



## In search of AHEC Alumni/Advocates

If you've ever been touched, guided, or inspired by an Area Health Education Center (AHEC), we want to connect with you!

In carrying out a mission that's more important than ever, some 300 AHECs across the U.S. are improving healthcare and changing lives, but it is difficult to keep track of the thousands who participate in our programs and go on to become health professionals working for the underserved.

That is why the National AHEC Organization (NAO) created the AHEC Alumni/Advocate membership category.

AHEC Alumni/Advocates are NAO members who have been served by Area Health Education Centers in some way and wish to stay connected (or get re-connected) to the AHEC mission of strengthening healthcare for vulnerable populations.

Consider becoming an AHEC Alumni/Advocate member today. Join your AHEC colleagues across the U.S. and beyond and receive a 35% discount off the price of an annual membership. Normally \$45, annual dues cost only \$29 in this limited introductory offer.

### Membership Benefits include:

- **Advocacy training and opportunities**
  - *Learn about patient/community health advocacy and how to make your case with decision-makers via Advocacy 101 training.*
- **AHEC mission-centered continuing education programs**
  - *Virtual offerings from AHECs geared to equip health professionals to better respond to underserved populations.*
- **National networking**
  - *Opportunities to connect with like-minded health professionals who share a passion for providing care for the underserved.*

- **Subscription to member-only monthly e-newsletter, the AHEC Edge**
  - *Learn how fellow AHEC Alumni/Advocates are making a difference, and stay up to date with AHEC news, advocacy action alerts, and information you can use in your daily clinical practice.*
- **Eligibility for AHEC Alumni/Advocate annual awards**
  - *Every summer, NAO will distribute a call for nominations for AHEC Alumni/Advocate distinguished service recognition and hold a virtual awards ceremony in December.*
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**Free to first 50 paid AHEC Alumni/Advocate members**

*A copy of the new book: *We'll Fight It Out Here: A History of the Ongoing Struggle for Health Equity*: Chanoff, David, Sullivan, Louis W.: 9781421444642: Amazon.com: Books (a \$25 value). A great read for those who want to learn more about the history and genesis of health status disparities and how one important association in this country started the drive toward improving health status among Blacks and other minorities.*

**Register at <https://www.nationalahec.org/page/Membership23>**