AHA PRESIDENT, SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES FEATURED AT OHA ANNUAL MEETING WITH 70 EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Mother of basketball player Lauren Hill to present Ohio health care worker of the year award

Columbus, Ohio (June 1, 2016) – More than 1,200 leaders of Ohio hospitals will convene in Columbus June 13-15 at the Hilton at Easton for the Ohio Hospital Association’s 2016 annual meeting featuring keynote presenter Rick Pollack, president and CEO, American Hospital Association on Tuesday, June 14 at 11 a.m.

“OHA’s annual meeting is the premier opportunity for Ohio hospital workers and leaders at all levels to gain valuable insight about state and national industry trends, network with their peers and achieve a better understanding of the health care issues and policies most likely to affect their organizations,” said Mike Abrams, OHA president and CEO.

Key events during the conference, which features 70+ professional development sessions open to Ohio hospital employees, are:

Monday, June 13:
Author and former Navy commander and founder of Aegis Performance Group, Mike Abrashoff will share his insight on how organizational leadership, talent and performance can affect company culture and success. His presentation begins at 11 a.m.

OHA’s Advocacy luncheon features candidates for the Ohio Supreme Court. Justice Patrick Fischer, Pat DeWine, Cincinnati appellate judge, and Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor will discuss their background and candidacy as well as field questions from attendees. The luncheon also will recognize member hospital leaders who have displayed excellence in advocacy and public service.

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Tuesday, June 14:
The day kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with the session “Hospital K9 Program—Contributing to a Safer Workplace.” The program will detail how hospitals can build Security K9 programs to enhance hospital security measures. Michael Angeline, director of Safety and Security at Mount Carmel Health System, will lead the program and provide an on-site K9 demonstration.

Lisa Hill, The Cure Starts Now Cancer Foundation, will deliver the keynote address to Health Care Worker of the Year nominees and their guests during the association’s Annual Recognition Dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Hill, the mother of inspirational basketball player Lauren Hill, previously worked as a home health caregiver at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, where her late daughter battled an inoperable brain tumor. Her message to the nominees will be “Never Give Up,” which was her daughter’s mantra throughout her battle with cancer. The event will conclude with recognition of OHA’s Hall of Fame and annual leadership awards, as well as the 2016 Health Care Worker of the Year recipient. Sixty-one nominees will be recognized for the Health Care Worker of the Year award.

Wednesday, June 15
OHA’s 9th Annual Quality Summit highlights quality initiatives of hospitals and health systems during a full day of clinical sessions. Dayton Children’s will receive the Ohio Patient Safety Institute’s Dr. Frank Dono Best Practice Award at 12:45 p.m. The summit focuses on care transitions for sepsis patients, and the OHA Institute for Health Innovation’s statewide initiative to reduce sepsis mortality. The morning keynote address by Larry James, retired vice president and chief diversity officer, Mercy Health, will focus on disparities and leading through a diverse lens. The keynote will be followed by a panel discussion on the topic with Sean McKibben, president and chief operating officer, Mount Carmel West, Jeffrey Geppert, senior research leader, Battelle, and Nebeyou Abebe, senior director, Health & Well-Being, Sodexo North America.

About OHA
Established in 1915, the Ohio Hospital Association represents 220 hospitals and 13 health systems throughout Ohio. OHA is the nation’s oldest state hospital association and is recognized nationally for its patient safety and health care quality initiatives and sustainability programs. Guided by a mission to collaborate with member hospitals and health systems to ensure a healthy Ohio, the work of OHA centers on three strategic initiatives: advocacy, economic sustainability, and patient safety and quality. The association founded the OHA Institute for Health Innovation and OHA Solutions hospital staffing program, and is a co-founder of the Ohio Health Information Partnership and the Ohio Patient Safety Institute.