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**CAHF REGION 1 CHAIR SELECTED AS
FUTURE LONG-TERM CARE LEADER BY AHCA/NCAL**

SACRAMENTO – The American Health Care Association (AHCA)/National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL) has announced their 2025/2026 class of [“Future Leaders of Long-Term Care in America.”](#) Among the distinguished professionals selected nationwide is CAHF Region 1 Chair Jarrod Christensen, Administrator at Carmel Hills Care Center in Monterey.



With 17 years of dedicated service in the long-term care sector, Christensen has held various roles including Certified Nurse Assistant, Director of Admissions, and currently, Administrator. Even with his daily responsibilities, he is an active participant in this year’s CAHF Nursing Home Leader Academy so he can continually grow and enhance his leadership skills in order to provide improving quality care to residents.

“Jarrod exemplifies the commitment and innovation we strive for in long-term care,” said CAHF CEO/President Cassie Dunham. “This recognition by AHCA/NCAL is a testament to his leadership and dedication to enhancing the quality of care for our residents.”

The AHCA/NCAL Future Leaders program is a year-long initiative that provides training and mentorship to emerging leaders in the long-term and post-acute care profession. The program includes a symposium in Washington, D.C., and covers topics such as quality management, customer satisfaction, and leadership development.

Christensen joins a prestigious group of CAHF members who have previously participated in the Future Leaders program, including:

- Julie Butenko (2018/2019)
- Lori Cooper (2011/2012)
- Jared Edmunds (2022/2023)
- Allan Engelauf (2024/2025)
- Matt Stevenson (2023/2024)
- Kevin Thomas (2022/2023)
- Mike Williams (2015/2016)
- Matt Yarwood (2016/2017)

The Future Leaders Program kicks off with a three-day symposium in September in Washington, D.C.

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