduation or Not***

Danna Voorhes Swartz | M.A.
Instructor General Education Department at
Clarkson College

■ **Community and Belonging:** Creating inclusive environments of care, learning, and support.

2:10 PM– 2:15 PM – Transition

2:15 PM– 2:55 PM – Concurrent Breakout Sessions V | Location: Creation Room Conference Center

Location: Creation Room B

*** A Common Course for Whole Person Care: Enhancing Philosophy of Health Care through Coaching and Whole Person Education**

Erica Caton | PHD

Executive Director of Learning Innovation & Faculty Excellence | AdventHealth University

Janis L. Lowry | MA

Course Manager, Philosophy of Healthcare | AdventHealth University

Heather Ferguson | PhD

Associate Provost, Undergraduate and Graduate Education
AdventHealth University

Elizabeth Hernandez


Director of Student Academic Support Services
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Josh Garrido | MEd

Dean of Students
AdventHealth University

Oleg Kostyuk | PhD

Assistant to the President for Mission, Assistant Professor of Religion
AdventHealth University

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*** From Whole Person Care to Whole Person Management: Aligning Whole Person Education with the Leadership Practices Graduates Encounter**

Julian Torreblanca | PhD

Business Research Professor at AdventHealth University

Nicolas Quaranta | MBA

Academic Secretary at River Plate Adventist University (in absentia)

 **Whole Person Education:** Linking mind, body, and spirit in health care training

2:55 PM– 3:10 PM – Break



3:10 PM – 3:20 PM - Closing Remarks & Evening Event Instructions | Location: Werner Auditorium

- **Nate Brandstater** | Executive Director, CHACU

**3:30 PM – 4:30 PM - CHACU Business Meeting and Professional Group Meetings (*Members Only*) | |
Location: **Creation Room Conference Center D-E****

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM - Dinner Reception | Location: Orlando Science Center

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Day 3 – Friday, March 27, 2026 | Half Day – Ends at 12:00 PM | Location: AdventHealth University, Graduate Building 116 A-B

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM - Coffee & Networking |

8:45 AM– 9:00 AM – Welcome and Opening Remarks |

- **C. Josef Ghosn** | President, AdventHealth University
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9:00 AM – 9:35 AM - Speaker Introduction by C. Josef Ghosn

Opening Keynote Address

- **Randy Haffner, PhD.** | Group President and CEO of AdventHealth Florida and Clinical

9:35 AM– 9:45 AM– Q & A

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM– Campus Tour |

10:45 AM– 11:15 AM – Closing Remarks |

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11:15 AM – 11:30 AM – Lunch Box Pick Up

11:30 AM – Conference Adjourns

After the conference, you will receive an email with an evaluation to complete, upon completion you will receive your Certificate of Completion and Associated CEU's.