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## Summer Residency Site Solicitation

Once again, we ask you to consider serving as a preceptor for the summer residency program. While we understand the difficult economic environment, we ask that you provide these students with the same valuable opportunities that we each had. The residency is a vital part of the academic program and provides each student with a chance to get experience and apply the lessons they have learned in the classroom to a real world experience. We are taking the initiative to seek additional summer residency sites for the class of 2010 and we thank those of you who have already stepped up to welcome these students. If you are interested in assisting us, please contact Mark Reitan at [mreitan@umn.edu](mailto:mreitan@umn.edu) or (612) 625-7459.

## Expect To Be Contacted By a Current Student

As part of the Alumni Association/Foundation's drive to re-vitalize our communications with alumni, we are initiating the **Alumni Outreach Program** in the near future. Each alumnus will be contacted by a first or second year student to confirm the alumnus' contact information, provide an update on the Program and "life on campus", get your input, and discuss the activities and services of the AA/F and the benefits of active alumni association membership. The initial contact will be a phone call or e-mail to arrange a convenient time to talk. Most of the calls will take place in the evening; although once you have been initially contacted, you can arrange to talk with a student during the day if that will be more convenient for you.

So here's your chance to dialogue with a current student and refresh some memories! We expect to continue the **Alumni Outreach Program** annually in the future. The Alumni Association is on the move, and we need your support and participation!

## Student Recruitment Season

The interviews for the class of 2011 are well underway and we have already received applications from many talented people. If you know of anyone who would be an asset to the program, please contact Diane McClellan at [mccle005@umn.edu](mailto:mccle005@umn.edu) or (612) 626-7349. Applications are currently available via SOPHAS (Schools of Public Health Application Service) <http://www.sophas.org>. The application deadline is March 15, 2009. Also, if you are in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area and are willing to serve as a panelist on the interview committee, which meet on Fridays, (except March 13 and 20) please contact Diane McClellan.

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## Minnesota MHA in Arizona

We are planning a collaborative effort between the Minnesota MHA program and our alumni and the Arizona State University program and their alumni in Arizona on Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7. The weekend will include the Second Annual Health Leadership Academy, formerly known as Winter College. The activities on Friday, March 6 will take place on the Tempe, Arizona campus at ASU. On the following day, there will be a morning golf outing in Scottsdale and a full day of lectures by University of Minnesota faculty as part of a new Arizona Minne-College event.

To register for the Second Annual Health Leadership Academy on Friday, March 6, that is free for U of M MHA alumni please visit the following link: <http://wpcarey.asu.edu/shmp/az-winter-college.cfm>.

To register for the new Arizona Minne-College session on Saturday, March 7th at a reduced member rate for U of M MHA alumni, please visit the following link: [http://www.alumni.umn.edu/Arizona\\_Minne-College](http://www.alumni.umn.edu/Arizona_Minne-College).

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## First Annual Golf Outing and Yearly Member Meeting

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce their decision to host the alumni association's annual member meeting as part of an upcoming golf tournament at the White Bear Yacht Club in White Bear Lake, MN. Be sure to schedule Monday, June 22, 2009 on your calendar.

For alumni who will not be able to play golf during the day, arrangements have been made for them to join the group in the evening for supper at the yacht club and to participate in the annual alumni member meeting and other festivities.

The golf committee has been working hard to ensure that this will be an enjoyable event for all participants, both golfers and those that choose to come later in the day. To join the golf committee, contact the committee's chairman, Jerry Nye, at [jerry.nye@ihstrategies.com](mailto:jerry.nye@ihstrategies.com) or give him a call at (612) 337-1083. Also, please consider asking your organization to help sponsor this event as well as referring other potential sponsors to the golf committee for support of this worthwhile cause. For more information regarding sponsorship levels, contact Mark Reitan at (612) 625-7459 or [mreitan@umn.edu](mailto:mreitan@umn.edu).

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## Other Upcoming MHA Regional Events!

### **“The Innovator’s Prescription – Critical Conversations to Strengthen the Performance of the U.S. Healthcare Sector”**

When: Thursday, March 5, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Time  
Where: Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN

This full day event is being moderated by Jim Rice, (class of 1971), as a special event from the Masters Forum. To register for the session that includes a reduced registration fee for U of M MHA alumni, go to: <http://www.mastersforum.com>

## Regional alumni gathering at ACHE Congress

When: Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time  
Where: Hilton Chicago Hotel, Lake Erie Room, Chicago, IL

Please join us for Hors D'Oeuvres and the announcement of several time honored student awards. Registration material is currently being sent out via mail and e-mail to alumni members. Also, you can contact us at (612) 626-2166 or via e-mail at [mhaalum@umn.edu](mailto:mhaalum@umn.edu) to confirm your attendance.

## Regional alumni gathering at annual AHA meeting.

When: Monday, April 27, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time  
Where: Hilton Washington Hotel, Conservatory Room, Washington, D.C.

Please join us for Hors D'Oeuvres and conversation. Registration material will be sent out soon via mail and e-mail. Also, you can contact us at (612) 626-2166 or via e-mail at [mhaalum@umn.edu](mailto:mhaalum@umn.edu) to confirm your attendance.

Additional AA/F events are currently being scheduled. As dates become established, we will keep you informed. Also, please let us know about other regional or national events that are sponsored or coordinated by our MHA alumni and we will add them to our growing list.

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## Alumnus Joins MHA AA/F Team

Brian Younger ('77) will be working on an important consulting project for the AA/F. He has been asked to assist us with the implementation of the strategic plan. The plan is an important document that has been strongly supported by the AA/F Board of Directors and is now in its implementation stage. Brian was the Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and will work to bring the plan to fruition. If you would like to join our efforts, please contact Brian at [byounger\\_5@msn.com](mailto:byounger_5@msn.com). To receive a copy of the strategic plan, please call Mark Reitan at (612) 625-7459 or send an e-mail message to [mreitan@umn.edu](mailto:mreitan@umn.edu). We are excited about the opportunity to continue to transform the AA/F to bring more value to you, our alumni.

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