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2024 ABHP CERTIFICATION EXAM RESULTS

Michael Canino, AAHP-ABHP Executive Director

Congratulations to the following 33 individuals who have completed the ABHP certification requirements and are eligible for certification:

Leonard Adams
Michael B. Bellamy
Matthew Robert Bernacci
Tyler Keegan Bohn
Henry M. Bolen
Florian Buhlman
Nathan Carlson
Daniel Chiappetta
Joseph S. Conner
Anastasios Deligiannis
Robert Thomas Etnire
Erich Fruchtnicht
Kristen Nicole Garza
Matthew Gift
Thomas Joseph Hart
Timothy Daniel Hewitt
Michael Levy

Tyler Lucas
Jenelle Elicia Mann
Nakima McCormack
Laila Omar-Nazir
Lauren Overbay
Claire Papas
Marcus Quinlan
Vineetha Ram
Michael Ratliff
Bryan Lee Remley
Alden Grant Ryno
Colin Weber
Christopher
Weddermann-Witkowski
Tylor Whitmer
Jiefu Yin
Jian Zhang

The following 42 individuals have successfully completed one part of the 2024 ABHP certification exam:

Matthew Barrett
James Alexander Baty
Matthew Beach
Kim Kwok Kee Chan
Kenneth Clark
Ian J. Collins
Jonathan Carlos Conde
Ryan Cooke
Shana Cuff
Richard Mark Dewald
Justin Dion
Robert Michael Golduber
William Gordon
Joshua Hayes
Matthew Hill
Mursaleen Iqbal
Tim Jenkins
Brian D Kaske
Ye Eun Kim
Natalie Lonsberry
Spenser Lynn

James McGowan
John Mercier
Joseph Oberender
Lorna Omenya
Andrew Owens
Bal Parajuli
Mark Pflug
Grey Pickett
Puvithel Rajan
Joshua Reyes
Ryan Roy
Averell James Seyler
Ryan Siggins
Lancer Smith
Jonas Smith
Sophia Taylor
Sean Tierney
Kristina Verderame
James Dillon Vogt
Joshua Witt
Jessica Woods



Reflections and Future Outlook from the Past President

Armin Ansari, AAHP President

Dear Fellow CHPs,

My term as President ended on December 31. I can't thank you enough for the trust and confidence you placed in me and for the opportunity you gave me to serve you. I also want to thank members of the AAHP Executive Committee, AAHP committee members, members of the ABHP Board and the panels of examiners—all of whom are volunteers—for working hard and selflessly, giving their time and energy to serve our CHP community and our profession.

We've started a few initiatives that I hope will continue and reach fruition. Our organization, like most similar organizations, experiences some inertia when going through change. Presidents and volunteer officers come and go every year, so maintaining momentum and continuity is usually a challenge. However, I feel good about the coming years. Our incoming president, Dr. Jay Poston, will be leading us, and I have been impressed with the care and diligence that our Executive Director, Michael Canino, exercises in looking after the AAHP/ABHP interests. He is forward-looking and looks for improvement and growth opportunities. I am confident that Jay and future AAHP/ABHP leaders will benefit from Michael's wise counsel. As a sign of their commitment to our success,

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the CMA President, Christian Amato, attended our most recent Executive Committee winter meeting in person and offered us sound strategic advice.

There are many, what I would call, routine operational activities going on. Many of us, including myself, have not been too pleased with the user interface of the Prolydian website for renewing our certifications, etc. Your comments have been heard and acknowledged. Please be patient while the fixes are made to make the site and the recertification experience more intuitive and user-friendly.

Online courses offered by AAHP have been popular. These will continue, but the Professional Development Committee could benefit from your feedback as to what courses you need or which speakers you want to hear from. Perhaps you have courses you want to offer. We are also starting a series of blogs and videos that would cater to potential exam candidates to help them study more effectively and become better test-takers. (I am very excited to hear that the HPS Society Support Committee is in the process of organizing study sessions as well. AAHP will offer CHP mentors to help with those HPS efforts.)

Our exam proctors play a crucial role in our certification process. AAHP will strive, beginning this year, to better express our appreciation to our exam proctors in a tangible way.

There are many other operational activities that ultimately will benefit our CHP community. But I would like to use the rest of my space in this column to talk about some big-picture items.

Since its inception, AAHP has enjoyed a symbiotic relationship with the Health Physics Society. The comfort afforded by that relationship, in some ways, prevented AAHP from critically evaluating its long-term strategic goals. Many things have changed in the last 40 years since the inception of AAHP/ABHP, from the landscape of the health physics profession to the Academy's relationship with HPS. Last year, I asked: What should be the vision of AAHP/ABHP? Looking back at the impetus for creating the certification process, I think the vision was (and continues to be) that all health physicists in professional practice should be certified health physicists. Obviously, that's not presently the case. We need to focus on health physicists who certainly qualify to take the step toward certification, but they have not done so yet. We need to help organize study sessions and offer resources and mentorship to those health physicists. There is a task group composed of AAHP and ABHP colleagues who are working on several initiatives, including the possible expansion of the associate membership category.

I also think that certification by the American Board of Health Physics has appeal to the international HP community. We already have a few dozen international CHPs. It would be helpful to invite international CHPs to engage more and be more involved in the operation of AAHP, as it is their right, as a CHP, to do so.

We should always remember that the purpose of creating the Academy was to provide the means for the CHP community to have input in the certification process. My plea to you is to please get involved, donate your time and energy to the

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Academy, bring your ideas, and participate in the process to grow the Academy and serve our profession.

I wish the best for our new leadership team, led by Dr. Jay Poston. And my best wishes to you all for a happy and successful year.

New Blog: Stay Motivated – Insights on the CHP Exam Journey

Taking the CHP exam is an important milestone in your health physics career, and while it can be a challenging process, it's important to remember that success is achievable with the right mindset and preparation. Our latest blog, "Stay Motivated – What to Do if You Don't Pass the CHP Exam on the First Try," offers valuable advice to help you stay focused and motivated as you work toward your certification.

In this blog, we feature an inspiring interview with Amber and Henry Bolen, a married couple who went through the exam process. They share their personal experiences, offering insights into the ups and downs of preparing for and taking the CHP exam. Their story is a powerful reminder that perseverance, a strong study plan, and a supportive network can make all the difference.

Here's an inspiring excerpt from their interview:



"We both faced challenges along the way, but each time we didn't quite reach our goal, we took a step back, reassessed, and came back stronger. It was the persistence and determination that made us successful, and we truly believe that anyone can succeed with the right approach and support."

– Amber and Henry Bolen.

Their story is a testament to the power of perseverance, and their advice serves as a reminder that every step of the journey brings you closer to your goal. The blog not only features their personal insights but also provides actionable tips for how to approach studying, maintain your motivation, and keep improving no matter where you are in the process.

If you're preparing for the 2025 CHP exams, this blog is a great resource for staying encouraged and focused. Amber and Henry's journey shows that it's not just about passing the exam—it's about learning, growing, and making progress with each step you take.

Read the full blog to learn more about Amber and Henry's experience and to get tips on how to stay motivated and focused as you work toward becoming a Certified Health Physicist:

[Stay Motivated – What to Do if You Don't Pass the CHP Exam on the First Try](#)

Remember, the journey to becoming a CHP is a process, and every step forward is progress. Keep going—you're on the path to success!



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